

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

October 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

On October 13, 2020 at 6:02 p.m., President Price called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Laura Coyle

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Carey, 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 the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 7:06 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Price led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
September 22, 2020

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Strohmaier, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

September 22, 2020, First
Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the September 22, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

September 24, 2019, Second
Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mrs. Hoover, to approve the minutes of the second closed session of the September 22, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mrs. Coyle, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Personnel Recommendations

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION
ITEMS

Village of Westmont Storm
Management

Village of Westmont, Village Manager, Steve May, joined via Zoom to discuss working with the Board to use some of the land on the north east corner of Linden and Norfolk for water drainage. The plan would include a dry bottom basin to hold the overflow of rain water which currently floods the street and the lot which the district owns. The land is currently used by

Manning School for recess and gym activities. The board raised questions and concerns on how this would impact the area for the children when they go out to play, including the increase of bugs, safety, and the time for the area to dry after a rain. Ms. Strohmaier proposed creating a subcommittee. No decision on the land was made at this time.

First Quarter Grade Reports

Principal, Lindsay Pietrzak, Manning School gave the Board an update on Standards Based Grading which is used at both Manning and Miller. Her presentation included the following information:

- The “Why”
- Review of our progression
- 2020-2021 School Year
 - Impacts of Covid 19
 - Teacher focus for the 1st semester
- Ongoing Communication
 - Tools for Feedback, Grades, and Reporting
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 - Example of OTUS Report
 - Example of OTUS Gradebook
- Fall and Spring Conferences
 - Essential questions we should focus on
 - Articles
- Questions?

Update on the 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent Carey would like to thank all the staff and families for the hard work and effort as we transitioned to the Hybrid Model. Hybrid is going well but there are some things that will need to be adjusted. Data is being kept and was shared with the Board in regards to the number of students and staff and Covid related absences.

Deficit Reduction Planning

At the September 22, 2020 meeting the Board had asked questions regarding deficit spending and how to reduce it. Superintendent Carey presented some information to answer some of their questions. The information presented included:

- The Why
- Expenditures
- Revenue

- Fund Balance Projections
- Deficit Reduction Planning
 - Revenues
 - Expenditures
 - Staffing

If the district does not make changes and we stay on the same path we would be at deficit spending in 2023-2024. Building budgets have already been reduced. For school districts it comes down to staffing. We are a service organization not revenue driven and currently expenditures are outpacing revenue.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of WESPA Contract

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the WESPA Contract, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of WCMA Contract

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Strohmaier, to approve the negotiated agreement between the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education and Westmont Custodial and Maintenance Association (WCMA) for the contract 2019-2020 through 2021-2022, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S

REPORT

Communications

Superintendent Carey reported parent teacher conferences are going to be held via Zoom. Parents may make an appointment using Skyward or contacting the school directly.

The IASB Virtual Summit will be held on November 20, 2020. Board members who would like to attend should contact Shannon Cossairt, to register.

FOIA Request

A recently received FOIA request was shared with the Board of

Alliance Legislative Report

Education.

Update on Meeting
Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum

None at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

All documents were shared with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Price reminded everyone to vote and to fill out the Census.

FUTURE
MEETINGS/EVENTS
Upcoming Meetings and Events

None at this time.

WJHS PTO Meeting
October 14, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences
October 22, 2020 – 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
October 23, 2020 – 8:00 p.m. – 11:00 a.m.

No School
October 23, 2020

CLOSED SESSION

Board Meeting
October 27, 2020 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mrs. Strohmaier, to enter closed session at 9:10 p.m. discuss personnel issues, collective bargaining, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

At 9:23 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Conover to adjourn the regular October 13, 2020, meeting of the Board of Education at 9:24 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

Joel Price
President, Board of Education
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Dana Strohmaier
Secretary, Board of Education
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