

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

August 24, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL
CALL

On August 24, 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: Angela Steketee, Leah Conover, Adina Hoover, Jessica Radogno, Carlos Hevia, Laura Coyle, Kevin Marren

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Carey, Business Manager Kimberly Anderson, and the Superintendent's former Administrative Assistant Judy McMahon.

Pledge of Allegiance

Laura Coyle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Conover, to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues and collective bargaining.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

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

The Board returned to open session at 6:44 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 10, 2021

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Radogno, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

August 10, 2021
Closed Session

Motion by Ms Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the August 10, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Ratification of July 2021 Regular Payroll
3. Approval of August 2021 Expenditure Report
4. Approval of Student Tour Requests - Athletics

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Presentation of Monthly
Financial Statements

No report at this time.

Transportation

Ms. Anderson presented to the Board information regarding transportation and the elementary schools. Some of the obstacles the District is facing is the shortage of bus drivers and crossing guards. Ms. Anderson reviewed the Hazardous Crossing procedures and options. How the District and the Board would like to proceed will depend on how the elementary buildings are utilized next year; grade level centers or k-5 buildings. The options will also have to be weighed alongside the availability of busing for upcoming school years.

The District uses Andy Frain Services for crossing guards, but currently there are not enough crossing guards to fill some of the open positions created by the switch to grade level centers for the 2021-2022 school year. Kim Anderson and some of her business office staff are currently filling some of these vacancies. The District is looking for volunteers who would be willing to work some of the positions until Andy Frain Services has enough staff.

Update on the 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Carey gave an update to the Board regarding the 2021-2022 school year. The school year has opened on a high note. Board Members Adina Hoover and Angela Steketee attended the opening institute day for the staff. All staff wore matching polo shirts on the first day of school which were designed by two of our students. He would like to invite these two students to the next Board Meeting. Superintendent Carey shared a presentation with the Board which included the following information:

- Guiding Principles
- DuPage County Levels of Transmission.
- Local Positivity Rates
- CDC Transmission Levels
- Updated CDC, IDPH, ISBE Guidance
- If a School District Defies Executive Order...
- Shield Testing

Superintendent Carey also gave an update on the HVAC system at the junior high. The system issue is the cooling, not the airflow. The District is planning to make a significant investment into this next summer. The District is working on it to make it sustainable until next summer, but there is a challenge of getting parts. Currently with the heat wave, families have donated fans and classrooms are taking extra mask and water breaks.

Emergency Day Options

Superintendent Carey discussed the use of Emergency Day Options. A law was passed for schools to allow for e-learning on emergency days, for example, a snow day. The District was able to use e-learning last year because of Covid and the emergency order by the governor. Now that the order is lifted the School Board would have to submit an official plan and adopt a resolution to use e-learning instead of emergency days. The Board would like to know if there is a flexibility depending on how many days are needed. Superintendent Carey will provide more information and continue the conversation with the Board.

Board Protocols Regarding Community Email

Ms. Coyle requested this item on the agenda. The Board had had a lot of sensitive issues on the Board Table and there will continue to be. She stated it is important for community members to reach out to the Board. Ms. Coyle encourages the Board to not reply to messages which have threats, disparaging remarks, or that have already been addressed by the Board or Mr. Carey. Mr. Carey and Ms. Coyle will reply to these emails.

Board PR Committee Update

Ms. Hoover shared that the Board will use social media to promote the District, but wanted to know any concerns since this is a newly seated Board. Ms. Hoover has asked Ms. Steketee to address her plan. Ms. Steketee shared she is currently using Instagram to promote the District but will not allow comments. The Board would like to make sure this does not solely become a Board member responsibility but a District responsibility.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of tentative 2021-2022
Budget

Kim Anderson, Business Manager, CSBO, shared some information about the revenues, expenditures, and salaries for the 2021-2022 school year. The tentative budget will be on public display at the CUSD 201 Administrative Office. A legal notice of this budget will be published in the local paper on August 26, 2021. The Public Hearing & Final budget adoption will be on September 28, 2021.

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the tentative 2021-2022 budget as presented and that said budget will be available for public inspection in the District's Business Office from August 25, 2021, until Board adoption on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of WTA Contract

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the Agreement between the Westmont Teachers' Association and the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 201 for the period beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 20, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT

Communications

The fall athletic season has started for Westmont Junior High. The football season kicks off this week, and our first home game will be September 10, 2021. Some

Some of our TA's have received full time teaching positions in other districts, so we are in need of TA's to join our team.

FOIA

FOIA requests have been added the agenda for your review.

Alliance Legislative Report

None at this time.

Update on Meeting
Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum
Updates

None at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Elementary PTO and Committee Meeting
August 30, 2021
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Westmont High School - Back to School Night/Open House
September 1, 2021
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

5th Grade Band Information Night (Tentative)
September 2, 2021
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

No School - Labor Day
September 6, 2021

WJHS PTO Meeting
September 8, 2021
7:30 p.m.

WJHS Curriculum Night
September 9, 2021
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

CUSD 201 Board Meeting
September 14, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

Not needed at this time.

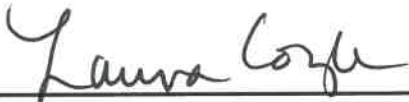
COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Steketee, to adjourn the August 24, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:44 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laura Coyle", written over a horizontal line.

Laura Coyle

President, Board of Education
School District 201

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jessica Radogno", written over a horizontal line.

Jessica Radogno

Secretary, Board of Education
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