

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District 201  
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois

**October 21, 2008**

Vice President Linda Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present: Cathy Casey, Patrick Duffy, Kathleen Forzley, Linda Kelly, and Robert Zapinski.

Members absent: Elizabeth Durrani and Kathy Lubeck

Also attending the meeting were Superintendent's Secretary Judy McMahon, Business Manager Maureen Jones, and Superintendent Steven Baule.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Voting aye: Duffy, Forzley, Kelly, and Zapinski

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Casey

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Forzley to approve the minutes of the closed session of the September 23, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Voting aye: Forzley, Kelly, Zapinski, and Duffy

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Casey

Motion carried.

**Public Presentation**

No visitors addressed the Board of Education.

**Consent Agenda**

Dr. Baule informed the Board that Item No. 1 of the Consent Agenda, Personnel Recommendations, had been amended to include the hiring of a Food Service Department employee.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Appointment of Designated Representative for April 7, 2009, Consolidated Election
3. Approval of Student Tours
4. Resolution to Dispose of District Property
5. Ratification of Regular Payroll

Voting aye: Kelly, Zapinski, Casey, Duffy, and Forzley

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Mrs. Forzley referenced Item No. 3 of the Consent Agenda, Approval of Student Tours, submitted by Westmont High School for a proposed trip to China. She questioned the fact that the number of students and the number of adult chaperones for the proposed trip were the same. She asked if the trip was for the benefit of the students or the chaperones.

Mrs. Forzley then asked about the insurance coverage for the High School's proposed trip to France and Switzerland in June 2009, since the trip would take place after the 2008-2009 school year had ended.

Ms. Jones responded that an insurance rider would be acquired to cover the trip at no additional cost to the school district.

Mrs. Forzley commented about the trips to China and France/Switzerland proposed by Westmont High School. She asked why the trips to Springfield, Illinois and Washington D.C. were no longer offered for the Junior High students. Mrs. Forzley reported that numerous Westmont Junior High parents had inquired about these trips and that there are Junior High staff members willing to sponsor the trips.

A discussion then ensued regarding the Junior High trips. Dr. Baule stated that the trips had been eliminated because a majority of the students would not benefit from the experiences and no staff members were willing to sponsor the trips. He also stated that the staff was researching other student tour experiences that would be more inclusive of all students.

Mr. Duffy commented that the Washington D. C. trip had been eliminated for a time due to the 9/11 attacks because of security concerns.

Mrs. Forzley suggested that the Junior High parents be surveyed in regard to this issue. She stated that the Junior High students should be provided similar opportunities as offered to the High School students.

Ms. Durrani and Mrs. Lubeck arrived.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Baule reviewed the following discussion items with the Board of Education:

### **Parent Information Night**

It was reported that CUSD 201 would host a Parent Information Night on October 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Westmont High School to provide an overview of the MAP assessment instrument and Response to Intervention (RTI).

### **October 10 Institute**

The agenda for the October 10 institute program was shared with the Board of Education. It was reported that the institute program was well received by the staff. Agenda items included an assessment workshop on test development, 2008 Illinois School Report Card information, and a presentation on the changes posed by Response to Intervention (RTI).

### **PBIS**

It was reported that both Westmont Junior and Senior High Schools were recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for their outstanding efforts in the implementation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program during the 2007-2008 school year.

### **College Information Night**

The student and parent evaluation of the Westmont High School College Information Night, which was held on September 25, 2008, was shared with the Board of Education. It was reported that approximately 50 families attended the event.

### **Literacy Coaching Minutes**

The minutes of the September 23, 2008, Literacy Coaches meeting Coaches were shared with the Board of Education.

### **WHS Mock Election**

The Westmont High School student body participated in a state-wide “mock election” on October 9, 2008. The event was organized by Mr. Doug Beguin and members of the Social Studies Department. Results indicated that Senator Obama won by a significant margin.

### **NCLB Resolution**

Dr. Baule reported that the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) has requested that all school boards pass a resolution asking that the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as NCLB, be returned to its original purpose of assisting schools in addressing low income students. The documents provided by AASA were reviewed with the Board of Education. It was generally agreed that the resolution was well done and that the Board members would be supportive of its adoption. Dr. Baule indicated that he would add the item to the November 18, 2008, Board meeting agenda.

Ms. Kelly asked what Title Programs the school district received funds for under NCLB.

Ms. Jones responded that CUSD 201 was receiving funding for Title Programs and indicated that amount for each program.

Dr. Baule stated that the Superintendent of Bloomingdale School District 93 had offered to speak on the specifics of the resolution. Dr. Baule added that if the Board was interested he would arrange for Dr. Henry Gmitro of District 93 to address the Board at the November Board meeting.

### **School Safety Conference**

Dr. Baule reported that he and Principal Ron Fiala attended the DuPage Regional Office of Education’s School Safety Conference on October 14, 2008, along with area police and fire chiefs. Keynote speakers included an FBI agent who reviewed the FBI’s Avenger Program and Representative Tom Cross who spoke on changes to Internet laws. In addition, a panel discussion was presented by superintendents that have dealt with threats.

### **Student Routes to School**

The Board of Education was informed that the school route for Manning School students who cross Chicago Avenue at Linden Avenue had been changed due to continuing

concerns about the clients of Labor Ready. These students have been redirected to Warwick Avenue

#### **Facilities Committee**

A draft of the Facility Master Plan document was shared with the Board of Education. It was reported that a status report of the Committee's progress would be completed by November or December 2008.

#### **Energy Education**

It was reported that CUSD 201 is in the final year of a four-year program with Energy Education, which has resulted in an 18 percent energy reduction district-wide and a savings of \$376,000.

#### **April Consolidated Election Information**

It was reported that candidate packets for the April 7, 2009, Consolidated Election were available in the District Office. It was also reported that petitions could be circulated beginning October 28, 2008, and filed January 20 through January 26, 2009.

#### **Alliance Legislative Report**

The October 6, 2008, edition of the Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board of Education.

Ms. Kelly referenced the pending rules on food service, which the ISBE had submitted to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR), in regard to school food service and "junk food", which may further restrict food options.

#### **WTA Communications Meeting**

The first WTA/Superintendent's Communication meeting for the 2008-2009 school year was held on September 16, 2008. The minutes of that meeting were shared with the Board of Education.

#### **Board Reports**

Nothing was reported.

#### **Special Education**

Mr. Duffy, the Board's representative to the SASSED Board of Control, clarified a statement that he made at the September 23 Board meeting in regard to SASSED's new transition facility located at Cass and Chestnut Avenues. He stated that the reason for the move to the new facility in Westmont was because the Downers Grove location was not wheelchair accessible.

**2008 Report Cards  
and AYP Status**

The 2008 Illinois School Report Cards and the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status Reports were reviewed with the Board of Education. Dr. Baule reported that 13 of the 17 academic performance areas reported on the state report cards indicated increases. In regard to AYP status, he reported that all CUSD 201 schools had attained AYP, with the exception of Westmont High School. He then reviewed the variables that impacted CUSD 201's test scores, especially in regard to English Language Learners (ELL).

Mr. Duffy asked what next year's goal was in regard to student performance on State assessments

Dr. Baule answered to have 70% of the students tested meeting to exceeding the State standards for 2009.

Mr. Duffy asked what percentage of CUSD 201 students did not speak English.

Dr. Baule responded 4.5 percent.

Dr. Baule continued his report with a review of ACT and ISAT scores, the graduation rate, and the dropout rate. He outlined the steps that have been taken to improve math scores at both Westmont Junior and Senior High Schools. A discussion then ensued regarding ACT scores and eighth grade ISAT scores.

Mr. Duffy asked if low income students are those who have qualified for free or reduce lunch benefits.

Dr. Baule responded yes.

Mr. Duffy then asked if the measure to determine low income was the same for Chicago as well as the downstate area.

Dr. Baule responded yes.

**Non-Personnel  
Statements**

The Non-Personnel Statements were presented to the Board of Education.

**Fund Balance Report**

The Fund Asset, Fund Liability, and Fund Balance Reports were presented to the Board of Education.

**2008-2009 Budget  
Evaluation**

A report comparing the current percentage of revenues and expenditures for the 2008-2009 school year with the averages of actual percentages for the prior three school years was presented to the Board of Education.

**Expense Report**

Ms. Jones reported that expenditures for the Flexible Spending Account, a medical and dependent care spending account for employees, were normally included with the

monthly bill runs. However, with the implementation of the Skyward software program, these expenditures have not been shown in the report. A brief discussion ensued regarding this matter. It was generally agreed that it was not necessary for the Board of Education to review these items and they would no longer be included in this monthly report.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the bills for the month of October 2008 as presented in Attachment No. F-4 in the amount of \$1,198,258.67.

Voting aye: Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, Kelly, Lubeck, Zapinski, and Casey

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

**Other**

Dr. Baule recognized Detective Craig Gomorzak of the Westmont Police Department, who was in attendance at the meeting, and both the Westmont Police and Fire Departments for their continued support and involvement in the school district's critical incident drills.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Ms. Kelly to enter closed session at 8:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing individual student discipline issues, confidential personnel issues, and litigation.

Voting aye: Forzley, Kelly, Lubeck, Zapinski, Casey, Duffy, and Durrani

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

The Board of Education returned from closed session at 9:29 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to act on the recommendation of the Superintendent in regard to Student Discipline Issue No. 2009-01.

Voting aye: Casey, Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, Kelly, Lubeck, and Zapinski

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to deny the leave request of Employee No. CF-2009.

Voting aye: Casey, Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, Kelly, Lubeck, and Zapinski

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Zapinski to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

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Elizabeth J. Durrani  
President, Board of Education  
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