

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

**August 13, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

On August 13, 2019, at 6:00 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, Laura Coyle, Marie Charlton, Joel Price, Jon Rudey, Dana Strohmaier, and Judy Wilson.

Judy Wilson entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Coyle to enter closed session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 6:43 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Rudey to enter closed session at 6:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, personnel issues, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 7:48 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
July 16, 2019

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Ms. Wilson to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Abstentions: Armstrong and Coyle

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

July 16, 2019 Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Strohmaier to approve the minutes of the closed session of the July 16, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Abstentions: Armstrong and Coyle

Nays: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Disposal of Equipment at Miller
3. Disposal of Chromebooks District-wide
4. Certification of Hazardous Crossing
5. Board Authorization of Vehicle Use
6. Approval of Additional July 2019 Expenditure Report
7. Approval of August 2019 Expenditure Report

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION  
eLearning Days

Kevin Carey presented the Board with information about e-learning. Public Act 101-0012 allows school districts to use e-learning days in lieu of emergency days. School districts now have the option of having an e-learning day instead of canceling school and adding a day to the end of the school year or using a previously scheduled day off such as a holiday. The initial reason for looking into e-learning was because there has been concerns about tacking all of our "snow days" to the end of the school year calendar.

Kevin presented information that the Administration has preliminarily looked into how this would look in D201. There are a number of factors that go into this process. There was a discussion about the breadth of how e-learning would impact our district since we are a unit district with children from pre-k through high school.

The other option the Board discussed was to use some of the non-attendance days in the calendar as make up days for emergency or snow days. For example, if an emergency day is used prior to President's day, the holiday will become a school day. This will be in lieu of adding a day to the end of the year.

After much discussion, it was generally agreed that the Board would discuss this topic at the next meeting. One option discussed was using non-attendance days for the first two "snow days" and any other snow days would be made up at the end of the year. The Board stated that it was not interested in using Spring Break to make up snow days.

Joel Price exited the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

#### Enrollment Projections

Enrollment projections were shared with the Board. Overall, the projections forecast an increase in enrollment. The Board requested monolingual and dual language enrollment figures.

#### Summer Facility Projects Update

Mrs. Anderson, Business Manager/CSBO, provided the Board of Education with a summary of projects slated for completion during the 2019-2020 school year as well as some maintenance items.

Mrs. Anderson thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work and support.

#### Athletic Director Position

The goal of the Board of Education and District was to provide additional support for the promotion and development of a more comprehensive athletic and co-curricular program. In the past, the Board has discussed strengthening the athletic programs throughout the district. A committee was formed, and numerous conversations were had at Board meetings.

Kevin Carey provided the following information to the Board: "The goal of the Board of Education and District was to provide additional support for the promotion and development of a more comprehensive athletic and co-curricular program. It would be ideal to be able to propose a new fulltime administrative position to fill this need. This is not feasible when the District is anticipating a deficit budget, and there are equally pressing needs. In working with the Athletic Director Committee and the Westmont Teachers' Association, it is possible to grow the position by increasing the amount of release time the position currently has without increasing staffing or FTE. Currently, the position has .2 FTE release time. The amount of release time will

increase to .5FTE. This will allow the Athletic Director to begin to grow the athletic and co-curricular program and make connections with feeder programs. The hope is that the Athletic Director will also work with stakeholders to create a vision for athletics and co-curricular programs for CUSD 201. The possibility of a full-time position will be revisited at a future date.”

There was another discussion at this Board meeting, and it was decided that it was time to vote on the issue. Board members expressed their thoughts and concerns with the position continuing to be a stipend position and were looking for further discussions to grow this into a full-time position.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the Athletic Director Position

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Ms. Wilson to appoint Dan McCulloch as Athletic Director for Community Unit School District 201, as presented.

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

Nays: Rudey

Motion carried.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Communications

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

The first day of school for all CUSD 201 students is Wednesday, August 21, 2019. If a family has not registered for the 2019-2020 school year, they should contact their child's school.

Opening Institutes

The 2019-2020 school year officially opens on August 19, 2019. All staff will be returning, Monday, August 19. The day will begin with breakfast for all staff. We will have our official welcome and introduction of new staff. The staff will be involved in several different staff development and school improvement activities. Included will be training in iReady assessments and Otus student data management.

FOIA Request

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

#### BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Armstrong wished all students a great school year.

Mrs. Charlton was impressed with how smoothly the registration process went and thanked the administrators for being there.

#### FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Junior High Ice Cream Social  
August 14, 2019 -6:00 p.m.  
Westmont Junior High School

Manning New Family Orientation  
August 16, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.  
Manning Elementary School

Manning Ice Cream Social  
August 16, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.  
Manning Elementary School

Miller Barbeque  
August 19, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.  
Ty Warner Park

First Day of Student Attendance  
August 21, 2019

School Board Meeting  
August 27, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.  
Westmont Village Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mr. Rudey to adjourn the regular August 13, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education at 9:13 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



Marie L. Charlton  
President, Board of Education  
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Gary Armstrong  
Secretary, Board of Education  
CUSD 201  
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