

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

October 25, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

On October 25, 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: Leah Conover, Kevin Marren, Angela Steketee, Adina Hoover, Laura Coyle, Jessica Radogno

Members absent: Carlos Hevia

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

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

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

The Board returned to open session at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 11, 2022

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Coyle, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**October 11, 2022
Closed Session**

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the October 11, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of October 2022 Expenditure Report
3. Ratification of September 2022 Regular Payroll
4. Approval of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

**Presentation of Monthly
Financial Statements – August
2022**

Anthony Ruelli, CSBO, gave the Board an update on the August 2022 Financials. His update included information on funds we have received from property taxes and adjusted interest revenue. On November 14, 2022, there will be a Finance Committee meeting that community members are invited to attend.

**Change in WHS Graduation
Requirement**

Superintendent Carey explained to the Board the request from Westmont High School to change the requirement in PE. WHS is requesting the swim requirement be changed to just a PE requirement. The Board has been discussing recent options with the pool and the high school is trying to be proactive in case the pool is not available moving forward. The change in graduation requirement will be presented for Board approval at the November 15, 2022 Board meeting.

WHS New Course Proposals

Westmont High School is proposing three new courses starting next year. None of the proposed classes would create an increase in FTE. The first course is a Personal Wellness course to be offered as a PE credit. This course would give students an additional option in case we do not have a pool. The Board has requested more information on course content in regards to how

this will differentiate between health class. The second course being proposed is AP Calculus. This course would benefit those students who are looking for AP credit in math, but are not necessarily going into an engineering or STEM career. The third new course is AP African American Studies. This opportunity would fall under social studies and be an opportunity for students to study history through a different lens.

All three courses will be presented at the November 15, 2022 Board meeting for approval.

WHS Course Name Change Proposal

Currently the English courses at the high school are all named to correlate to a student's year in school. The high school is requesting to change them to start with English 1 with the other titles to follow suit in consecutive order. Many times, we have students of different grade levels enrolled in an English class and we do not want them to feel embarrassed or left out because the title does not correlate to their grade. This name change request will be presented at the November 15, 2022 meeting for approval.

2023-2024 Calendar

At the October 11, 2022 Board meeting two calendars were presented to the Board for the 23-24 school year. The Board had some additional questions regarding the start dates and the justification behind them. Superintendent Carey addressed their concerns of starting earlier. He explained students would have more class time before state testing in the spring. This would also allow for our younger students to start with a shorter week while they get acclimated to the new school year. The Board will vote on the calendar this evening.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the 2023-2024 School Calendar

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Coyle, to approve calendar option B for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Athletic Bus Purchase

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to accept the bid from Central States Bus, Inc. and purchase the athletic bus, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Communications

The District is currently putting together a survey regarding conferences and parents and staff preferences.

The Board should have received Board resolutions being presented at the Joint Annual Conference held in November. Please review them so they can be discussed at the November 15, 2022 meeting.

FOIA

FOIA requests have been attached in BoardDocs.

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

WHS Fine Arts Cafe
October 26, 7:00 p.m.
WHS Commons

Pre-School Screening (Please call for an appointment)
November 4, 8:00 a.m.

WHS Fall Play - CLUE High School Edition
Tickets can be purchased on line or at the door
November 4 and 5, 7:00 p.m.
WHS Auditorium

Elementary PTO Night
November 7, 7:00
Manning

Finance Committee Meeting
November 14, 4:00 p.m.
South School

CUSD 201 Board Meeting
November 15, 6:00 p.m.
Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Conover, to enter closed session to discuss the superintendent search.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The Board entered closed session at 6:56 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:24 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Mr. Marren, to adjourn the October 25, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:26 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



Adina Hoover

President, Board of Education
School District 201
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Angela Steketee

Secretary, Board of Education
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