

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

November 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

On November 15, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. President Hoover called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

Roll Call

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

Leah Conover entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.
Carlos Hevia arrived at the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Adina Hoover led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSED SESSION

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

Ayes: Coyle, Steketee, Marren, Radogno, Hoover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

The Board entered closed session at 6:01 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 25, 2022

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

October 25, 2022
First Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Coyle, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the October 25, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

October 25, 2022
Second Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the second closed session of the October 25, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

November 8, 2022

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2022, special meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

November 8, 2022
Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the November 8, 2022, special meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

November 9, 2022

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022, special meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**November 9, 2022
Closed Session**

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the November 9, 2022, special meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None 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 November 2022 Expenditure Report
3. Ratification of October 2022 Regular Payroll
4. Renewal of Vision and Dental Insurance
5. Renewal of Life//AD&D and Long-Term Disability

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Westmont High School Update

Jack Baldermann, Principal, Westmont High School, gave a presentation to the Board regarding the high school. Mr. Baldermann reviewed some of the many awards and accolades the high school has received over the years. He also shared information on the improvement in the graduation rates along with the improvement in the suspension data. Mr. Baldermann attributes all of the high school's success to the wonderful students and staff at the high school. Dr Weck, Dean of Students, shared information on the current truancy data. He attributes low truancy numbers to the staff of Westmont High School; the students trust the staff and feel welcomed in the building. Ms. Laura Lopez, Assistant Principal, introduced herself to the Board.

In addition to administration, WHS teachers, Marc Delisle and Anna Jakubowski, also shared positive feedback about the high school and the success it is having. They discussed the collaboration of teachers and collective teacher efficacy.

Westmont High School Student, Josh Graham, shared with the

Board what he sees in the positive teacher student relationships at the high school. Students Defne Barkan and Ella Kalinski, shared about the successful partnership the high school has with Peoples Resource Center. Ms. Barkan and Ms. Kalinski serve on the Junior Board of PRC, which was established with the help of high school administrators and PRC.

Illinois School Report Card

Superintendent Carey shared a presentation, State of the District, with the Board regarding the Illinois School Report Card. The data was released at the end of October. Information presented included the following:

- District Finances
- Student Demographic Data
- Westmont High School Class of 2022
- 5Essentials Survey (results for Manning, Miller, WJHS, WHS)
- IAR Data (Manning and WJHS)
- WHS SAT Data
- CUSD 201 Equity Journey
- CUSD 201 Accomplishments
- CUSD 201 Best Practices
- Next Steps

Tentative 2022 Tax Levy

Anthony Ruelli, CSBO, presented the tentative tax levy to the Board. The levy is something done every year at this time. Mr. Ruelli's presentation included the following:

- Tax Levy Adoption Cycle
- Key Terms
- Sources of Revenue-FY2022-23 Budget
- 2022 Levy Calculation
- CUSD 201 EAV History
- CUSD 201 New Property History
- CPI History
- Summary of All Funds
- CUSD 201 Tax Bill Example

Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements- September and October 2022

Mr. Ruelli gave the Board a summary of revenue received and expenditures for the month October. Additional documents are attached in BoardDocs for the Boards review.

Medical Insurance Renewal

On October 24, 2022, the Insurance Committee met to discuss the insurance options and rates for the next year. There will be a 13.9% increase next year.

IASB Resolutions

Every year during the IASB Tri-Conference school board representatives get together to review resolutions going through the IASB. Angela Steketee, is our school Board representative for the Tri-Conference. She asks the Board if they have any feedback regarding the resolutions being presented. There are no items to discuss.

Mr. Hevia entered the meeting at 8:40. He did not participate in the action items being presented.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Tentative 2022 Tax Levy

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the Tentative 2022 Tax Levy, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Authorization for Treasurer to Pay Additional November 2022 Bills

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Conover, to authorize and direct the treasurer to pay bills received in November 2022 for the 2023 fiscal year.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Authorization to Pay Taxi Bills for the 2022 Fiscal Year

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to authorize and direct the treasurer to pay taxi bills as they are received for fiscal year 2022-23, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Authorization Approving Emergency Expenditure of Funds for Special Education Transportation with aurora Naper Transportation, AM Regional Taxi, American Taxi, and Downers Grove Taxi

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the Resolution for the emergency expenditure of funds for Special Education Transportation with Aurora Naper Transportation, AM Regional Taxi, American Taxi, and Downers Grove Taxi, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Renewal of Medical Insurance Plan

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the medical insurance renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield at a 13.90% increase effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approve Change in WHS Graduation Requirements

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the change in WHS graduation requirement starting with the 2023-2024 school year by removing the specific 0.25 credit swim requirement, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approve WHS New Course Proposals

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the new Westmont High School course proposals of AP African American Studies, AP Precalculus, and Personal Wellness, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approve WHS Course Name Change Proposal

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Coyle, to approve the name changes for the English courses at Westmont High School, as presented.

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

Nays; None.

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Holly Days Festival

December 3, 2022, is the Holly Days Festival in downtown Westmont. The parade starts at 5:00 p.m. Any Board members who would like to walk in the parade should meet at Manning by 4:15 p.m.

Communications

Superintendent Carey acknowledged it was School Board Member Day. He would like to extend his appreciation to the Board for all their work and thank them for putting students first.

FOIA

There are no FOIA requests 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

None at this time.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Superintendent Search Focus Group
November 21, 5:15 p.m.
Westmont Junior High School

No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 23- November 25

Elementary PTO Holiday Shop
November 18, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
November 19, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.
Miller Elementary School

WHS Band Craft Show
December 3, 9:00 - 4:00
Westmont High School

Elementary PTO Meeting
December 5, 7:00 p.m.
Manning

WJHS Combined Choral and Band Concert
December 6, 7:00 p.m.
Westmont High School

SIP DAY - Early Dismissal
December 7, 2022

WHS Fine Arts Exhibit and Concert
December 7, 2022 6:30 p.m.
Westmont High School

CUSD 201 Board Meeting
December 13, 6:00 p.m.
Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Ms. Conover, to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues and student discipline.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Jessica Radogno exited the meeting at 8:40 p.m. She did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

The Board entered closed session at 8:40 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Board returned to open session at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

None at this time.

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Coyle, to adjourn the November 15, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:53 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



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