

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

March 24, 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 McMahan, Business Manager Maureen Jones, and Superintendent Steven Baule.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2009, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Motion unanimously passed.

Motion by Ms. Casey to approve the minutes of the closed session of the February 24, 2009, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Motion unanimously passed.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

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

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Zapinski

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Lubeck to approve the minutes of the closed session of the March 10, 2009, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

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

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Zapinski

Motion carried.

Public Presentation

No visitors addressed the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Durrani informed the Board that Item No. 1 of the Consent Agenda, Personnel Recommendations, had been amended to include the resignation of a teaching assistant.

Ms. Kelly requested that Item No. 3 of the Consent Agenda, Review and Award of the Westmont High School Bleacher Bid, be removed from the agenda.

Motion by Ms. Kelly to approve the Consent Agenda as amended:

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Appointment of School Treasurer
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.

Bleacher Bid

Ms. Kelly asked if the funds were available for the proposed bleacher project at Westmont High School.

Ms. Jones responded that the funds for this capital project had been earmarked with the 2007 Bond issue.

Motion by Ms. Casey to approve the bid submitted by Larson Equipment and Furniture Company of Palatine, Illinois, in the amount of \$115,832.00 for the purpose of providing an ADA compliant visitor bleacher system at Westmont High School as presented.

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

Voting nay: None

Superintendent's Report

Motion carried.

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

SchoolSearch Bright Red Apple Award

It was reported that CUSD 201 had been presented the Bright Red Apple Award by SchoolSearch, an educational research and consulting firm. The award is based on academic performance, pupil/teacher ratio, expenditures per student, educational level of teachers, and average teacher salary.

PBIS Visit

It was reported that representatives from Riverside Brookfield High School recently visited Westmont High School to learn more about the implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program at the High School for the purpose of improving the students' learning environment.

BPA Contestants

It was reported that six students from Westmont High School competed in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) state competition, and that three of these students had advanced to the national BPA competition to be held in Dallas, Texas in May 2009. Dr. Baule recognized the groups sponsor, Sue Portz, high school business education/computer teacher.

MAP Testing Results

The results of the MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) assessment in regard to computational number sense were reviewed with the Board of Education. It was reported that the MAP summary indicated that this area was a concern for ninth graders, second grade ESL students, and seventh and eighth grade special education students. In addition, it was reported that reading strategies among second grade ESL students and seventh grade special education students indicated a need for improvement also. Remediation and supports would be put in place for those students needing assistance.

Grade Level Minutes

It was reported that as outcome of the CUSD 201 Strategic Plan monthly grade level meetings were being held in order

to foster better communications between the elementary schools. The minutes of the February 24, 2009, grade level meeting were shared with the Board of Education.

Social Studies CAC

It was reported that the Social Studies CAC (Curriculum Advisory Council) continues to meet under the direction of Christy Sivik, Director of Curriculum. It was also reported that this CAC is focusing on sequence of instruction and a more articulated and focused program.

Potential Federal Funding

Information was shared with the Board of Education regarding the federal stimulus aid to the state of Illinois and its potential impact on education.

Shots Fired Video

It was reported that Westmont High School, in conjunction with the Westmont Police Department, will provide high school seniors the optional opportunity to view *Shots Fired on Campus*, a video on college campus safety.

National Assessment of Educational Progress

It was reported that Miller School had been presented a certificate of appreciation by the United States Department of Education for participation in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing of fourth grade students in reading, mathematics, and science.

Westmont Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner

Board members were reminded that the annual Westmont Chamber of Commerce awards dinner will be held in March 25, 2009.

LEND Minutes

The minutes of the February 24, 2009, LEND Council meeting were shared with the Board of Education.

Alliance Legislative Report

The March 18, 2009, edition of the Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board of Education.

Other

Dr. Baule informed the Board that included in their orange folders were the CUSD 201 March 2009 Newsletter and an article on RTI (Response to Intervention) readiness.

Mr. Duffy asked the number of ESL students in CUSD 201. Dr. Baule responded approximately 80. (There are in fact 71.)

Ms. Kelly asked about the amount of special education funding the school district could expect from the federal stimulus package.

Dr. Baule responded approximately \$535,000 was expected. He added that funds for capital school construction were not included in the stimulus package.

Special Education

Mr. Duffy, the Board of Education's representative to the SASED Board of Control, reported that Jessica Holle, a SASED employee assigned to Miller School as a Deaf/Hard of Hearing (D/HH) teacher, had been recognized for planning the annual Illinois Teachers of Hearing Impaired Conference.

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.

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.

Ms. Jones reported that the state was behind approximately 120 days in the payment of bills and, therefore, all reimbursements due the school district for the 2008-2009 school year would not be received in the current school year.

Expense Report

Mrs. Forzley asked about the payment shown on page 32 of the expense report in the amount of \$5,950.

Dr. Baule responded that it was a tuition payment.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the bills for the month of March 2009 as presented in Attachment No. F-4 in the amount of \$1,349,378.43.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Kelly to enter closed session at 7:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential personnel issues and pending 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 10:04 p.m.

Returning from closed session were Cathy Casey, Patrick Duffy, Elizabeth Durrani, Kathleen Forzley, Linda Kelly, Kathy Lubeck, Robert Zapinski, and Superintendent Baule.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Duffy to adjourn at 10:08 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

Elizabeth J. Durrani, President
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Robert P. Zapinski, Secretary
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