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

#### January 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On January 21, 2020, at 6:31 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, Dana Strohmaier, and Judy Wilson

Dana Strohmaier exited the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Members absent: Jon Rudey

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 7, 2020

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

January 7, 2020 First Closed Session Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Wilson, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the January 7, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

January 7, 2020 Second Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mr. Price, to approve the minutes of the second closed session of the January 7, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mrs. Strohmaier, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- 1. Approval of Board Travel Expenses
- 2. Approval of the January 2020 Expenditure Report
- 3. Ratification of December 2019 Regular Payroll

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### DISCUSSION/INFORMATION State of Westmont Junior High School

The State of Westmont Junior High School presentation given by Mr. John Jonak and Ms. Amy Quattrone 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

Westmont Junior High School Dual Language Program Recommendations

The Westmont Junior High School Dual Language Program presentation given by Mr. John Jonak, Ms. Amy Quattrone, and Ms. Sandy Moller included the following topics:

- 1. Advantages of Being Bilingual
- 2. Current Dual Language Model
- 3. What's Next
- 4. Investigate, Plan and Design the DL Program
- 5. Curriculum Options
- 6. Projected Costs
- 7. Next Steps

The Board requested additional information regarding enrollment and academic achievement for Dual Language students versus monolingual students from kindergarten through sixth grade. Also, the Board would like to discuss this topic at the next Board

#### meeting.

# Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the following monthly financial statements as of December 31, 2019, with the Board of Education:

- 1. Student Activity Accounts
- 2. Fund Balance Summary
- 3. Statement of Position
- 4. Investment Report
- 5. Budget Evaluation Report
- 6. Budget Comparison Report
- 7. Lunch Report

Policy First Reading

The Board's Policy Committee has reviewed the revisions to the Board Policies as listed on the agenda and is providing them to the Board for first reading: Revisions were made following recommendations from PRESS, the Superintendent, and Policy Committee members. The suggested changes bring the District's existing policies into compliance with revised code and new legislation. These policies will be presented to the Board of Education for a second reading at the February 11, 2020 Board meeting for possible adoption.

Mrs. Charlton requested a brief description of the policies with significant changes for the Board's Policy Second Reading.

ACTION ITEMS
Approval of Authorization for
Treasurer to Pay Additional
January 2020 Expenditures

Motion by Mr. Price, second by Ms. Wilson, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay bills received in January 2020 for the 2020 fiscal year, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Assessment Appeals at the Property Tax Appeal Board Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Franczek P.C. to Intervene in Assessment Appeals at the Property Tax Appeal Board on behalf of the District, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Approval of the School Maintenance Project Grant Application Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the authorization for the submission of the State of Illinois FY20 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant Application, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

Approval of Contract with Cashman Stahler Group for WHS Chiller Replacement Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mr. Price, to approve the architectural services with Cashman Stahler Group for the Westmont High School chiller replacement as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Kindergarten Registration

Registration in CUSD 201 for incoming kindergarten students for the 2020-2021 school year will take place at both J.T. Manning Elementary School and C.E. Miller Elementary School beginning Tuesday, March 10, through Friday, March 13, Monday, March 16, and Tuesday, March 17, 2020, - 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. CUSD 201 offers a full-day Kindergarten program at both Manning and Miller as well as a full day Bilingual Kindergarten program (housed at Miller Elementary for all district kindergarten students). The State law requires that the child must be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2020. In order to be admitted to kindergarten, we must have a notarized copy of your child's birth certificate with the embossed seal. Hospital birth certificates are not acceptable.

Communications

The District recognized February 3 through February 7, 2020 as National School Counseling week. National School Counseling Week, highlights the impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

**FOIA Request** 

Recent FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests were shared with the Board of Education.

**BOARD REPORTS** 

Mrs. Strohmaier thanked Ms. LeBeda, Ms. Walsh, and Mr. Padilla for acknowledging current sixth graders that are on the honor roll.

She also requested that the specific information requested at the last Board meeting about class size be provided at the February

## 11, Board meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** 

The following members of the community spoke during Public

Comments: Ms. Conover, Ms. Meza, and Ms. Hawkins.

**FUTURE** 

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Student Recognition Committee Meeting

January 22, 2020 – 6:00 p.m. South School Conference Room

CUSD 201 Joint Committee/Strategic Plan Meeting

February 10, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. Westmont High School Commons

School Board Meeting

February 11, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Westmont Village Hall

**CLOSED SESSION** 

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Armstrong, to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues, collective bargaining, and

student discipline.

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

Charlton

Nays: None

Motion carried

At 10:13 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mrs. Coyle, to adjourn the regular January 21, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education at 10:14 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

Marie Charlton

President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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