

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

March 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

On March 15, 2022, at 6:01 p.m. president Coyle called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

Roll Call

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

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 and student discipline

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

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

The Board returned to open session at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 22, 2022

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Hevia, to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

February 22, 2022
Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the February 22, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment given at this time

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of Ombudsman Contract
3. Approval of March 2022 Expenditure Report
4. Ratification of February 2022 Regular Payroll

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION AND INFORMATION

Miller Elementary School

Tim Wyller, Principal, Miller Elementary School, shared a presentation with the Board regarding some of the great changes they have made at Miller, and some of the new programs they have instituted. The presentation included the following:

- *"Play is the highest form of research"* Albert Einstein
- The Imagination Stations
 - What, Why, How, When???
 - High Structure + Fun = Success for ALL
 - Dolls/House, Playing School, Pretend Play, Writing, Dress Up/Pretend Play and AlphaBots, Legos, Measuring and Building, Puppets, Doll House
 - Change is GOOD!
 - Special Shout Out! – Mr. Wyller would like to thank Donna McCarthy and Stefanie Glitto for their hours and Creativity. He would also like to thank Karen Jagielo and Julie Spaargaren for their supervision of the kids in Imagination Station.

South School Early Childhood Program

- The Library Makerspace
 - Quotes from Mrs. Johnston, Media Specialist and Tracy Billie, Instructional Coach
 - Building and Problem Solving
 - Creating and Exploring
 - Collaborating and Asking Questions
- Kindergarten Carousel
 - What is the Carousel?
 - What does the Carousel Look Like?
 - Reading Comprehension
 - Writing
 - Math
 - Phonics
 - How Do Teachers Communicate Each Student's Needs?
 - Some Benefits
 - Happiness and Engagement! –
 - Feedback from the Kindergarten Team and a quote from Mrs. Billie
- Social and Emotional Learning “ALL 4 SEL”
 - Social Emotional Learning
 - 4 Main Skills – Skills for Learning, Empathy, Emotion Management, and Problem Solving
 - SEL in the Classroom
 - Thank You for Loving our Kiddos!!!

The Board discussed assessments with Mr. Wyller. Mrs. Hatteberg, Kindergarten Teacher, was asked by Ms. Steketee her thoughts on working as a team since for many years Ms. Hatteberg has been the only Kindergarten Teacher at Miller. Mrs. Hatteberg said she likes working as a team compared to being by herself. Mrs. Hatteberg thanked Mr. Wyller for supporting all the staff's ideas.

Strategic Plan Update

Nadine Norris, Director of Technology, Teaching, and Learning, shared with the Board an update on the Strategic Plan. Her presentation included the following:

- Information
- Timeline
- Strategic Plan Components
- Portrait of a Graduate
- Long Range Goals
- Critical Strategies for Action – How will goals be achieved
- Action Plan
- Questions

The Board asked Ms. Norris questions regarding the phrasing “on going” goals and what that means. They also discussed the accountability for the Strategic Plan. There was discussion of how the Board can be updated on the progress. The Board would like to see the Strategic Plan added to the website. Ms. Norris explained how they will always be adding to the plan and it is a live document.

2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Carey gave the Board an update on the 2021-2022 school year. There is a change in the way the county is reporting the metrics, so moving forward, the presentation will not have the same data to report. Superintendent Carey reviewed the following:

- Guiding Principles
- DuPage County
- Local Positivity Rates
- New Cases per 100,000
- Staff COVID-19 Data
- Student Attendance Data – August 16 – March 9
- Student Vaccination Status
- CDC Transmission Levels
- Testing
- Current Mitigations in Place
- Effective February 28
- Reminders

Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Kim Anderson, Business Manager, gave the Board an update on the February Financials. She reviewed the revenues and expenditures for the Education and Tort Funds, Operations and maintenance / Life Safety Funds, and the Transportation Funds.

IASB Webinar – Preparing for Negotiations.

Leah Conover recently attended a webinar through IASB about Preparing for Negotiations. This is a continuation of a discussion which was held at the February 22, 2022, regular Board meeting. The Board would like to see some of the timeline dates for negotiation to be included on the Board calendar.

ACTION ITEM:

Approval of the Authority for
Additional March 2022
Expenditures

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Adina Hoover, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay any bills received in March 2022 that have been budgeted for the 2022 fiscal year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of 2022-2023 Staffing
Plan

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the 2022-2023 staffing plan as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Honorable Dismissal of Teachers

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers Francisco Delgado, Kimberly Rosales, Meagan Seaver, Elizabeth Smith, and Cheryl Thompson, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Dismissal of Probationary
Teachers for Other Than RIF

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Conover, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of First Year Probationary Teacher Eileen Burel for Reasons Other than Reduction-In-Force, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Non-Renewal of Interim
Administrator

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Conover, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal of Assistant Principal's Contract and Dismissal as Probationary Teacher, Jeffrey Bernstein, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Continued
Employment of Non-Tenured
Teacher and Tenure
Recommendations

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the continued employment of non-tenured and tenured teachers, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Communications

On March 11, 2022, the District hosted a Realtor Fair. Superintendent Carey shared we had 51 real estate agents attend. The Administration Team presented a brag sheet for each school.

Pranav Viswanath, a student at Westmont High School, along with a group of WHS student leaders, organized a STEM Night with the goal of exposing students to STEM topics. The event had over 200 people in attendance.

Kindergarten registration will take place from March 23-25, April 4-8, and April 11-14, at Miller School. CUSD 201 offers both a full day and half day option, as well as bilingual.

The District was notified today that Jack Baldermann, Westmont High School Principal, has been selected as a finalist for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Leadership. Mr. Baldermann is one of six finalists nominated in Illinois.

FOIA

FOIA requests have been attached to BoardDocs for the Board to review.

Alliance Legislative Update

None at this time.

Update on Meeting
Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum

None at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Reports

Adina Hoover gave the Board an update on the PR Committee. They have projects they are currently working on, including a newsletter and an April 14 Blue Ribbon Event. The committee is always welcoming new people to come and take part.

Laura Coyle, would like to share the sincere regrets over the loss of WJHS student, Alex Buczkowski.

Laura Coyle would like to ask everyone to move forward and not work against each other.

Angela Steketee let everyone know Manning and Miller are collecting a "Sunshine Box" for Alex's family. Please reach out to the PTO for more information.

Adina Hoover reminded the Board, that the Board positions open every year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the community gave public comment.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

WJHS Musical

March 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

March 19, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

WJHS

Incoming Kindergarten Open House

March 22, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

Miller Elementary School

K-1 Open House

March 22, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

Miller Elementary House

CUSD 201 Fine Arts Night

March 23, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Westmont High School

Spring Break - No School

March 28, 2022 - April 1, 2022

Elementary PTO and Committee Meeting

April 4, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Manning Elementary School

WJHS PTO Meeting
April 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.
Westmont Junior High School

Preschool Screening
April 7, 2022
Please contact Student Services

International Night - Hosted by BPAC
April 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
Westmont Junior High School

CUSD 201 School Board Meeting
April 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Westmont Village Hall

COMMUNICATION

None at this time

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Ms. Conover, to adjourn the March 15, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:50 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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