

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

September 10, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

On September 10, 2019, at 6:01 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, Laura Coyle, Marie Charlton, Jon Rudey, Dana Strohmaier, and Judy Wilson.

Members absent: Joel Price

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 6:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, security procedures, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 7:31 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 27, 2019

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mr. Rudey to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

August 27, 2019, First Closed
Session

Motion by Mrs. Coyle, second by Mrs. Strohmaier to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the August 27, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

August 27, 2019, Second Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mr. Rudey to approve the minutes of the second closed session of the August 27, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

September 3, 2019

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Strohmaier to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019, special meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Coyle, Rudey, Strohmaier, and Wilson

Abstentions: Armstrong and Charlton

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Appointment of Hearing Officer
3. Appointment of Nondiscrimination Coordinators/Complaint Managers

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION
Crisis Plan

Superintendent Carey reported that each year, CUSD 201's Administrative Team meets with the Westmont Police and Fire Departments for the purpose of reviewing the previous year's

emergency drills to address areas needing improvement. Mrs. Charlton stated that she would like to discuss this topic further during closed session.

Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the monthly financial statements as of July 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

Board of Education Future Proposed Meeting Times

The Board agreed to change the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year Board of Education meeting times to 6:00 p.m. with the exception of Student Recognition meetings. Meetings will begin with closed session at 6:00 p.m.; open session will begin at 7:00 p.m. Student Recognition meetings will still begin at 6:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

Summer School Report

The Summer School program was well attended. Student daily attendance was up from previous years. Thirty-four credits were recovered in the High School Credit Recovery Course. Of the twenty-six students enrolled, twenty-five students recovered their recommended credits.

After the fall testing results have been compiled, we will be able to see if the students benefited academically. The anecdotal data has been very positive. Students and staff reported that they enjoyed the experience.

Student Recognition

Mr. Carey stated that there is a list of the dates and times for the various student recognition events; it will be circulated to the Board. Board Members may sign up for the events they would like to attend.

Mrs. Coyle requested that a discussion item regarding Student Recognition be placed on the agenda at the September 24, 2019, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Communications

At the last Board Meeting, a parent shared that she and other parents were not receiving the daily announcements from the Junior High and the High School.

On August 28, 2019, Nadine Norris reached out to the parent to ask for her help to gather more details for the e-alert issue. Nadine also opened a tech support case with Blackboard.

Mrs. Norris began tracking the parent and other parents to determine if they were receiving the e-alert announcements.

In the meantime, we have been in daily contact with Blackboard. When Nadine opened the case, she sent the names and email addresses of all families who subscribe to the HS and JH announcements. At first, Blackboard denied there was a problem. Next, they recommended that we "white-list" several web addresses. Jim confirmed that those web addresses were already white-listed in our domain. On Friday, August 29, they walked Jim through making a change to our DNS server. They said that this "might work" to fix the problem. When the issue persisted on Tuesday, September 3, Jim, based on his research, adjusted the DNS server. After numerous interactions with the tech support team, Nadine emailed the manager of client support. This morning, I received an email that they are escalating our case to the system engineers.

Nadine expects Blackboard to solve the issue with e-alerts. However, based on the interaction with Support from Blackboard and knowing how communication tools have evolved, she is exploring other options to send out daily announcements.

Mrs. Charlton requested that an email be sent to parents from the Principals at Westmont Junior High School and Westmont High School to let them know that there were problems with recent email alerts, however, the problem has been fixed.

FOIA REQUEST

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

ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The August 28, 2019, edition of the Alliance Legislative Report was shared with the Board of Education.

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Strohmaier shared the positive feedback that she received regarding Compact 8CC Math at Westmont Junior High School.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Westmont Junior High School Curriculum Night
September 12, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Homecoming Parade
September 19, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.
Downtown Westmont - Cass Avenue from Norfolk to Burlington

School Board Meeting
September 24, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Rudey, second by Mrs. Coyle to enter closed session at 7:59 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, security procedures, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 9:44 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Wilson, second by Mrs. Coyle to adjourn the regular September 10, 2019 meeting of the Board of Education at 9:47 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



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President, Board of Education
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