

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

May 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL
CALL

On May 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., President Coyle called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

Members present: Kevin Marren, Laura Coyle, Jessica Radogno, Adina Hoover, Angela Steketee, Leah Conover

Members absent: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Laura Coyle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEM

Appointment of Board Member

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Hoover, to approve the appointment of Carlos Hevia to the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 201 to fill the unexpired term of Dana Strohmaier. .

Ayes: Conover, Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren

Nays: None.

Motion Carried

President Coyle swears in Carlos Hevia. Mr. Hevia takes a seat at the Board table.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues, collective bargaining, and the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

Ayes: Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

The Board entered closed session at 6:06 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 27, 2021

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

April 27, 2021

Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Hoover, second by Mr. Hevia, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the April 27, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Ayes: Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

May 11, 2021

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021, special meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

May 11, 2021
Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Radogno, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the May 11, 2021, special meeting of the Board of Education

Ayes: Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment given.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- Personnel Recommendations
- Approval of May 2021 Expenditure Report
- Ratification of April 2021 Regular Payroll

Ayes: Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia, Steketee

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Proposed Student Handbook
Revisions Second Reading

Westmont High School, Assistant Principal, Dr. Kevin Weck, addressed the Board regarding the handbook revisions. The Board did not have any questions or concerns. The revisions will be voted on later in the evening.

Update 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent Carey updated the Board on the 2020-2021 school year and reviewed the guiding principles and the current metrics we are following. His presentation included an update on the recent transition to stage 4.5. At this time, the schools are following the guidance of the IDPH and DCHD guidelines. The District is still requiring masks. It is anticipated fall sports will start on time.

Plan for 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Carey gave an update about the 2021-2022 school year. The State Board of Education is passing a resolution regarding schools to be fully in person all day in the fall. There will be a remote option for students with a serious illness or a family member with a serious illness. Families who meet one of those criteria will need to provide medical documentation.

ESSR II and III Grant Budget

Nadine Norris, Director of Technology, Teaching, and Learning, reviewed the documents attached in BoardDocs regarding the use of the ESSR II and III Grant funds. ESSER II and ESSER III Funds can be used on the following:

- Purchase of supplies to provide a safe working and learning environment.
- Implementation of summer learning and supplemental after school programs
- Providing principals with resources necessary to address the instructional needs of their building.
- Inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, and upgrade projects that improve indoor air quality in school facilities, including air conditioning.

CUSD 201 will use the funds on the following for K-12:

- Summer Learning
- Tutoring and Extended Day
- Remote Learning – Contingent on Conditions
- Nurse
- School Psychologist
- Instructional Coach – Bilingual
- Interventionists
- Professional Learning

The individual schools will use funding in the following ways:

- South School – Play-based, multi-sensory, communication numeracy and literacy development materials
- Miller – Play-based learning materials, Orton-Gillingham training, Wilson Reading Foundations, and intervention programs for literacy and math.
- Manning – STEM materials, intervention staff, intervention programs, counseling and mental health services, and digital texts paired with standards-based activities.
- WJHS – Guided Reading, literacy intervention materials, Dual Language materials, high-quality instruction materials for writing, grammar, and vocabulary.
- WHS – Intervention staff, counseling and mental health services, and digital texts.

2021-2022 Student Fees

Kim Anderson, Business Manager, shared that due to Covid, the District will not be seeking an increase in school fees this year. The breakdown of the fees is available in BoardDocs. Although there are no increases, there are some changes, including:

- WJHS gown fee has increased due to the vendor increasing the price.
- WHS will no longer collect the cap and gown fee; families will deal directly with the vendor.
- WHS Theater and Stage Craft will now have a \$10 fee.
- Cost of lunches should stay the same.

Presentation of Monthly
Financial Statements- March

Kim Anderson, Business Manager, shared an update with the Board regarding the March financial statements. The District received \$183k from the state this month and has \$232k vouchered but not received. The revenues for the ED & Tort fund are slightly below prior-year averages. In the O&M and Life Safety Funds, the revenues are higher than prior year averages. Regarding expenditures, the ED & Tort fund is comparable to prior years without contingencies and below the year prior with contingencies.

Ms. Anderson shared information regarding the District natural gas bill. The District received the February bill in the amount of \$121k. This anomaly has to do with the frozen pipelines in Texas and the subzero temperatures here. The natural gas budget for the year is \$137k. Fortunately, we can absorb the cost through lower electricity and overall lower gas bills for the year.

Presentation of Monthly
Financial Statements- April

Kim Anderson, Business Manager, shared an update on the April Financial statements. In April, the District received \$513k from the state and has \$8k vouchered but not received. Revenues in the O&M fund are higher than prior year averages. Regarding expenditures, she shared that the Ed & Tort fund is comparable to prior year averages. The O&M Fund is 67.06% spent to date without contingencies and 63.36% with contingencies. Last year at this time it was 69.72% spent.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Student Handbook
Changes

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Hoover, to approve the recommended revisions to the elementary, junior high and high school student handbooks as presented.

Ayes: Radogno, Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia, Steketee, Hoover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Clever Board
Purchase

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Mr. Hevia, to approve the purchase of interactive boards to be deployed in all classrooms at Manning Elementary School, Miller Elementary School, Westmont Junior High School, and South School, during the 2021-2022 school year, not to exceed the cost of \$155,000.

Ayes: Coyle Marren, Conover, Hevia, Steketee, Hoover, Radogno.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Non-Exempt
Employees for Salary Increase for
FY21

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Hoover, to approve the non-exempt employee salary increases for Chris Vent and Anisha Gawriluk, as presented.

Ayes: Marren, Conover, Hevia, Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Non-Exempt
Employee Retirement
Compensation

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the non-exempt employee retirement compensation for Chris Vent.

Ayes: Conover, Hevia, Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Authority for
Additional May 2021
Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Hoover, second by Ms. Steketee, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay any bills received in May 2021 that have been budgeted for the 2021 fiscal year.

Ayes: Hevia, Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren Conover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Title I School-
Wide Waiver

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the Title1 school-wide waivers for Miller, Westmont Junior High and Westmont High School, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren Conover, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Consolidated
District Plan for Title Grants

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the consolidated District Plan for Title Grants, as presented.

Ayes: Hoover, Radogno, Coyle, Marren Conover, Hevia, Steketee

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of 2020-2021 Revised
Student Fees

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the 2020-2021 Revised School Fees as presented.

Ayes: Radogno, Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia, Steketee, Hoover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of 2021-2022 Student
Fees

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the 2021-2022 school fees as presented.

Ayes: Coyle, Marren, Conover, Hevia, Steketee, Hoover, Radogno

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Amendment to
Westway 2020-21 Contract

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the contract amendment with Westway Coach for 2020-21, as presented.

Ayes: Marren, Conover, Hevia Steketee, Hoover, Radogno, Coyle

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Amendment to
Sunrise 2020-21 Contract

This Motion was not presented at the meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Communications

Superintendent Carey gave an update on 21-22 school year registration for families. This year registration will take place online July 30-August 6.

FOIA

FOIA requests were shared with the Board.

Alliance Legislative Report

None at this time.

Update on Meeting
Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum
Updates

None at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Steketee would like to thank everyone for all the generous donations they received for Teacher Appreciation Week. She would also like to recognize the 5th graders at Manning.

Laura Coyle would like to congratulate all the graduates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment at this time.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Special CUSD 201 Board Meeting
May 20, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
WJHS - Media Center

WJHS 8th Grade Dance Carnival
May 21, 2021, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

WJHS 8th Graduation
May 24, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
Westmont High School Football Field

WHS Graduation
May 26, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Westmont High School Football Field

Last Day of School
May 27, 2021

CUSD 201 Board Meeting
June 22, 2021
Westmont Village Hall

CURRENT INFORMATION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Hoover, second by Ms. Radogno, to adjourn the May 18, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:23 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



Laura Coyle

President, Board of Education
School District 201
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois



Jessica Radogno

Secretary, Board of Education
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