

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

February 12, 2019

CALL TO ORDER AND
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On February 12, 2019, at 6:32 p.m., President Charlton called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Gary Armstrong, Marie Charlton, Laura Coyle, Joel Price, Jon Rudey, Rick Strohmaier (exited 7:22 p.m., re-entered 7:26 p.m.)(exited 8:38 p.m., re-entered 8:40 p.m.), and Judy Wilson (entered 7:13 p.m.).

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Carey, Business Manager Kimberly Anderson, and the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant Rima Clark.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Several groups of CUSD 201 students were recognized by the Board of Education for various academic, athletic, fine arts, and extracurricular activity achievements. Each student received a Certificate of Merit recognizing their individual achievement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
January 22, 2019

Motion by Mr. Price, second by Mrs. Coyle to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

Ayes: Armstrong, Coyle, Price, Rudey, and Charlton

Nays: None

Motion carried

January 22, 2019
Closed Session

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong to approve the minutes of the closed session of the January 22, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Armstrong, Coyle, Price, Rudey, and Charlton

Nays: None

Motion carried

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mr. Rudey to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Policy Second Reading

Ayes: Wilson, Armstrong, Coyle, Price, Rudey, and Charlton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION Kindergarten/First Grade Update

Manning Elementary kindergarten teacher, Mary Roth, spoke about the kindergarten program and thanked the Board for providing this learning opportunity for students. Updates included progress of the program which is in its 6th year as well as information about new curriculum resources in kindergarten.

State of Westmont Junior High School

The State of Westmont Junior High School presentation given by Mr. John Jonak included the following topics:

1. Mission, Vision, and Goals
2. Academics
3. Innovation
4. Social Emotional Learning
5. Updates of Programs
6. Panthers in Action

Data Center Refresh and Server and Storage Equipment

Nadine Norris, Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning recommended the upgrade of old server and storage hardware. There have been many technological hardware advances in recent years. It is becoming hard to keep up with those changes and the increased demand for performance, computer/server processing speed and storage space for our end users. The new servers and SAN would provide the District the increased speed and performance boost our staff and students require to access the necessary resources stored on our network.

2018-2019 School Calendar/Remote Learning

The District is considering e-learning or remote learning days on days the weather makes travel to school dangerous for students and staff. Remote learning would allow students to be engaged in learning activities. The Illinois Legislature is currently working on legislation that may impact this option. Another option the District is considering to avoid adding days to the end of the school year, is to use some of the planned nonattendance days.

2019-2020 School Calendar

Two options for the 2019-2020 School Calendar were presented to the Board of Education for their review. The final version of the calendar will be presented for Board approval at the February 12, 2019, Board meeting.

Property Tax Relief Grant

As part of the Evidence Based Funding Model, \$50 million was reserved for the Property Tax Relief Grant. The purpose of the

grant is to provide property tax relief to eligible districts. The District applied for the grant and has been notified that we did not receive any grant funding for FY19. The District was number 216 on the eligibility list.

TIF Revenue Update

Mrs. Anderson, Business Manager/CSBO provided the Board of Education a TIF payment history.

ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Presentation

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is an Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization bill that was signed into law on December 10, 2015. It creates a long-term federal education policy that gives states more flexibility, encourages innovation, and requires accountability.

Superintendent Carey's presentation included the following:

- A 15 year plan to meet several academic goals.
- The four tiers of designation criteria for a school's performance.
- Academic Indicators
- Student Success Indicators

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2019-2020 School Calendar

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mr. Armstrong to approve Option A of the 2019-2020 School Calendar, as presented.

Ayes: Armstrong, Coyle, Price, Rudey, Strohmaier, Wilson, and Charlton

Nays: None

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Communications

Superintendent Carey reviewed the following discussion items with the Board of Education:

Mr. Carey congratulated Westmont Junior High Principal, John Jonak. Mr. Jonak received the DuPage IPA Reaching Out and Building Bridges award from the DuPage Illinois Principal Association. Mr. Jonak is being recognized for his work in creating a partnership between Westmont Junior High School, and the with community organization Hope for the Day.

The 2018 Challenge Index National Ranking has been published. The America's Most Challenging High Schools ranks schools through an index formula that's a simple ratio: the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates.

Westmont High School is ranked number three for all Illinois High Schools and is ranked number one for public non-selective enrollment high schools. Westmont High School's ratio is 5.7 and is ranked ahead of traditional academic power Stevenson and local area high schools Hinsdale Central, Hinsdale South, Downers Grove North and Downers Grove South.

Alliance Legislative Report

The February 1, 2019 edition of the Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board.

Meeting

Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum Update

The administrators from the elementary and high school provided written reports and meeting agendas.

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Charlton congratulated the Westmont Boys Basketball Team on winning the "Viewers' Choice Game of the Week". Fans were encouraged to vote on the game they would like "High School Lites" to cover. The game was live streamed; highlights and postgame reaction of the game appeared on the "High School Lites" broadcast on NBC Sports Chicago.

FUTURE

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Spring Musical - The Wizard of Oz

February 15, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

February 16, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

February 17, 2019 - 2:00 p.m.

Westmont High School

Presidents' Day

No School

February 18, 2019

Incoming 9th Grade Night

February 21, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Westmont High School

Miller Open House

February 25, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Miller School

School Board Meeting

February 26, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong to enter closed session at 8:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, student discipline and the Superintendent's goals update.

Ayes: Price, Rudey, Strohmaier, Wilson, Armstrong, Coyle, and Charlton

Nays: None

Motion carried

At 10:20 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Price, second by Mr. Rudey to adjourn the regular February 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education at 10:21 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

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Marie Charlton
President, Board of Education
CUSD 201
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gary Armstrong", written over a horizontal line.

Gary Armstrong
Secretary, Board of Education
CUSD 201
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois