

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

February 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On February 23, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., President Price called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Joel Price, Laura Coyle, Dana Stohmaier, Gary Armstrong, Leah Conover, Adina Hoover, Jessica Radogno

Members absent: None

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

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Armstrong, to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues and collective bargaining, as presented.

Ayes: Armstrong, Coyle, Hoover, Radogno, Price, Strohmaier, Conover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Joel Price led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 9, 2021

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mrs. Coyle, to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Hoover, Radogno, Price, Strohmaier, Conover, Armstrong, Coyle

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried.

February 9, 2021
Closed Session Minutes

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the February 9, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Hoover, Radogno, Price, Strohmaier, Conover, Armstrong, Coyle

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following member of the community spoke during Public Comments: Lainey Hickey. Any electronically submitted public comment was attached to the agenda and shared with the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of February 2021 Expenditure Report
2. Ratification of January 2021 Regular Payroll
3. Second Reading and Approval of Policy: 4:120

Ayes: Radogno, Price, Strohmaier, Conover, Armstrong, Coyle, Hoover

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

The Board has asked to change the order of the Discussion Items as listed on the Agenda.

Academic Update

Superintendent Carey reviewed the progress monitoring being administered at the schools; iReady testing for k-8 and the high school uses practice SATs and local writing assessments. iReady was implemented in the elementary schools in the 2018-2019 school year and the junior high in the 2019-2020 school year. The elementary level tests were not administered in a controlled environment; some students may have been at home while others in a classroom. All students at the junior high took the test from home.

Update on the 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent Carey reviewed the current school year, including the guiding principles, staff COVID-19 data, and student attendance. The CDC has issued new guidelines for schools to use when deciding to return to in-person or remote learning. Each school gave a presentation on their plans and options for in-person learning in the 4th quarter.

Ms. Lindsay Pietrzak, Principal, Manning School, gave a presentation on returning to school in the fourth quarter for Manning, which included the following:

- Instructional Time Now vs. Pre-Covid
- Misconception – We are missing Key Instructional Time
- What We Are Missing
- Subbing
- Options Briefly Explored
- Manning Schedule Options
 - Option 1- Add Wednesdays to the schedule and allow for additional small group instruction in PM
 - Option 2 – Add Wednesdays and a 12:00 p.m. dismissal
 - Option 3 - Keep same master schedule for full day
 - Option 4 – Redo the master schedule completely
- Final Recommendations Option 1 or 2

Ms. Pietrzak reviewed the benefits and considerations for each of the options. Ms. Pietrzak answered questions from the Board regarding the different options.

Mr. Tim Wyller, Principal, Miller School, gave a presentation on returning to school in the fourth quarter for Miller, which included

the following:

- Protocols set up
- Miller Schedule Options
 - Option 1 – Add Wednesdays to the Schedule and keep Current Small Group Instruction
 - Option 2 – Modify Master Schedule for More of a Full Day
- Final Recommendations Option 1

Mr. Wyller answered questions from the Board regarding the options for Miller. Currently Miller students who attend in person and stay for small groups are eating lunch at school.

Mr. Jonak, Principal, WJHS, and Amy Quattrone, Assistant Principal, WJHS, presented their various options for the fourth quarter. Their presentation included the following:

- Current In School/Hybrid Highlights
- Placement of Students in Second Semester
- Plans:
 - Plan A – Just make Wednesdays a normal day
 - Plan B – No change
 - Plan C – Extend day (with lunch)
 - Plan D – 5 hours (no lunch at school)
 - Plan E – Full Day (with lunch)
- Main changes include:
- Logistics to Determine
- Recommendations – Plan A or Plan B

Mr. Jonak answered questions from the Board regarding Win-day.

Mr. Baldermann, Principal, WHS, presented to the Board the plans for the fourth quarter. His presentation included the following information:

- Wednesday Learning and Increased Student Opportunities
- WHS Wednesday Remote Learning
 - Individual/Student-Based Interventions
 - Group/Student Based Interventions
 - Professional Development/Responsibilities

Mr. Baldermann shared that the high school will give students attending in the current hybrid model will have the choice to attend all 4 days starting March 8. The Board asked questions regarding the instruction at the high school. They would like to see a more detailed schedule and plan for the high school at the next Board meeting.

Elementary Planning for the 2021-2022 School Year

Ms. Pietrzak, Mr. Wyller, and Ms. Sandy Moller, Assistant Principal for Manning and Miller School, gave a presentation to the Board which included the following:

- The Why?
- Goals for Future Planning
- Our Process
- What We Are Learning
 - What do you value in your child's education?
- Top Priorities From Parent Survey
 - Overall Top Priorities
 - All Category Breakdowns – 1st Priority, 2nd Priority, 3rd Priority
- Parent Feedback Themes
- Building Options Explored
- Manning/Miller both k-5 – Pre-COVID Model
- Grade level Centers – Current COVID Model
- What to Expect on March 16th
- Questions

Ms. Pietrzak, Mr. Wyller, and Ms. Moller answered questions from the Board. Board members discussed how to include the community in the decision. Any decisions made at this time should just be for the 2021-2022 school year.

Parent SIP Team Reports

Board Member Leah Conover requested this topic for discussion. She has asked the Board to consider including teams of parents to come in, so there is a community voice. This representative would not have to be at every meeting but present a couple of times a year.

Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Kim Anderson gave a brief overview of the financials for the month of January. At this time, we have received 417k from the state. We received another installment of the 2019 tax levy, 24.6 million received to date. At this time, we are at a 99.69 collection rate. Currently, there is 77k in uncollected taxes. We did receive the 2nd quarter transportation payment.

2021 Summer Maintenance Projects Update

Kim Anderson gave an update on the 2021 Summer Maintenance Projects. A facility meeting will be scheduled in the near future. There have been pre-bid meetings on the Building Automation System for the High School. There have also been pre-bid meetings for the plumbing projects at Manning, Miller, Westmont Junior High, and High School.

Policy First Reading

Superintendent Carey presented to the Board policy 8:20 for first reading.

ACTION ITEMS

Retirement of Policies: 6:90,
8:40, 8:50, 8:60

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Strohmaier, to retire the policies: 6:90, 8:40, 8:50, and 8:60, as presented.

Ayes: Price, Stohmaier, Conover, Armstrong, Coyle, Hoover, Radogno

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Communications

Superintendent Carey would like to remind everyone of kindergarten registration is coming up in March.

FOIA

A FOIA request was shared with the Board.

Alliance Legislative Report

None at this time.

Update on Meeting
Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum
Updates

None at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Member, Ms. Radogno, would like to discuss the outcome of the evenings presentations were for the fourth quarter. The Board discussed the different options for the schools as they were presented. They agreed starting March 8, 2021 Manning and Miller will return to a 5 day model of in person learning. WJH will continue with its current model. The Board would like more information from the high school regarding their schedule and the possibility of more instructional time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following member of the community spoke during Public Comment: Leesa Lance.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

WJHS PTO Meeting
February 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

WHS Presents -It's A Wonderful Life (On Demand)

February 12 and 13, 2021

See the WHS website to purchase your tickets. \$10.00

Presidents' Day

No School

February 15, 2021

Incoming 9th Grade Night

February 18, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Westmont High School

School Board Meeting

February 23, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.

Westmont Village Hall

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed at this time.

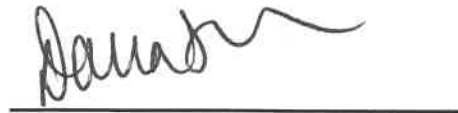
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Strohmaier, to adjourn the regular February 23, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education at 11:09 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



Joel Price
President, Board of Education
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Dana Strohmaier
Secretary, Board of Education
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