

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

**February 10, 2009**

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 McMahon, Business Manager Maureen Jones, and Superintendent Steven Baule.

**Student Recognition**

The 2009 Geography Bee winners from Manning and Miller Elementary Schools were presented to the Board of Education for recognition. Manning School Principal Diana Molby provided a brief explanation of the geography bee contest. She then introduced Manning School's winner, fifth grader Jordan Grisby. Miller School's principal, Kelly Baas, then introduced Miller School's winner, fifth grader Paul Joyce. Congratulatory remarks were made on behalf of the Board of Education and each student was presented a certificate of merit.

**Consent Agenda**

Ms. Durrani informed the Board members that Item No. 5 of the Consent Agenda, Approval of Medical/Dental Insurance Rates, was being removed from the agenda.

Mrs. Forzley questioned Policy 5:240 (Suspension) included in Item No. 2 of the Consent Agenda, Policy First Readings and Adoption, in regard to the suspension of administrative staff members.

Dr. Baule responded that the proposed policy was recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Mrs. Forzley asked what course of action the school district would take in these situations.

Dr. Baule stated that normal options would include: a written letter of reprimand, suspension with pay, notice to remedy, or termination.

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

- 1) Personnel Recommendations
- 2) Policy First Readings and Adoptions
- 3) Policy First Readings
- 4) Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Audio Recordings
- 5) Approval of Student Tour Request

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

**Public Presentation**

No visitors addressed the Board of Education.

**Annual Library Programs Report**

Linda Houle, Westmont Junior High School library/media specialist, with the assistance of Mary Claire Sabio, Westmont High School library/media specialist, presented the Board of Education with an overview of the Illinois School Library Grant Program. It was reported that the school district expected to receive an award of approximately 75 cents per student for the current school year. Mrs. Houle stated that since first applying for the grant in 1995 the school district has received a total of \$16,000. Mrs. Houle then reviewed the CUSD 201 School Libraries Action Plan and the Library Media Center Essential Program Components.

Ms. Durrani thanked Mrs. Houle for her presentation.

**Library Automation Contract**

Nancy Battaglia, Director of Technology, provided the Board of Education with a brief overview of the selection process for the library automation software. She reported that the District's library/media specialists had reviewed software from three vendors, in addition to making site visits to several schools where the vendors' software was currently being utilized.

A question was raised about the number of times the school district would pay for the software.

Ms. Battaglia responded only once; however, there was an annual subscription fee.

Motion by Ms. Kelly to approve the purchase of the Alexandria Library Automation software package by COMpanion Corporation of Salt Lake City, Utah, in the amount of \$15,714.59 as presented.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

## **Superintendent's Report**

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

### **African American History Month Presentation**

It was reported that African-American History Month was commemorated in CUSD 201 during the week of February 2, 2009, with a series of presentations by Lena Newton titled "The Heroes and Unsung Heroes of the Civil Rights Movement," utilizing her doll collection, which she has hand crafted. Dr. Baule reported that Mrs. Newton's presentations were well received by students, staff, and the community alike. He recognized Jeremy Bautista, CUSD 201 systems support/analyst, for his efforts in organizing this special event in collaboration with members of the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau.

### **PBIS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Program**

It was reported that the PBIS process has produced positive results in reducing the failure rate among ninth grade students, which assisted in supporting their successful transition to high school.

### **WHS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation**

It was reported that Westmont High School held its eighth grade parent orientation program on February 3, 2009, which included an extracurricular opportunities fair.

### **WHS Assessment Review**

It was reported that the Westmont High School staff was continuing their review of final exams. Dr. Baule reported that he spoke with the staff about the item analysis process at the SIP program on February 4, 2009.

### **Special Education Numbers**

It was reported that according to the December 1, 2008, SASSED special education census, CUSD 201 has the highest percentage, 17.59, of special needs students within the 18 member school districts in the SASSED cooperative. Dr. Baule stated that he would be discussing these trends with Director of Student Services Linda McCarthy Klawitter.

### **Drug Free Schools Award**

It was reported that because of the efforts of Dawn Dispensa and Toni Gunter, Manning School teaching assistants, Manning School has obtained a \$500 grant for programming from the DuPage County State's Attorney.

### **Social Studies CAC**

The minutes of the January 28, 2009, meeting of the Social Studies CAC (Curriculum Advisory Council) were shared with the Board of Education.

### **New COD President**

Dr. Baule reported that he, along with other DuPage County superintendents, attended the welcome breakfast hosted by the Regional Office of Education for the newly appointed president of the College of DuPage, Dr. Robert L. Breuder. Dr. Baule also reported that the event included a discussion on common areas of concern and potential action.

### **Alliance Legislative Report**

The January 29, 2009, edition of the Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board of Education.

## **Board Reports**

Ms. Kelly reported that she attended the annual Franczek Radelet & Rose School Law Conference on Saturday, January 31, 2009. She then shared some information from one of the sessions she attended, Impact of the 2008 Presidential Election on Education. A discussion then

ensued regarding the proposed economic stimulus package in regard to the funding of education.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to enter closed session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential student issues, confidential personnel issue, and impending litigation.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

The Board of Education returned from closed session at 9:05 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Ms. Kelly to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

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