

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

**November 12, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

On November 12, 2019, 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, Jon Rudey, Dana Strohmaier, and Judy Wilson.

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

Joel Price exited the meeting at 7:15 p.m. and re-entered at 7:16 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mrs. Strohmaier, to enter closed session at 6:03 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 7:01 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

CALL TO ORDER

On November 12, 2019, 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, Jon Rudey, Dana Strohmaier, and Judy Wilson.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
October 22, 2019

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

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

Abstentions: Rudey

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

October 22, 2019, First Closed  
Session

Motion by Mr. Price, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the October 22, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Abstentions: Rudey

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

October 22, 2019, Second  
Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mrs. Strohmaier, to approve the minutes of the second closed session of the October 22, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Abstentions: Coyle and Rudey

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

November 7, 2019

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Ms. Wilson, to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2019, special meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Abstentions: Charlton

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of Student Tour Requests
3. Approval of Donation
4. Disposal of Technology District-wide
5. Disposal of Equipment
6. Policy Second Reading
7. Renewal of Medical and Dental Insurance Plans
8. Renewal of Life and Term Disability Insurance
9. Approval of November 2019 Expenditure Report
10. Ratification of October 2019 Regular Payroll

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

### DISCUSSION/INFORMATION Proposed Westmont High School Course Offerings

Westmont High School Principal, Jack Baldermann, reviewed the following proposed new courses for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Digital Literacy
- Honors English 12

Jack Baldermann answered questions from the Board members.

### Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the monthly financial statements as of September 30, 2019, that included the following reports:

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

### Tentative 2019 Tax Levy

Business Manager, Kim Anderson, provided the Board of Education with an overview of the proposed 2019 Tentative Tax Levy. Her presentation addressed the following aspects of the proposed levy:

- School District Levy Process
- 2019 Levy Recommendation by Fund
- 2019 Levy Summary
- History of Past Levies
- Tax Rate History
- 2018 Tax Rate Comparison
- Truth in Taxation Notice

2019 Illinois Association of  
School Boards Resolution

The annual meeting of the IASB Delegate Assembly will be held on November 22, in Chicago, in conjunction with the Joint Annual Conference. As the culmination of the 2019 Resolutions Process, the Delegate Assembly is where proposed resolutions and recommendations of the Resolutions Committee will be brought for a vote. The Board discussed the first item regarding Student Safety, specifically about allowing guns into schools. The IASB is recommending that the item is passed. The Board does not recommend this and wants to oppose this resolution

State of the District Presentation

The State of the District presentation given by Superintendent Carey included the following topics: finances, student information, class of 2019, student data, accomplishments, and next steps.

Mrs. Coyle requested that the Dual Language data be removed from the elementary scatter plots and the results be presented to the Board at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Carey to investigate the Exemplary and other designations other area schools received.

The Board of Education was proud of the designations Community Unit School District 201 schools received.

Donation of Print of CUSD 201  
Schools

The wife of former Community Unit School District 201 Superintendent, J.T. Manning recently donated a print depicting all five Community Unit School District 201 schools. The artwork is a pencil drawing created in 1984 by a former student, Bill Greet. Mr. Greet graduated from Westmont High School in 1984 and currently resides in Kansas. The artwork is now hanging in the District Office.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Authorization for  
Treasurer to Pay Additional  
November 2019 Bills

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay bills received in November 2019 for the 2020 fiscal year, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Approval of the Tentative 2019  
Tax Levy

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Coyle, to approve the Tentative 2019 Tax Levy, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

### Thanksgiving Feast

The annual Westmont High School Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Steve Cashman of Cashman Stahler Group, the School District's architectural/engineering firm, was recognized for sponsoring the luncheon.

### Holly Days Festival

The Frosty & Friends Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019 and march down Cass Avenue.

### Communications

#### Student Recognition Committee:

Superintendent Carey reported that the Board discussed student recognition at a prior Board Meeting. The consensus of the Board was to form a committee and have that Committee review the district student recognition programs. Superintendent Carey has been informing parents of the formation of the Committee and invited Board members to join the Committee.

#### Educational Foundation:

Superintendent Carey informed the Board that he would like to create an Educational Foundation for Community Unit School District 201. He has been informing parents of the formation of the foundation and inviting them to join the foundation.

#### Westmont-Taiwanese Sister City Program:

On November 15, 2019, eight students and one adult chaperone from Taiwan will arrive. The students will be staying with Community Unit School District 201 school families. The Taiwanese students will be shadowing our students during the school day, experience an American Thanksgiving and tour the city of Chicago.

On November 26, 2019, there will be a dinner for the students at Westmont High School at 6:30 p.m. and the Board members are invited to attend.

November 15 is Illinois School Board Member Day. Mr. Carey thanked our Board Members for all they do for the Community Unit School District 201 School Community.

## ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

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

## BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Armstrong invited the Community to attend the Westmont High School Band Craft show on December 7, 2019.

Mrs. Charlton mentioned that Operation Snowball would be taking place November 15-17, 2019.

Mrs. Charlton congratulated Lizzy Szynal, who ran in the IHSA Class 1A State Final. She placed 134<sup>th</sup> in what turned out to be the fastest field in Class 1A state meet history.

Mrs. Charlton wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Miller Elementary School Barnes & Noble Family Reading  
Night  
November 21, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.  
Barnes & Noble - Oakbrook

Thanksgiving Holiday  
November 27, 28, and 29, 2019  
No School

Frosty and Friends Parade and Tree Lighting  
November 30, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.  
Downtown Westmont on Cass Avenue

Westmont High School Band Craft Show  
December 7, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Westmont High School

Junior High Winter Band Concert  
December 3, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.  
Westmont High School

School Board Meeting  
December 10, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.  
Westmont Village Hall

#### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Rudey, to enter closed session at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

At 9:17 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Strohmaier, to adjourn the regular November 12, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education at 9:20 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  
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