

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

April 14, 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.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Forzley asked that Item No. C-1 (1-a) of the Consent Agenda, Honorable Dismissal of Support Staff, be removed from the agenda. Mrs. Forzley was asked the reason for her request and then asked if the positions addressed were being cut permanently.

Dr. Baule responded that the purpose of the dismissals at this time was to ensure that we were not overstaffed for the coming school year.

Mrs. Forzley then asked if the positions were being cut or were they Reductions In Force.

Dr. Baule responded that they were Reductions In Force and that the reductions were made by seniority as required by the WESPA (Westmont Education Support Personnel Association) contract.

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

- 1) Personnel Recommendations
 - a) Honorable Dismissal of Support Staff
 - b) Resignation of Staff
 - c) Parental Leave Request
 - d) Employment of Staff
 - e) Voluntary Reassignment
- 2) Review and Award of Summer

Construction Projects Bid

- 3) Approval of IHSA Agreement
- 4) Approval of SASSED Lease Agreement

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:

WHS Career Fair

It was reported that approximately 50 people volunteered to share information about their careers at Westmont High School's Career Fair, which was held on April 8, 2009. The guest speaker for the event was DuPage State's Attorney Joe Birkett. Sue Portz and the SPAN parents were recognized for their efforts in planning and implementing this annual event.

WHS Symphonic Band Selected for Super State

It was reported that the Westmont High School Symphonic Band has been selected to perform at the 2009 University of Illinois Super State Concert Band Festival, which will be held on May 8 and 9, 2009, at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts in Champaign-Urbana. The WHS band is one of three bands that will perform in the Class A category; high schools with an enrollment of fewer than 1,000 students.

NHS Selections

It was reported that 26 Westmont High School students would be inducted into the National Honor Society at an induction ceremony to be held on April 15, 2008.

WJHS Band Contest

It was reported that 15 Westmont Junior High School students participated in the State Area 3 Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) Solo and Ensemble contest held on March 28, 2009. It was also reported that the students did exceptionally well in the competition, accumulating 13 "T" solo ratings and two "II" ratings. Linnea Nemece,

instrumental music instructor, and her students were congratulated on their achievement.

Chinese Documentary

Dr. Baule reported that he had been approached by a documentary filmmaker, whose children attended Westmont High School, requesting permission to do some filming at the High School. The documentary would be intended for a Chinese audience and would focus on the quality of public school instruction in the United States.

CogAT Testing

It was reported that CogAT testing was conducted for second, fourth, and sixth grade students the week of April 6, 2009.

Ms. Kelly asked if this rubric was used to identify gifted students.

Dr. Baule responded that it was and that it had been used for the past three years.

Federal Funding

It was reported that SASSED, the school district's special education cooperative, would be the administrative agent for the federal economic stimulus funding that CUSD 201 will receive for the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and preschool IDEA programs. It was also reported that State Superintendent Chris Koch recently announced that General State Aid payments might also be made from federal stimulus funds.

ROE Committee Appointment

It was reported that Christy Sivik, Director of Curriculum, was recently appointed to the DuPage Regional Office of Education's TIDE Steering Committee. TIDE (Teacher In-service for DuPage Educators) programs provide low cost professional development opportunities for area teachers.

Fixed Asset Inventory

It was reported that CUSD 201's required annual fixed asset inventory was completed over spring break.

Westmont Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner

It was reported that Lisa Kosin, Westmont Junior High School's seventh grade mathematics teacher, was named

Educator of the Year at the Westmont Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Bureau Awards Dinner held on March 25, 2009.

LEND Minutes

The April 8, 2009, LEND report was shared with the Board of Education.

Alliance Legislative Report

The April 3, 2009. Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board of Education.

Public Presentations

No visitors addressed the Board of Education.

Board Reports

Ms. Kelly reported that she and Mrs. Lubeck had attended Westmont Junior High School's student and staff basketball game held the afternoon of April 14, 2009.

Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Kelly to enter closed session at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing confidential personnel issues and collective bargaining.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

The Board of Education returned from closed session at 9:50 p.m.

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

Motion by Mr. Duffy that the Board of Education accepts the Superintendent's evaluation and acknowledges and accepts the completion of his goals and indicators in accordance with his contract and School Code.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Forzley

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Casey that the Board of Education establishes the Superintendent's compensation for the 2009-2010 school year at 3.9 percent over this year's total compensation.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Forzley

Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to deny WTA Grievance No. 2009-01.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Forzley

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Kelly to adjourn at 10:01 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

Elizabeth J. Durrani
President, Board of Education
School District No. 201
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Secretary, Board of Education
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