

PUBLIC PACKET
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2009



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January 9, 2009

Board of Education
Community Unit School District 201
Westmont, Illinois

Dear Board Members:

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 201 will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at Westmont High School located at 909 North Oakwood Drive, Westmont, Illinois. This meeting will begin with a Board dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

AGENDA

A) Call to Order & Roll Call

B) Public Comment

C) Administration

- 1) Consent Agenda
 - 1) Personnel Recommendations
 - 2) Approval of 2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule
 - 3) Approval of Student Tours
- 2) Superintendent's Report
- 3) Board Reports

D) Financial

- 1) Auditor's Report

E) Adjournment

ATTACHMENT NO. C-1: Consent Agenda

Suggested motion: I move approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

(Adoption of the Consent Agenda items by the Board of Education means that all items appearing in this section are adopted by one single motion, unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests an item be removed to be considered separately or amended. A roll call vote must be taken on this agenda item.)

Recommended action: Approve as presented.
(ROLL CALL)

ATTACHMENT NO. C-1: Consent Agenda

2. Approval of 2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule

Suggested motion: Approve the 2009-2010 Board Meeting Schedule as presented.

RELATED INFORMATION:

The current meeting schedule was approved at the August 19, 2008, Board meeting and revised at the September 9 Board meeting. The schedule being suggested follows past practice and is modified as necessary during the course of the year. The School Code and the Open Meetings Act have somewhat conflicting wording regarding the establishment of the Board of Education's meeting dates, time, and place.

**NOTICE OF SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 201
FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

Public Notice is hereby given that the regular meetings of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 201, DuPage County, Westmont, Illinois, for the school year 2009-2010 will be held on the following schedule. These meetings are primarily held in the auditorium of Westmont High School.

<u>Date and Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, January 27, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	6:30 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, February 10, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Community Room 200 N. Linden Avenue Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, March 10, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, March 24, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, April 14, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, April 28, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, May 5, 2009 <i>Organizational Meeting</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559

<u>Date and Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, May 19, 2009 <i>Student Recognition</i>	6:30 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, June 16, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Community Room 200 N. Linden Avenue Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, July 21, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Community Room 200 N. Linden Avenue Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, August 18, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Community Room 200 N. Linden Avenue Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 <i>New Teacher Dinner</i>	6:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, September 22, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, October 20, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, November 17, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, December 15, 2009 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, January 12, 2010 <i>Student Recognition</i>	6:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, January 26, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, February 9, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559

<u>Date and Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Tuesday, February 23, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, March 9, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, March 23, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, April 13, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, April 27, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, May 11, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, May 25, 2010 <i>Student Recognition</i>	6:30 p.m.	Westmont High School 909 N. Oakwood Drive Westmont, IL 60559
Tuesday, June 15, 2010 <i>Regular</i>	7:00 p.m.	Community Room 200 N. Linden Avenue Westmont, IL 60559

This schedule is subject to such changes as the Board of Education determines. Notice of changes will be given as required by law. All meetings will be open to the public except as to those meetings, or portions of meetings, which the Board of Education determines to hold in closed session as permitted by law.

Secretary, Board of Education

Date

ATTACHMENT NO. C-2: Superintendent's Report
Suggested motion: Informational Item
Recommended action: Hear the report.

Math CAC

The Math CAC (Curriculum Advisory Council) met on Monday, January 5 and one of their primary topics was to discuss potential math interventions at the elementary level. They will also be working on vertical articulation in grades 3-8 and finalizing the math targets for WJHS.

Science CAC

The Science CAC met on Friday, January 9. They will be discussing a number of issues including resources for the new Honors Physics option at WHS and the alignment of the curriculum, K-12.

Testing

The second round of MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing will be taking place from January 26 to February 6, 2009. The most significant change is that we will test all levels of WHS students, including the honors sections in this iteration of testing. AIMSWeb testing is currently being conducted at the elementary and WJHS.

Summer School

Summer School will be scheduled to run from June 15 until July 3, 2009. The district will then observe the July 4 Holiday on July 6 in order to have three complete weeks of summer school without interruption. We also plan to introduce Early Childhood and First Start options for this year's summer program.

School Calendar

Attached are the calendar guidelines sent out by Dr. Ruscitti. If we begin on August 26, we would finish the school year on Monday, June 7. We have several options: 1) maintain that schedule; 2) move the teacher institute days to August 21 and 22, which would put the open house at the elementary level the week before school actually starts; or 3) take more days off at Thanksgiving, effectively making Thanksgiving week a vacation, which would push the ending date to June 9, a Wednesday. If you have any comments or opinions about the options, please let me know.

Illinois Financial Issues

The State Superintendent has told us that, although we just received some of our overdue state payments due to the \$1.4 billion in bonds the State sold, he anticipates a return to a backlog as debts again mount.

Franczek Law Conference

The Franczek Law Conference will be held on January 31, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A copy of the registration packet is attached. Judy McMahon needs your registration information by January 14, if you plan to attend.

Westmont Special Events Corporation

They are holding a five year anniversary celebration on January 21, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please let Judy know by January 14 as well.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION LETTER

NAEP 2009

Dear Parent or Guardian:

We are pleased to tell you that our school has been selected to represent schools across our state and nation by participating in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). NAEP is given by the U.S. Department of Education and tells us what American students know and can do in key subject areas. It is the only ongoing nationally representative assessment that provides this valuable information.

NAEP has been given in schools for nearly 40 years. You may have taken the assessment yourself when you were in school. The results are published in a report called *The Nation's Report Card* which provides reliable student achievement information to educators, parents, and other citizens.

In our school, the NAEP assessment will be given on February 25, 2009 in reading, mathematics, or science. In addition, a few students may be assessed as part of a field test in other subjects. Our fourth grade students have been selected to take the assessment. In addition to subject area questions, students will be asked some background questions such as how often they use computers and what types of classes they take.

It will take approximately 90 minutes for students to complete NAEP. The results are completely confidential, and your child's grades will not be affected. Your child may be excused from participation for any reason, is not required to finish the assessment, and may omit any test question. While NAEP is voluntary, we depend on student participation to collect information on student achievement that will inform improvements in education. **Your child will represent many other students, so participation is very important.** However, if you do not want your child to participate, please notify me in writing by January 30, 2009.

There is no need to study in preparation for NAEP. We do ask parents to encourage their children's best efforts and to have them get plenty of rest the night before the assessment.

If you would like to have additional information about NAEP, please visit the web site at: <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>. If you have questions or would like to review a booklet that includes the background questions and sample assessment questions, please contact me at 630.468.8300 or via e-mail at kbaas@cUSD201.org.

We are excited that our school will be participating in NAEP, and we are pleased that our fourth grade students have been selected. **We know that Miller's students will help us to show what American students know and can do!**

Sincerely,

Kelly L. Baas

ATTACHMENT NO. C-3: Board Reports
Suggested motion: Informational Item
Recommended action: Hear the report.

RELATED INFORMATION:

Finance Committee

Policy/Communications Committee

Buildings and Grounds Committee

ATTACHMENT NO. D-1: Presentation of Fiscal Year 2008 Audit
Suggested motion: Informational Item
Recommended action: Hear the report.

RELATED INFORMATION:

The independent auditing firm of Mathieson, Moyski, Celer, & Company, LLP has completed the Annual Financial Audit for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and submitted it to the State Board of Education and the Regional Office of Education. The Independent Auditor's Report and the Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and Compliance are attached. Under separate cover you will find the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. After reviewing the report, if you have no further need for the document, please return it to Maureen.

Mike Celer, from Mathieson, Moyski, Celer, & Company, LLP, will be in attendance on Tuesday evening to give a brief overview of the financial statements and explain the District's application for a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.