

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

January 13, 2009

A dinner attended by the members of the Board of Education, Director of Curriculum Christy Sivik, Director of Student Services Linda Klawitter, Director of Technology Nancy Battaglia, Business Manager Maureen Jones, Superintendent Steven Baule, and Superintendent's Secretary Judy McMahon was held in the Teachers' Lounge of Westmont High School from 6:00 p.m. until 7:05 p.m. The Board then reconvened in the High School auditorium at 7:10 p.m.

President Elizabeth Durrani called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 McMahon, Business Manager Maureen Jones, and Superintendent Steven Baule.

Public Presentation

No visitors addressed the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Durrani informed the Board of Education that Item No. 1 of the Consent Agenda, Personnel Recommendations, had been amended to include the hiring of two teaching assistants. In addition, Item No. 2 of the Consent Agenda, Approval of 2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule, had been revised in regard to the location of the February 24, 2009, Board meeting.

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of 2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule
3. Approval of Student Tours

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:

Math CAC

It was reported that the Math CAC (Curriculum Advisory Council) met on January 5, 2009, and discussed potential math interventions at the elementary level. It was also reported that the Math CAC would address vertical articulation in grades 3-5 and finalize math targets for the Junior High School as well.

Science CAC

It was reported that the Science CAC met on Friday, January 9, 2009, and discussed alignment of the K-12 curriculum and resources for the newly adopted high school honors physics course.

Testing

It was reported that MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing would take place January 26 through February 6, 2009, and that all levels of Westmont High School students, including honors sections, would be tested. It was also reported that AIMSweb testing was currently being conducted at the elementary and junior high levels.

Summer School

It was reported that the 2009 Summer School session would take place June 15 through July 3, 2009. It was also reported that Early Childhood and First Start classes would be offered during the summer term.

School Calendar

The 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 Calendars recommended by the DuPage Regional Office of Education were shared with the Board of Education. A discussion ensued regarding these calendars as well as other options, including an earlier start date in August in order to accommodate final exams at Westmont High School prior to winter break and to provide more instructional time prior to ISATs/PSAEs/AP exams.

Ms. Kelly stated that she would like to see what each calendar would look like before a final decision is made.

Illinois Financial Issues

It was reported that the school district had received some overdue state payments due to the sale of bonds; however, a backlog was anticipated again in the future due to rising debt.

Franczek Law Conference

Board members interested in attending the upcoming Franczek Radelet & Rose Annual School Law Conference were asked to submit the necessary registration information.

Westmont Special Events Corporation

An invitation to the Westmont Special Events Corporation's fifth anniversary celebration was shared with the Board of Education.

Board Reports

No reports were shared.

Fy2008 Audit Presentation

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008, which was prepared by Mathieson, Moyski, Celer & Company, LLP, the school district's accounting firm, was shared with the Board of Education. Ms. Jones reported that usually Mike Celer of the firm would be in attendance to provide the Board of Education with an overview of the annual audit; however, he was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Jones therefore reviewed the document with the Board of Education. She stated that the document would be posted on the school district's website.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Duffy to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

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President, Board of Education
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