

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

**November 18, 2008**

President Elizabeth Durrani called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

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

**Student Recognition**

The student recognition portion of the meeting began with Steve Carr, principal of Westmont High School, introducing Morgan Wilkinson and Catherine Zapinski, members of Westmont High School's girls' golf team. Both girls were being recognized for qualifying and participating at the state level of competition.

Mr. Carr then introduced Steve Wolf, the coach of the High School's boys' cross-country team.

Mr. Wolf provided a brief overview of the team's outstanding season and then introduced the members of the team, which placed second in the Class 1A state meet. Members included: Henry Arndt, Kevin Barnacle, Scott Dvorak, Morris Jaspers, Ross Pleva, John Reasor, and Patrick Robertson.

Mr. Wolf reported that several high school coaches at the state meet had complimented the boys on their conduct and remarked that they were good representatives of Westmont High School.

Congratulatory remarks were made on behalf of the Board of Education, and a certificate of merit was presented to each student in recognition of their individual achievement.

**NCLB Resolution**

Dr. Henry Gmitro, Superintendent of Community Consolidated School District 93 of Bloomingdale, Illinois, provided the Board of Education with a brief overview of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) proposed resolution addressing the need to

reframe the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as NCLB (No Child Left Behind). Dr. Gmitro stated that the intent of the resolution was to encourage the federal government to re-examine the law and to focus on assisting schools in addressing the needs of low income students.

Dr. Gmitro then entertained questions from the Board of Education.

Ms. Kelly thanked Dr. Gmitro for attending the Board meeting and his presentation.

Motion by Ms. Kelly to approve the Resolution urging the United States Congress to fundamentally reframe the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) to more carefully target the small investment in K-12 education to schools in the most need.

Motion unanimously passed.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Zapinski to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Education as amended.

Motion unanimously passed.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the closed session of the October 21, 2008, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Motion unanimously passed.

#### **Public Presentations**

Marie Charlton addressed the Board of Education about reinstating Westmont Junior High School's field trips to Springfield, Illinois and Washington DC. Ms. Charlton stated that she had attempted to hold an informational meeting with the Junior High staff and parents regarding this matter, but was not allowed to do so. She reported that the Westmont Park District was then approached about sponsoring the trips and agreed to do so.

Mr. Zapinski thanked Ms. Charlton for her presentation. He stated that the Board of Education was not against the field trips, but a faculty sponsor was needed in order to move forward.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of 403 (b) Plan
3. Approval of Student Tours
4. Ratification of Regular Payroll

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

**Superintendent's Report**

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

**Student Routes to School**

A letter from the Westmont Police Department addressing the change in the walking path of students using the Warwick and Chicago Avenues crosswalk was shared with the Board of Education.

**Facilities Committee**

It was reported that the Facilities Committee is continuing to meet and that the Committee would provide the Board of Education with a status report at the December Board meeting.

**State of the District Address**

Dr. Baule reported that he presented the State of the District Address for the Chamber of Commerce on November 13, 2008. He also reported that he did the same presentation to residents of Mayslake Village on November 7, 2008.

**Village of Westmont**

It was reported that a staff member of the Village of Westmont had approached Dr. Baule about the possibility of scheduling a meeting with Village of Westmont trustees and CUSD 201 Board of Education members for the purpose of addressing the relationship between the two entities. It was also reported that staff members would not be included in the meeting. It was generally agreed that more information was needed before the Board of Education would agree to commit to such a meeting.

**Illinois School Nutrition Association**

A letter from the Illinois School Nutrition Association, announcing the appointment of Francesca Canzoneri, CUSD 201 food service director, to the Association’s 2008-2009 Advisory Board as the Professional Development Chair, was shared with the Board of Education.

**April Consolidated Election Information**

It was reported that information had been received from the Illinois Association of School Boards regarding the April 7, 2009, Consolidated Election and that candidate packets were available in the District Office. It was suggested that anyone having questions regarding the election should contact the DuPage Election Commission.

**Alliance Legislative Report**

The November 13, 2008, edition of the Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board of Education.

Mr. Duffy referred to the information included in the publication regarding the hearing on mandate waiver requests and asked if the school district applies for any such waivers.

Dr. Baule responded that in the past the school district had requested waivers for drivers’ education fees and holidays.

**Board Reports**

No reports were presented at this time.

**Special Education**

Mr. Duffy, the Board’s representative to the SASSED Board of Control, reported that the SASSED Board had reached a contract agreement with their teachers, but contract negotiations were still ongoing with their teacher aides.

**Westmont High School  
School Improvement Plan**

A draft of Westmont High School’s School Improvement Plan was shared with the Board of Education.

A discussion then ensued regarding this document. Ms. Kelly remarked about the new format of the document and asked if the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) had initiated the change.

Dr. Baule responded that the ISBE had initiated the change.

Mr. Carr stated that the current SIP document was a working draft and would be reviewed by the ISBE. He added that a draft of the document was also being reviewed

by Lisle Community Unit School District 202 because both CUSD 201 and CUSD 202 were of a similar size and make up. Mr. Carr also added that this additional review team was part of the High School's SIP process and that the High School welcomed CUSD 202's feedback.

Ms. Kelly stated that she was proud of the efforts of the Westmont High School staff and hoped that they continue to meet their goals and continue to improve.

Ms. Casey then complimented the Westmont High School staff and asked that Mr. Carr share the Board's compliments with his staff.

Mr. Duffy then asked if Westmont High School was a Title I school.

Dr. Baule responded that the High School was not a Title I school.

Ms. Kelly asked if state mandated assessments are available in Spanish.

Dr. Baule responded that they plan to make Spanish exams available, but they will not be nationally normed.

**High School Course Offerings**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve Westmont High School's proposed course offerings as presented.

Motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Duffy asked if any courses were ever dropped from the Course Selection Booklet.

Mr. Carr responded occasionally.

**Non-Personnel Statements**

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

**Fund Balance Reports**

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

Ms. Jones remarked that the negative balances that appeared on this report would remain until funds were transferred at the end of the year.

**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**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the bills for the month of November 2008 as presented in Attachment No. F-4 in the amount of \$1,139,207.82.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

**Tentative 2008 Tax Levy**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the adoption of the Tentative 2008 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Mr. Zapinski to enter closed session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential student issues, confidential personnel issues, and pending litigation.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

The Board of Education returned from closed session at 9:01 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to find the family at issue not a resident for the 2007-2008 school year and responsible for the tuition for that time.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

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