

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

December 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

On December 10, 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.

Judy Wilson entered the meeting at 6:01 p.m.
Jon Rudey entered the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

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 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: Strohmaier, Armstrong, Coyle, Price, and Charlton

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

At 6:49 p.m., closed session adjourned.

OPEN SESSION
CALL TO ORDER

On December 10, 2019, at 7:01 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.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT
DONATION FROM CHARLES
AND JERRILYN
HACKBRUSH THROUGH
THE HACKBRUSH FAMILY
TRUST

Westmont High School teachers and past students of Mrs. Hackbrush, Lori Erazmus, and Jamie Mahmoud shared memories of Mrs. Hackbrush.

Mrs. Charlton read the Resolution to accept the donation from Charles and Jerrilyn Hackbrush through the Hackbrush family trust.

***WHEREAS,** Jerrilyn ("Jerri") Hackbrush worked for and contributed to District 201 for twenty-seven years as a Science Teacher and was a founding member of the Westmont High School Faculty; and*

***WHEREAS,** Jerri's husband of 45 years, Charles Frederick "Hack" Hackbrush, proudly served in the United States Navy in World War II, followed by a distinguished career working for Argonne National Labs; and*

***WHEREAS,** the community and this District are eternally grateful for Jerri's invaluable contributions to District 201; and*

***WHEREAS,** as yet another invaluable contribution, following the passing of Hack and Jerri, District 201 has been named as a beneficiary to the Hackbrush Family Trust; and*

***WHEREAS,** Hack and Jerri Hackbrush, through the Hackbrush Family Trust, have generously donated 25% of the Hackbrush Family Trust to Westmont High School to be used for education purposes as determined by the Hackbrush Family Trust trustees ("Donation"); and*

***WHEREAS,** the Hackbrush Family Trust trustees have determined that the Donation can be used to benefit the educational needs of Westmont High School, as will be determined by representatives of the District; and*

***WHEREAS,** pursuant to Section 16-1 of the *School Code*, the Board is authorized to receive donations for use in whatever manner the Board chooses; and*

***WHEREAS,** pursuant to Board Policy 8:80, *Gifts to the District*, donations that are compatible with the Board's educational objectives and policies may be approved by the Board; and*

***WHEREAS,** the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Board, Westmont High School, its students, and the entire District 201 community to accept the Donation.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 201, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Board, Westmont High School, its students, and the entire District 201 community for the Board to accept the Donation.

Section 2: Pursuant to Section 16-1 of the *School Code* and Board Policy 8:80, *Gifts to the District*, the Board hereby gratefully accepts the extraordinary gift of the Donation from Charles and Jerrilyn *Hackbrush, through the Hackbrush Family Trust*.

Section 3: The Board President, Superintendent, and Treasurer of the District are hereby authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the Board as are necessary to complete the Board's receipt of the Donation.

Section 4: This Resolution is in full force and effect upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 10th day of December 2019, by the following roll call vote:

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mr. Price, to approve the Resolution to accept a donation from Charles and Jerrilyn Hackbrush, through the Hackbrush Family Trust.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TENTATIVE TAX LEVY

President Charlton called the Public Hearing to order at 7:19 p.m. on the proposed Tax Levy.

Business Manager, Kim Anderson, provided a brief overview of the proposed 2019 Tax Levy initially presented at the November 12, 2019, Board meeting. She reported that a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the tax levy was published in the November 28, 2019, edition of the Westmont Suburban Life Newspaper.

President Charlton then asked the members of the Board of Education if they had any questions and/or comments regarding the proposed 2019 Tax Levy.

There were none.

President Charlton then asked if there were any public comments and/or questions regarding the proposed 2019 Tax Levy.

There were none.

At 7:20 p.m. President Charlton declared the Public Hearing on the proposed 2019 Tax Levy closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 12, 2019

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Rudey, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

November 12, 2019, First Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mrs. Strohmaier, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the November 12, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

November 12, 2019, Second Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Strohmaier, to approve the minutes of the second closed session of the November 12, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the community spoke during Public Comments: Dana Hajek, Tracy Lopez, Jessica Dorner, and Andriana McDowell.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of Student Tour Requests
3. Approval of Board Travel Expenses

4. Renewal of SSCIP Insurance Agreement
5. Approval of Fiduciary Liability Insurance Coverage
6. Approval of AFR Shared Services or Outsourcing Requirement Report
7. Approval of Additional November 2019 Expenditure Report
8. Approval of the December 2019 Expenditure Report
9. Ratification of November 2019 Regular Payroll

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION Presentation of Fiscal Year 2019 Audit

The comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019, as prepared by Miller Cooper & Company, Ltd; the School District's accounting/counseling firm, was shared with the Board of Education. Susan Jones, representative of the firm, provided the Board of Education with an overview of the audit.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the Finance Committee is aware that the District is deficit spending. The Finance Committee will work on ensuring that resources are used effectively and will attempt to propose options to reduce the budget deficit.

Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the monthly financial statements as of October 31, 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

Chiller Replacement at WHS Discussion

One of the chillers at Westmont High School needs to be replaced. This has been on the Capital Projects list as well as life safety for many years. There have been multiple repairs on the unit and it has been determined that the cost of further repairs would not be fiscally responsible. The estimated cost of the replacement is \$340,000 and includes all associated fees. The Board agreed to proceed with the bid process for the replacement of the chiller at Westmont High School.

Board Reporting from IASB
Conference

Mrs. Charlton reported that the CUSD 201 Board members attended the 2019 Joint Annual Conference held in Chicago the weekend of November 22 - 24, 2019. Board members then shared highlights about the workshops they attended.

2020-2021 School Calendar

Two options for the 2020-2021 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 January 7, 2020, Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS
Approval of Athletic
Sponsorship by Chawla
Orthodontics

The motion to approve the sponsorship of Westmont High School athletic programs by Chawla Orthodontics, was tabled.

Approval of Proposed
Westmont High School Course
Offerings

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the Westmont High School Course Offerings, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Approval of Authorization for
Treasurer to Pay Additional
December 2019 Expenditures

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Resolution to Adopt 2019 Tax
Levy

Motion by Mr. Price, second by Mr. Armstrong, to adopt the resolution setting the 2019 Tax levy, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Approval of Furniture Contract

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the purchase of office furniture in the amount of \$118,489.00, as presented.

Ayes: Armstrong, Price, and Rudey

Nays: Wilson, Coyle, Strohmaier, and Charlton

Motion failed

Dana Strohmaier exited the meeting at 8:50 p.m. and re-entered at 8:55 p.m.

Approval of a Newly Restated Contract with the Superintendent Adding a New Goal to the Contract in Place

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve a Newly Restated Contract with the Superintendent Adding two New Goals to the Contract in Place, as amended.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Communications

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

Joint Committee: Over the past few years, the school district would periodically have Joint Committee Meetings to bring together several District Committees to share information. The original committees were Finance, Facilities, Strategic Planning, Climate, and Public Relations. Overtime, Wellness, and BPAC (Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee) were added.

The original committees were created as a result of the strategic plan that was in place. The Wellness and BPAC Committees were added as the needs of the District dictated.

This year the Joint Committee will be utilized to elicit stakeholder feedback as the District finalizes its new strategic plan. The new strategic plan will then determine what District committees will be needed to implement and monitor the strategic plan.

Westmont-Taiwanese Sister City Program: The Taiwanese student exchange was very successful. It was a great opportunity for students from Taiwan to learn about our high school and culture and for Westmont High School Students and families to learn about the Taiwanese culture.

It is anticipated that in the spring of 2021, Westmont High School Students will have an opportunity to visit Taiwan.

Student Recognition Committee: At the Student Recognition Committee meeting, all the schools and various grade levels were represented by the group. Current practices, pros, cons, what we may like to see in a recognition program, and next steps were reviewed.

The next meeting will take place in January. Any changes to the District student recognition programs will not be implemented until the 2020-2021 school year.

Superintendent Carey wished everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season.

FOIA REQUEST

A recently received FOIA request was shared with the Board of Education.

ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

The November 15, 2019 edition of the Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board of Education.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Armstrong stated that he was in favor of the policy change regarding cell phones and mobile devices at Westmont Junior High School.

Mr. Armstrong thanked all of the volunteers, especially, Mr. Patrick Manzke, for helping with the Westmont High School Craft show.

Mrs. Strohmaier attended two art events and two concerts in the District. She commented that the Westmont Junior High School band concert was amazing.

Mrs. Coyle attended the Manning and Miller School winter choir and band concert. Mrs. Coyle congratulated Miss Finnes and Miss Lebeda on doing a great job with the programs.

Mrs. Charlton attended the Westmont High School Craft show. There, she spoke with a vendor who was impressed with the amount of student participation.

Mrs. Charlton also reminded Westmont Junior High School families that the deadline to register for Snowflake is the last day of winter break.

Ms. Wilson's friend was a vendor at the Westmont High School Craft show; she was very impressed by the number of student volunteers.

Ms. Wilson attended the Award Committee meeting and invited parents to attend the next meeting scheduled in January.

Mrs. Charlton thanked Steve Cashman of Cashman, Stahler Group for sponsoring the Thanksgiving Feast at Westmont High School.

FUTURE
MEETINGS/EVENTS

Westmont Art Exhibition and Concert
December 11, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Westmont High School

Westmont Junior High School Choir Winter Concert
December 17, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Westmont High School

Winter Break
December 23, 2019, through January 5, 2020
Classes Resume
January 6, 2020

School Board Meeting
January 7, 2020, 6:00 p.m.
Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Rudey, to enter closed session at 9:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

OPEN SESSION

Closed session did not take place. Westmont Village Hall was evacuated due to a potential fire hazard.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Coyle, to adjourn the regular December 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education at 9:19 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



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



Gary Armstrong
Secretary, Board of Education
CUSD 201
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