

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

November 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

On November 17, 2020, at 6:01 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, Laura Coyle, Dana Strohmaier, Gary Armstrong, Leah Conover, Adina Hoover, Jessica Radogno

Members Absent: None

Dana Strohmaier entered the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Carey, Business Manager Kimberly Anderson, and the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant Shannon Cossairt.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ms. Hoover, second by Ms. Coyle, to enter closed session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, student discipline, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

At 7:01 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Price led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 27, 2020, Regular
Minutes

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Strohmaier, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Abstentions: None

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

October 27, 2020, Closed Session

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

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

Abstentions:

Nays: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ms. Conover, Second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of November 2020 Expenditure Report
3. Ratification of October 2020 Regular Payroll
4. Approval of AFR Shared Services or Outsourcing Requirement Report
5. Approval of Board Travel Expenses

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION Presentation of Fiscal Year 2020 Audit

Susan Jones, CPA, MBA, with Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd., presented the Board the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), which can be viewed online via Board Docs. Ms. Jones went through the CAFR with the Board and explained what the different sections of the CAFR are and some highlights.

- The Certificate of Excellence the District received for the 2019 CAFR. The District intends to submit again for the 2020 CAFR.
- Pages 1-4 Independent Auditors' Report - The District received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of assurance the district can receive.
- Pages 5-18 Management Discussion and Analysis – These pages provide a great overview of the CAFR
- Page 19 Statement of Position – This is the heart of the financial Statements. It contains all the assets and liabilities, current and long term. The district ended with a net position of \$9.8 million, a slight decrease from 2019
- Page 20 Statement of Activities – There was a slight net decrease.

- Page 21-22 Balance Sheet – This is a list of all major funds and funds of the District. There is a total combined balance of 18.2 million. The General Fund has a certain assigned fund balance due to a donation to the high school. In the O&M Fund 242k was generated from the TIF for specific infrastructure spending.
- Page 23 Great Reconciliation – Takes full accrual and statement of net position and reconciles it to the balance sheet.
- Page 24-25 Major Funds of the District – Each of the major funds of the district. Shows all the revenues received offset by all the expenditure of 2020.
- Page 28 Fiduciary Funds - These have all the student activity funds as well as the trust fund. This cash is currently not in the statements of the general fund. New legislation will require these funds to be included in the general fund next year, 2021.
- Page 30-80 Notes to the Financial Statements. There were no significant changes to accounting policies this year. All significant accounting policies are disclosed in the financial statements. If you wanted to do a deeper dive in the statements these would be included in the notes.
- Page 82 Pension Liabilities – Would like to point out the IMRF fund is 98% funded this year. Last year was unusual and poor investment returns loss of about 1 million, but this year their investment return generated 3.1 million.
- Page 92 Detailed expenditure of the district compared to the budget
- Last section is statistical information from the past 10 year.

Ms. Jones reviewed the Required Communications Letter. The audit was executed in accordance of the Government Auditing Standards. They do not issue a separate opinion on internal controls only on financial statements and their fairness in relation to general acceptable accounting practices. The planning, scope, and timing of the audit was in line with what was outlined in the engagement letter. The firm is independent of the district. Ms. Jones would really like to thank Kim Anderson and Kevin Carey for their transparency and being ready when they come in to do the audit. The extra effort from them was appreciated.

iAR or SAT testing in the spring, that would normally be included. Superintendent Carey presented the following:

- Overview
- District Finances
 - Revenues by Source
 - Expenditures
 - Per Pupil Expenditures by School
- Student Demographic Data
 - District Race/Ethnicity
 - Student Demographics
- Westmont High School Class of 2020
- 5Essentials Survey
 - Westmont High School
 - Westmont Junior High School
 - Miller
 - Manning
- CUSD 201 Accomplishments
- CUSD 201 Best Practices
- Next Steps
- Questions?

The information included in the presentation was representative of the 2019-2020 school year. Superintendent Carey answered questions from the Board regarding per pupil spending, capacity of South School, and how the district can make the elementary schools more represented with accomplishments.

Update on the 2020-2021 School Year

Superintendent Carey gave the Board an update on the 2020-2021 School year. His presentation included the following:

- 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
- Local Positivity Rates
- DuPage County
- Staff COVID-19 Data
- The Remainder of the Semester

Superintendent Carey shared small groups continue to be brought in at each of the schools. Any questions regarding small groups can be directed to their child's school principal. Ms. Radogno would like to see some engagement data. Manager, Kim Anderson, provided the Board of Education with an overview of the proposed 2020 Tentative Tax Levy. Her presentation addressed the following aspects of the

Tentative 2020 Tax Levy

proposed levy:

- School District Levy Process
- 2020 Levy Recommendation by Fund
- 2020 Levy Summary
- History of Past Levies
- Tax Rate History
- 2019 Tax Rate Comparison
- Truth in Taxation Notice

Board Request for Deficit
Reduction Plan

The Board has tabled this topic to a future date.

Public Relation Committee

Ms. Coyle wanted to discuss some items the Public Relations Committee should address when they meet. The topics include social media and text messaging. The Board is not able to formally communicate with the community over social media nor can individual members represent the Board. In regards to texting, Board members should not be texting during a meeting. Mr. Price would like to go ahead and schedule a date for a Board Self Evaluation for January. He also believes it may be good to have part of this meeting with a public view so the community can better understand the job of the School Board and what they are allowed to do.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Authorization for
Treasurer to Pay Additional
November 2019 Bills

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Coyle, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay bills received in November 2020 for the 2021 fiscal year, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Approval of the Tentative 2020
Tax Levy

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the Tentative 2020 Tax Levy, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. Hoover, second by Mr. Armstrong, to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar, option B, as presented.

Approval of 2021-2022 School

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

Calendar

Nays: None.

Abstained: Strohmaier

Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Communications

Superintendent Carey shared the information regarding the election on April 16, 2021 for the open seats on the School Board. The information about running for a position can be found in Board Docs or also on the DuPage County website.

Superintendent Carey and the Board discussed the location of the December 15, 2020 meeting. Superintendent Carey will make the decision based on the State of Illinois metrics, mitigation and the availability of Village Hall.

None at this time.

None at this Time

FOIA

Alliance Legislative Report

None at this time.

Update on Meeting
Minutes/Agendas/Curriculum

Mr. Armstrong attended, as the districts delegate, the Delegate Assembly. There is no change in policies to adopt or not to adopt.

BOARD REPORTS

Thanksgiving Holiday
November 25, 26, 27, 2020
No School

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS

Manning PTO Meeting
December 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

School Board Meeting
December 15, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

The Board agrees a Closed Session is not needed at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

COMMUNICATIONS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

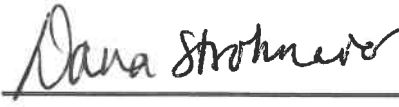
Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Mr. Armstrong, to adjourn the

regular November 17, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education
at 8:52 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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