

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

March 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

On March 21, 2023, at 6:02 p.m. President Hoover called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

Roll Call

Members present: Adina Hoover, Kevin Marren, Leah Conover, Carlos Hevia, Jessica Radogno

Angela Steketee arrived at 6:03 p.m.

Members absent: Laura Coyle

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

Pledge of Allegiance

President Hoover 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, student discipline, and collective bargaining.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

The Board moved to closed session at 6:03 p.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
February 28, 2023**

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Education, as amended.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**February 28, 2023
Closed Session**

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the February 28, 2023, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

March 14, 2023

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023, special meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**March 14, 2023
Closed Session**

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Mr. Hevia, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the March 14, 2023, special meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals spoke during public comment: Dan Finlayson, Dana Hajak, Sonia Lopez, Tracy Lopez, Carly Mandschean, Leesa Lance, and Kerry O'Connor.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of Ombudsman Contract
3. Approval of March 2023 Expenditure Report
4. Ratification of February 2023 Regular Payroll
5. Approval of IHSA Membership

Ayes: Marren, Steketee, Hevia, Hoover, Conover

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION
Miller Elementary School

Tim Wyller, Principal, shared a presentation with the Board about Miller school. His presentation featured the following topics:

- FUNdations
- Kindergarten – Guided Reading Pilot
- Pilot Criteria
- Mrs. Hatteberg’s Guided Reading
- Ms. Powell’s Guided Reading
- Mrs. Stancy’s Guided Reading
- Mr. Werkema’s Guided Reading
- Weekly Data Talk – Team Meetings
- Data Celebration!
- After School Club Opportunities
- Staff Sponsored Clubs: Book Club, STEM/Coding Club, Agriculture Club
- Miller Learning Labs
- Grade Level Specials Day
- Community Connections and Volunteerism.

Mr. Wyller, the kindergarten staff, and a few Miller students shared a FUNdations lesson with the Board. In addition, they reviewed the highlights of their reading data.

Transportation Update

Anthony Ruelli, CSBO, gave the Board an update on transportation for the District. He reviewed the following:

- Recap
- Bid Progress
- Additional Special Education Services
- Routing Process
- How are routes formed?
- Issues with routing
- Solutions
- Selection Process
- Who can ride regular transportation?
- Issues with current Selection Process
- Action Plan
- Questions?

Board member, Jessica Radogno, exited the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

RFP Audit Firm

The District has been notified by Miller, Cooper & Company that they will no longer be able to conduct our audit for the 2022-2023 fiscal year because of CPA shortages and layoffs. The District must comply with the state regulations and have an audit service. The District did post a Request for Proposals to be held on April 18, 2023. It will be presented for approval to the Board on April 25, 2023.

Illinois Gas Cooperative

Mr. Ruelli, CSBO, shared the District has participated in Vanguard Energy Services Managed Price Program for over 25 years. Mr. Ruelli recommends we become part of the Illinois Gas Cooperative (IGC), established in 1988. The Illinois Gas Cooperative is a school-based energy-buying cooperative. The District could save approximately \$6,000 annually. This recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval later in the meeting.

Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements – January 2023

Anthony Ruelli, CSBO, gave the Board an update on the finances for the month of February. He reviewed revenue and expenses. At this time the District has spent 62.89% of budget.

Public Relations Committee Update

Dr. Jamie Max, Director of Public Relations, gave the Board an update on PR. Currently the District is working on a community wide newsletter which will go out this spring. We are looking at ways within the District to highlight employees. The next Public Relations Committee Meeting will be held on April 17, 2023. Community members are invited to attend.

Financial Committee Update

Anthony Ruelli, CSBO, reviewed the updates from the Financial Committee Meeting. They are currently discussing topics being presented to the Board including: transportation, auditing services, energy cooperative, and many other financial matters. The community is invited to attend all meetings.

Jessica Radogno exited the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS**Approval of Illinois Gas Cooperative**

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement to Establish the Illinois Gas Cooperative, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Hevia, Hoover, Conover, Marren

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of the Authority for Additional March 2023 Expenditures

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay any bills received in March 2023 that have been budgeted for the 2023 fiscal year.

Ayes: Hevia, Hoover, Conover, Marren Steketee

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Assistance

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Mr. Hevia, to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Assistance Response, as presented.

Ayes: Hevia, Conover, Hoover, Marren Steketee

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of SASSED Board of Control Resolution

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the SASSED Board of Control Resolution Approving the Proposed Amendments to the SASSED Articles of Joint Agreement, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Marren, Conover, Hoover, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of WTA Contract

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the Agreement between the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 201 and the Westmont Teachers Association for the period beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2027, as presented.

Ayes: Conover, Marren, Steketee, Hevia, Hoover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Honorable Dismissal and Reduction in Hours of Teachers

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Reduction in Hours of Bridget Gilmartin, as presented.

Ayes: Marren, Steketee, Hevia, Hoover, Conover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Honorable Dismissal of Teachers

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers, ill Jackson, Laura Joy, and Sara Payne, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Hevia, Hoover, Conover, Marren

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Dismissal of Probationary Teachers for Other Than RIF

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of First-Year Probationary Teacher John Cortez; Second-Year Probationary Teachers Lesley Amor and Elizabeth Smith for Reasons Other than Reduction-in-Force, as presented.

Ayes: Hevia, Hoover, Conover, Marren, Steketee

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

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

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

Ayes: Hevia, Hoover, Conover, Marren, Steketee

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Sunrise Contract

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the one-year contract extension for special education transportation with Sunrise Southwest, LLC., for July 2023- June 2024, as presented.

Ayes: Hevia Hoover, Conover, Marren, Steketee

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT**

Communications

Superintendent Carey would like to remind parents to complete the 5Essentials Survey. The survey will close on March 31, 2023. Also, election day is April 4, 2023.

FOIA

None at this time

**Update on Meeting
Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum**

None at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

Ms. Steketee announced there are still a handful of tickets available for the jubilee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

**FUTURE
MEETINGS/EVENTS**

District Fine Arts Night
March 22, 6:30 p.m.
Westmont High School

Spring Break - No School
March 27 -March 31

Elementary PTO Night
April 3, 6:00 p.m.
Westmont Junior High School

No School
April 7 and April 10

CUSD 201 Board Meeting
April 11, 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. Stekete, to adjourn the March 21, 2023, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 9:18 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



Adina Hoover

President, Board of Education
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Angela Stekete

Secretary, Board of Education
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