

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

September 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER
Pledge of Allegiance

On September 8, 2020, at 6:03 p.m., President Joel Price called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Joel Price, Laura Coyle, Dana Strohmaier, Gary Armstrong, Leah Conover, Adina Hoover, Jessica Radogno

Absent: None

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Carey (via Zoom), Business Manager Kimberly Anderson, and the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant Shannon Cossairt

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Hoover, to enter closed session at 6:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, and sale or lease of property.

Ayes: Coyle, Strohmaier, Armstrong, Conover, Hoover, Radogno, Price

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 6:57 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
August 25, 2020

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Coyle, Armstrong, Price, Conover, Hoover, Radogno, Strohmaier

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

August 25, 2020, First Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Strohmaier, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the August 25, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Coyle, Armstrong, Price, Conover, Hoover, Radogno, Strohmaier

Nays: None

Motion Carried

August 25, 2020, Second Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Hoover, to approved the minutes of the second closed session of the August 25, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Coyle Armstrong, Price, Conover, Hoover, Radogo, Strohmaier

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment was presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Appointment of Hearing Officer
3. Appointment of Nondiscrimination Coordinators/Complaint Manager

Ayes: Strohmaier, Armstrong Conover, Hoover, Radogno, Price, Coyle

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Crisis Plan

Superintendent Carey shared with the Board that every summer the Administrators, the Fire Department, and the Police Department review the plans and drills from the previous year and what needs to be improved. Although the drills are practiced with the staff and students each year, the district does not make the plans available to the public. At this time the state has not suspended drills, even for schools in remote learning. The buildings will need to schedule them once students and staff are back in the building.

Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the monthly financial statements as of June 30, 2020, that included the following reports:

- Lunch Report
- Student Activity Balance
- Statement of Position
- Fund Balance Summary
- Investments
- Budget Comparison
- Budget Evaluation
- Fund Balance Summary 6.30.20 with Designations

Ms. Anderson shared with the Board the Hackbrush fund although in the Ed Fund, needs to be kept separately. Mr. Armstrong asked if there would continue to be an oversight committee for the Hackbrush Fund. Currently the committee consists of Superintendent Carey, High School Principal Balderman, Ms. Erazamus, teacher, and Ms. Mahmoud, teacher. If a member of the board would like to join the committee they can do so. Any expenditures from the Hackbrush fund would be presented to the Board for approval.

Covid-19 Protocols

Ms. Strohmaier had asked at the August 25, 2020 meeting to address having documented Covid-19 Protocols. We would need to be flexible because guidelines are constantly changing. Superintendent Carey states we currently have procedures in place for cleaning and if staff tests positive. There is a discussion to put into place something public on the website that would cover all Covid-19 policies so parents were aware.

Student Attendance

Superintendent Carey shares the current attendance from the different schools. It is comparable to the past. Engagement will be presented at the next board meeting. Buildings are having to allow some flexibility for some families and their circumstances. Attendance is being taken at the different Zoom meetings.

Update of 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent Carey presented a slide show to the Board. He reviewed the following topics:

- Restore Illinois Plan
- Guiding Principles
- IDPH Transmission Levels
- Instructional Models
- Transition
- As We Consider Our Transition
- Parents Need To Be Aware
- Decision Drivers

Every Friday the DCPH is sharing with school districts what the

transmission levels are with the metrics they are using. The district will share it with the school community. It should be noted the data is always a week behind. If the New Cases bump above 100 per 100,000 we would move from Moderate to Substantial. In addition, if the Weekly Test Positivity Rate moves above 8%, we would move to Substantial Rate.

Conversation between the Board and Superintendent Carey ensues regarding the presentation and the challenges we face. There are challenges being a unit district but they are working with Unions in discussing these challenges and working to find a comfort level. There are perceived inequities when you have staff at different levels. The schools are currently allowing small groups in the building and it is allowing the district to test protocols.

More discussion ensued regarding the new survey results, pivoting from in person to remote throughout the school year and how the metrics would apply, and synchronous versus asynchronous learning, .

WJHS Fine Arts

Superintendent Carey explained Mr. Jonak has shared a letter with the board and that band is a priority. At the time the previous teacher resigned there was no warning and the junior high school was trying to get remote learning started. Mr. Jonak will be hiring a new band director.

Policy First Reading

The Policy Committee met and made some revisions to the policy. Tonight the policy changes are available for the first reading. The policy will be presented for the second reading at the September 22, 2020 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Waiver of Swim Class
Graduation Requirement for the
2020-2021 School Year

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Coyle, to approve the local CUSD 201 quarter Swim Class graduation requirement be waived for students who were scheduled to take it during the 2020-2021 school year.

Ayes: Armstrong, Conover, Hoover, Radogno, Price, Coyle, Strhomaier

Nays: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT
Enrollment Update

Motion Carried.

Superintendent Carey provided the 6th Day Enrollment report to the Board. Currently the numbers are a little bit lower and some

Communications of it can be attributed to students who have opted for homeschooling or transferring to a private school.

FOIA Request Superintendent Carey had a calendar of dates for the different Board Committees.

Alliance Legislative Report A recently received FOIA request was shared with the Board of Education.

Update on Meeting Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum Nothing at this time.

BOARD REPORTS Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT Ms. Strohmaier is very happy with the updated plan to the USDA Food Policy. All families enrolled in CUSD 201, with students under the age of 18 are eligible for meals. The staff did an excellent job.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS None at this time.

Westmont Junior High School Picture Day (Gym)
September 9, 2020 - 4:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m.
Westmont Junior High

Westmont Junior High School Back to School Night
September 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Westmont Junior High

Westmont Junior High School, Virtual PTO Meeting
September 9, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Westmont Junior High School, Virtual Curriculum Night
September 10, 2020, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Miller Virtual Curriculum Night Q/A
September 15, 2020. 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.

School Board Meeting
September 22, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

The Board agreed Closed Session was not needed at this time. The personnel issue being discussed would carry over to the next meeting.


COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Coyle to adjourn the regular September 8, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education at 8:54 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



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