

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

**January 7, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER AND  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On January 7, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., President Charlton called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Gary Armstrong, Marie Charlton, Laura Coyle, Joel Price, Dana Strohmaier, and Judy Wilson.

Members absent: Jon Rudey

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to enter closed session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 7:04 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

CALL TO ORDER

On January 7, 2020, at 7:04 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.

Members absent: Jon Rudey

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
December 10, 2019

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mrs. Coyle, to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

December 10, 2019  
Closed Session Minutes

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Ms. Wilson, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the December 10, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following member of the community spoke during Public Comments: Dana Hajek.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of Board Travel Expenses
3. Approval of Additional December 2019 Expenditure Report

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION  
Class Size Discussion

There was a discussion of how the District came to adopt the current Class Size Guidelines. Marie Charlton spoke about the history of uneven class sizes and how the Guidelines were adopted in 2012. Each year, the Administration and the Board review the current number of students in each grade and apply the Guidelines.

Mr. Carey reviewed the proposed class size guidelines for the School District with the Board of Education. He also spoke about the number of factors that go into a positive learning environment, and that CUSD 201 employs many of those factors.

A request was made for more details, so that further discussion could take place at a future Board meeting.

#### Policy First Reading

Policy First Reading was removed from the agenda.

#### Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the following monthly financial statements as of November 30, 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

#### Budget Staffing Timeline

The Administrative Team started the staffing and budget process for the 2020-21 school year. The timeline provided provides dates when the information will be discussed with the Board.

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### Approval of 2019-2020 School Calendar

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Ms. Wilson, to approve Option A of the 2020-2021 School Calendar, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

##### Communications

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

When there is inclement weather, the school district tries to make a decision that is best for all students. The weather conditions are monitored throughout the night and very early in the morning to determine if the buildings are accessible for students and staff. The district also consults with the bus company to see if buses will be able to travel safely to and from school. This is the primary factor in decision making.

Additionally, the superintendent participates in an early morning conference call with neighboring school districts and Superintendents; the group discusses whether to close schools. A decision is then communicated to all local news outlets, our website, Facebook, and parent link. The district uses safety considerations in making all weather decisions.

Westmont High School was named one of three finalists for the DuFour award. The award is given annually to one high-performing high school that is a Model PLC. The High School submitted an application and video to apply for the award.

The winner will be announced at the end of January at the Summit on PLC at Work in Phoenix, Arizona.

## FOIA Request

A Recent FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request was shared with the Board of Education.

## BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Wilson attended the choir winter concert at Westmont Junior High School. The concert showcased the students' instrumental and vocal skills.

Mrs. Charlton reminded Westmont Junior High School families that the deadline to register for Snowflake was extended to January 10, 2020. She also reiterated that the Snow program at Community Unit School District 201 is spectacular.

Mrs. Coyle invited the Community to attend Candy Bar Bingo, sponsored by the Bilingual Parents Advisory Committee on January 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at Miller Elementary School.

FUTURE  
MEETINGS/EVENTS

No School  
January 20, 2020  
Martin Luther King Day

School Board Meeting  
January 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m.  
Westmont High School Auditorium

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Armstrong, to enter closed session at 8:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

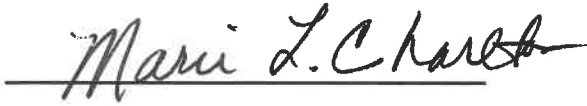
Motion carried.

At 9:01 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Price, to adjourn the regular January 7, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education at 9:04 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marie L. Charlton", written over a horizontal line.

Marie L. Charlton  
President, Board of Education  
School District 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  
School District 201  
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois