

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

April 28, 2009

President Elizabeth Durrani called the meeting to order at 7:05 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.

**Public Hearing on
School Code Modification**

President Durrani called the Public Hearing on the School Code Modification regarding the observance of legal school holidays to order at 7:06 p.m.

Dr. Baule provided the Board of Education with an explanation of the scope and intent of the School Code modification.

Mr. Zapinski asked if the decision would be made on a year-to-year basis.

Dr. Baule responded that the proposed modification would be in effect for five years, if approved by ISBE.

President Durrani asked if there were any public comments and/or questions regarding the School Code modification.

Liz Zegadlo, Vice President of WESPA (Westmont Education Support Personnel Association), expressed WESPA's concerns about the proposed School Code modification in regard to upcoming negotiations and the potential loss of employee pay. Ms. Zegadlo was accompanied by WESPA President Sylvia Austin and Treasurer Diane Pierson.

Mr. Duffy asked when negotiations were scheduled to begin.

Dr. Baule responded that the current WESPA contract was up June 30, 2009 and the waiver, if approved, would have no impact prior to the 2010-2011 school year.

Melanie Campillo, resident and former member of the Board of Education, expressed her gratitude to retiring Board members that she had served with, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Durrani, and Mr. Zapinski, for their efforts on behalf of the school district.

President Durrani then asked the Board of Education if they had any questions and/or comments regarding the holiday modification.

There were none.

President Durrani then declared the Public Hearing on the School Code Modification closed at 7:11 p.m.

**Approval of
School Code Modification**

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the School Code Modification as presented in Attachment No. C-1.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Lubeck to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2009, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Motion unanimously passed.

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

Motion unanimously passed.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the minutes of April 14, 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 April 14, 2009, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

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

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Forzley

Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Lubeck to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009, special meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

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

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Duffy and Zapinski

Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Kelly to approve the minutes of the closed session of the April 20, 2009, special meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Voting aye: Casey, Kelly, and Lubeck

Voting nay: None

Abstaining: Duffy, Durrani, Forzley, and Zapinski

Motion carried.

Public Presentation

Dr. Michael Volpe, executive director of SASSED, recognized Mr. Duffy for his nine years of dedicated service as CUSD 201's representative to the SASSED Board of Control. Dr. Volpe presented Mr. Duffy with a plaque and Mr. Duffy received a standing ovation from those in attendance.

Ms. Kelly expressed her thanks to retiring Board members Mr. Duffy, Ms. Durrani, Mrs. Forzley, and Mr. Zapinski for their dedicated service to CUSD 201. She presented each Board member with a memento recognizing their service.

Mr. Duffy, Mr. Zapinski, Ms. Durrani, and Mrs. Forzley made individual remarks regarding their tenure as members of the CUSD 201 Board of Education. They each

expressed their gratitude for having the opportunity to serve the students, families, and staff of the school district as well as the community.

Consent Agenda

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

- 1) Personnel Recommendations
 - (a) Approval of Administrative Contracts
 - (b) Approval of Non-Bargained Salaries
 - (c) Appointment of Certified Staff
 - (d) Approval of Involuntary Transfer
 - (e) Approval of Leave Request
 - (f) Resignation of Staff
- 2) Appointment of President and Secretary Pro Tem
- 3) Review and Award of Banking Services Contract
- 4) Ratification of Regular Payroll
- 5) Approval of Student Tour

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Student Handbook Changes

Motion by Ms. Kelly to approve the suggested revisions to the elementary, junior high and senior high handbooks as amended.

Motion unanimously passed.

Mrs. Lubeck requested that the year be shown on the outside cover of the Westmont High School handbook. In addition, she asked that current student fees be published in the handbook.

Superintendent's Report

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

Algebra for Eight Grade

It was reported that the number of students taking algebra as eight graders at Westmont Junior High School has tripled during the past three years. Dr. Baule recognized Director of Curriculum Christy Sivik and Principal Ron Fiala for their efforts in this regard.

Educational Research Report by Learning Point

It was reported that CUSD 201 staff had been involved in Learning Point Associates research project that resulted in the report *Supply in Demand? Exploring How, When and Why Teachers use Research*.

Lindsey Ledwon Bench

It was reported that recently a bench had been dedicated to Lindsey Ledwon, an Early Childhood student who passed away last year. The butterfly bench was placed in Lindsey's memory on the northeast side of Manning School.

PSAE

It was reported that Westmont High School juniors took the PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Exam) exam on April 22 and 23, 2009.

Shots Fired Video

It was reported that Westmont High School seniors would view Shots Fired, a video on personal campus safety, sometime in May. The viewing was delayed due to scheduling conflicts.

ROE Spring Initiatives Overview

It was reported that the Regional Office of Education recently shared its plans for the 2009-2010 school year with the county superintendents. It was also reported that the main focus of the ROE's professional development efforts would be helping staff to become more assessment literate. In addition, several administrative mentoring programs, diversity recruiting efforts, and online learning options were reviewed.

LEND Minutes

The April 24, 2009, LEND report was shared with the Board of Education.

Alliance Legislative Report

The April 16 and April 20, 2009, editions of the Alliance Legislative Report were shared with the Board of Education.

FOIA Request

A recent FOIA request was shared with the Board of Education.

Mrs. Lubeck asked if all the items listed were available, especially Item B.

Dr. Baule responded that particular item did not exist and that the school district was not obligated to create the document.

Board Reports

No reports were given.

Special Education

Mr. Duffy, the Board's representative to the SASSED Board of Control, had nothing to report.

Non-Personnel Statements

The Non-Personnel Statements were presented to the Board of Education.

Fund Balances Reports

The Fund Asset, Fund Liability, and Fund Balances 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, including the averages of actual percentages for the previous three school years, was presented to the Board of Education.

Expense Report

Motion by Ms. Kelly to approve the bills for the month of April 2009 as presented in Attachment No. H-4 in the amount of \$1,175,839.72.

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

Voting nay: None

Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Duffy to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

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President, Board of Education
School District No. 201
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Robert P. Zapinski
Secretary, Board of Education
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