

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

November 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL
CALL

On November 16, 2021, at 6:01 p.m., President Coyle called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

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

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.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues, student discipline, and collective bargaining.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

The Board entered closed session at 6:02 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
October 26, 2021

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Ms. Hoover, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

October 26, 2021
Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the October 26, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was given by Bill Rogalla, Elaine Rogalla, Ryan Horvath, Larissa Fetterly, Leesa Lance, Heather Franklin, Jeremy Hogan, Dana Hajak and Roxanne Engstrom.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of November 2021 Expenditure Report
3. Ratification of October 2021 Regular Payroll
4. Approval of Westmont High School Pool Rental with Academy Bullets
5. Approval of Renewal of Dental Insurance Plan

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Elementary Task Force Update

Lindsay Pietrzak, Principal, Manning Elementary School; Tim Wyller, Principal, Miller Elementary School; and Nadine Norris, Director of Technology, Teaching and Learning, presented, via PowerPoint, to the Board an update and recommendation from the Elementary Task Force.

Ms. Pietrzak started the presentation by discussing the “Why.”

- Examining the Status Quo
- The Why?
- Optimal Systems
- Programming
- Sustainability

Mr. Wyller continued the presentation discussing Equitable opportunities for all.

- Equity – Low Income
- Equity – English Learners
- Equity – Demographics

Superintendent Carey discussed the goal of the task force was to “examine various building configurations and bring two options to the Board in the Fall 2021.” They held four meetings and had 30 members including administration, staff, parents, future parents and community members. They came up with three different options. The three options are:

- Grade Level Centers
- One k-5 building
- Two traditional k-5 buildings

Superintendent Carey reviewed the strengths and challenges of each of the options.

Ms. Norris, reviewed the results of the survey.

The recommendation to the Board is the following:

- One k-5 building (keep current k-1 and 2-5 model in the interim)
 - Next Steps: Research feasibility of either build a new school or add on to an existing school to accommodate current and future needs.
- If one k-5 building is not feasible, keep current k-1 and 2-5 model in place.
 - Next Steps: Invest efforts into researching on k-5 building, develop transportation, plan for both building, build master schedule that connects both buildings, and align programs and build succinct transition plans to help students move from one building to another.

The Board discussed and asked questions regarding the presentation. The Board discussed how equity is the most important thing. Mr. Hevia asked for a clear direction on the recommendation.

Presentation of Monthly
Financial Statements - October

Ms. Anderson gave an update on the October financials to the Board. Her presentation included an update on revenues received from the state, including property taxes. She also gave an update of revenues and expenditures for the month of October in the Education & Tort Funds, Operations & Maintenance/Life Safety Funds, and Transportation Funds.

Tentative 2021 Tax Levy

Ms. Anderson presented to the Board via PowerPoint the 2021 tentative tax levy. She reviewed the following:

- Levy Process
- Levy Summary
- History of Past Levies
- Tax Rate History
- 2020 tax rate comparison
- Truth in Taxation

Update on the 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Carey presented to the Board an update on the 2021-2022 school year. He reviewed the following:

- Guiding Principles
- DuPage County
- Local Positivity Rates
- Staff Covid-19 Data
- Student Attendance Data – August 16- October 21
- CDC Transmission Levels
- Updated CDC, IDPH, ISBE Guidance
- If a School District Defies the Executive order...
- Reminders
- Testing
- Vaccine Clinic

Mask Metrics

Superintendent Carey and the Board revisited the topic of mask metrics. The Board would like to wait to discuss until we have more guidance from the state since this is a fluid situation.

School Calendar

Superintendent Carey shared with the Board the two options for the 2022-2023 school year calendar. The committee recommends Calendar A.

Emergency Days

Superintendent Carey shared with the Board information regarding emergency days and e-learning. If the District chooses to have e-learning days in lieu of emergency days, they need to hold a public hearing to establish e-learning days and the number of days they would like to use, up to five days. If the District chooses to have e-learning days on hand as an option, there usage would be decided by Mr. Carey as the situations arise.

2021 Illinois Association of School Boards

During the Joint Annual Conference the Board will have a representative, Angela Steketee, vote on the resolutions being presented.

Medical Insurance Renewal

Ms. Anderson reviewed the update regarding the medical insurance renewal and the increase in premiums. More research was done since the last meeting and Ms. Anderson worked with the broker. The insurance committee also met to discuss the change in premiums.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Non Certified Staff Salary Increases for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the non-certified salary increases for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Athletic Training Contract with DuPage Medical Group LTD (Duly Health and Care) for November 17, 2021 through July 31, 2024

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the athletic training contract with DuPage Medical Group LTD (Duly Health and Care) for November 17, 2021 through July 31, 2024 as presented, and allow Kimberly Anderson to execute the contract.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Authorization for Treasurer to Pay Additional November 2021 Bills

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay bills received in November 2021 for the 2022 fiscal year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Tentative 2021 Tax Levy

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Hevia, to approve the tentative 2021 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Change in WHS Graduation
Requirements

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the change in the Westmont High School graduation requirements starting the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

WHS New Course Proposals

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the new course proposals for AP Seminar and AP Research at Westmont High School, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of 2022-2023 School
Calendar

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar as recommended.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Medical Insurance
Plan

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the renewal of the medical insurance plan with a premium of 6.033%, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Holly Days Parade

The Board will meet at 4:15 for the Holly Days Parade.

Communications

None at this time.

FOIA	None at this time.
Alliance Legislative Update	None at this time.
Update on Meeting Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum	None at this time.
BOARD REPORTS	None at this time.
PUBLIC COMMENT	Public comment was given by Elaine Rogalla and Bill Rogalla.
FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS	<p>Westmont Junior High PTO Meeting November 17, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. Westmont Junior High</p> <p>PR Committee Meeting November 18, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. Westmont Junior High</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday November 24, 25, and 26, 2021 No School</p> <p>SIP DAY December 1, 2021 See your school for dismissal times.</p> <p>Lotteria/Candy Bingo Night - Sponsored by BPAC December 3, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. Location: TBD</p> <p>Westmont High School Band Craft Show December 4, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Westmont High School</p> <p>Holly Days Parade and Tree Lighting December 4, 2021 - 5:00 p.m. Downtown Westmont on Cass Avenue</p> <p>Elementary PTO and Committee Meeting December 6, 2021 - 6:00 p.m. Manning Elementary School</p> <p>Westmont Junior High School Choir/Band Concert December 7, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. Westmont High School</p> <p>WHS Winter Concert and Art Exhibition December 8, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.</p>

Westmont High School

School Board Meeting
December 14, 2021 - 6:00 p.m.
Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Steketee, to adjourn the November 16, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 10:42 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



Laura Coyle

President, Board of Education
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Jessica Radogno

Secretary, Board of Education
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