

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

October 27, 2020

- CALL TO ORDER . On October 27, 2020 at 6:03 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, Gary Armstrong, Leah Conover, Adina Hoover, Jessica Radogno, Laura Coyle
- Members absent: Dana Strohmaier
- Also present: Superintendent Kevin Carey, Business Manager Kimberly Anderson, and the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant Shannon Cossairt.
- CLOSED SESSION Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Conover, to enter closed session at 6:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, sale or lease of property and the Superintendent's evaluation.
- Ayes: Coyle , Armstrong, Conover, Hoover, Radogno, Price
- Nays: None.
- Motion carried.
- OPEN SESSION At 7:05 p.m., the Board returned to open session.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mr. Price led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 27, 2020 Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Coyle, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education as presented.
- Ayes: Coyle, Armstrong, Conover, Hoover, Radogno, Price
- Nays: None.
- Motion carried.

October 27, 2020, First Closed Session

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Radogno, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the October 27, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

October 27, 2019, Second Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Mrs. Hoover, to approve the minutes of the second closed session of the October 27, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following community member spoke during public comment: Melanie Sleeper

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of October 2020 Expenditure Report
3. Ratification of September 2020 Regular Payroll
4. Renewal of Medical and Dental Insurance Plans with Blue Cross Blue Shield
5. Renewal of Life/AD&D and Long Term Disability Insurance with Dearborn National
6. Renewal of vision Insurance with EyeMed

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

## DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

### Update on the 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent Carey gave a presentation to review and update the Board on the school year. The slides included:

- Restore Illinois Plan
- Guiding Principles
- CUSD 201 Decision Making
- DCHD Transmission Levels
- DuPage County COVID-19 School Metrics Guidance
- DuPage County Covid-19 School Metrics for the week of 10/4/200-10/10/2020
- DuPage County Covid-19 School Metrics for the week of 10/11/2020-10/17/2020
- Student Attendance Data-Since October 5
- Staff Covid-19 Data
- Additional Information from the DCHD

Superintendent Carey explained we were at the Moderate level when we transitioned to hybrid. The District is using the DCHD metrics, and last Monday, October 19, 2020, the number of new cases per 100,000 increased and, three of the six categories had moved to Substantial. The DCHD data shows an increase in school children testing positive. Not all students in our district take a Covid test because they can opt for remote learning. Additionally, we have to consider the number of staff who have tested positive or can't self-certify to enter the building. The District followed through with the information given to the community and the use of the DCHD metrics regarding pivoting from hybrid to remote. The Board suggested maybe we need to revisit the protocols we currently have to accommodate the changing situation of the metrics and the pivoting from remote to hybrid.

### Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements-July

Business Manager, Kim Anderson summarized the Financial Statements for the month of July. The District received \$60,000 from the State in the month of July. There are \$178,000 in fiscal year 2020 payments and \$1,950 in fiscal year 2021 payments vouchered but not released. In the month of July we also received two installments of the tax levy in the amount of \$694,000 dollars. Total property taxes collected at the end of

July were \$13,200,000 which is 53.45% collection rate. This is comparable to the past two years. Covid-19 continued to have an impact on the financial condition of the District as well as the state and national economy. Spending this year will be skewed this whole year because of the pandemic. We will not see the same type of expenditures, for example transportation.

#### Presentation of the Monthly Financial Statements-August

Business Manager, Kim Anderson summarized the Financial Statements for the month of August. The District received \$312,000 from the State. We did receive one large installment, a little over \$2,000,000, from the 2019 tax levy. We are at a 61.9% collection rate for property taxes. We are down from the prior two years, this is because of the timing of the tax receipts has changed dramatically. This impacts revenues in the Ed and Tort funds. We did received a \$4000 grant for equipment and supplies related to our Food Service operations. Francesca Canzoneri applied for the grant and received money which will help with meal delivery.

#### Presentation of the Monthly Financial Statements-September

Business Manager, Kim Anderson summarized the Financial Statements for the month of September. The District received \$128,000 from the State in the month of September. There are \$3,000 of the fiscal year 20 payments and \$220,000 of fiscal year 2021 payments vouchered but not received. We received two installments of the 2019 tax levy this month totaling \$8,000, 000. We are at a 94.45% collection rate for the property taxes. Compared to the last two years we are now back on track. We are still impacted by the pandemic. Ms. Anderson explained the Lunch Report to the Board. Ms. Anderson explained the Lunch Report. Currently, expenditures exceed revenues for a couple of reasons. One reason for this is the District shifted to a different meal program and a different reimbursement program. Also, we are not providing meals for as many kids as we typically do when students are in school. Our labor costs are greater than what we are receiving revenue for. The district will need to look at what they can do to offset this.

#### Strategic Plan

Superintendent Carey shared with the board that he would like to move forward with the Strategic Planning after it was put on hold because of Covid. He would like to get a survey out to the schools and have the data collected to present to the Board at the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Additional Discussion Item  
Public Comment

Board Member Leah Conover would like to discuss the policy regarding Public Comment during times of a pandemic and if we should adjust the policy. She had concerns there may have been confusion during the pandemic if people could submit public comment via email or had to come in person.

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT  
Student Recognition

Mr. Carey passed around a signup sheet of various student recognition events. Board members had the opportunity to sign up for events they would like to attend.

Communications

Superintendent Carey informed the Board the State Report Card will be released on October 30 and will be shared at the November 17, 2020 meeting. The preliminary data looks good but cannot be shared until then. It will be a little bit different since there was no state testing in the spring.

Superintendent Carey would also like to remind everyone to do their part to slow the spread of the virus.

FOIA Request

A recently received FOIA request was shared with the Board of Education in the agenda.

Alliance Legislative Report

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  
Upcoming Meetings and Events

Manning PTO Meeting  
November 2, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

No School  
November 3, 2020

Westmont Junior High School, PTO Meeting  
November 11, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

Westmont High School - Senior Pictures  
November 12, 16, and 17, 2020 - 3:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting  
November 17, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.  
Westmont Village Hall

CLOSED SESSION

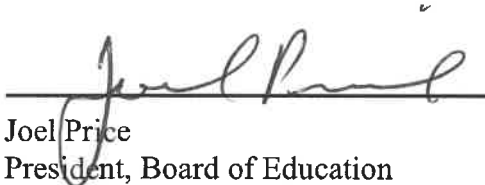
The Board agrees no closed session is need at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to adjourn the  
October 27, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education.



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