

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

December 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

On December 15, 2020 at 6:04 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, Gary Armstrong, Leah Conover, Adina Hoover, Jessica Radogno

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. Radogno, second by Ms. Conover, to enter closed session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues, collective bargaining, and the Superintendent's evaluation.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

At 6:27 p.m., closed session adjourned.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Price led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING ON
TENTATIVE TAX LEVY

President Price called the Public Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. on the proposed Tax Levy.

Business Manager, Kim Anderson, provided a brief overview of the proposed 2020 Tax Levy initially presented at the November 17, 2020, Board meeting. She reported that a Notice of Public Hearing regarding the tax levy was published in the December 3-4, 2020, edition of the Westmont Suburban Life Newspaper. No comments or questions by the public have been raised regarding the notice.

President Price then asked the members of the Board of Education if they had any questions and/or comments regarding the proposed 2020 Tax Levy. There were none. He then asked the public if there were any comments concerning the proposed 2020 Tax Levy. There

were none.

At 7:06 p.m. President Price declared the Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 Tax Levy closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
November 17, 2020

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

November 17, 2020, First
Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Coyle, to approve the minutes of the first closed session of the November 17, 2020, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Members of the Board of Education read letters submitted for Public Comment from the following community members: Steve Fleck, Pat Santore, Stephanie Grimm, Kenneth Uher, Toni Swiatnicki, Angela Stekete, Becky Blaine, and Dana Hajak.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Personnel Recommendations
2. Approval of Board Travel Expenses
3. Renewal of SSCIP Insurance Agreement
4. Approval of Fiduciary Liability Insurance Coverage
5. Approval of Additional November 2020 Expenditure Report
6. Approval of the December 2020 Expenditure Report
7. Ratification of November 2020 Regular Payroll

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION
Presentation of Monthly
Financial Statements

Mrs. Anderson reviewed the monthly financial statements as of October 31, 2020, that included the following reports:

1. Budget Evaluation
2. Budget Comparison Report
3. Fund Balance Summary
4. Investment Report
5. Statement of Position
6. Student Activity Fund Balance
7. Lunch Report

Update on the 2020-2021
School Year

Superintendent Carey presented to the Board an update for the 2020-2021 School Year. His presentation included the following:

1. Restore Illinois Plan
2. Guiding Principles
3. DCHD Transmission Levels
4. DuPage County Covid-19 School Metrics
5. Local Positivity Rates
6. DuPage County
7. Staff COVID-19 Data
8. Miller Elementary Attendance and Engagement
9. Manning Elementary Attendance and Engagement
10. WJHS Attendance and Engagement
11. WHS Attendance and Engagement
12. Interventions
13. The Remainder of the Semester
14. Hope on the Horizon

Superintendent Carey reports, based on metrics, we are not seeing a surge on top of the surge with the Thanksgiving holiday. Superintendent Carey, upon the Boards request from the November 17, 2020, gave an update on the attendance and engagement data for each of the schools. From the data, he reported the absences are greater than we would see in a typical school year. Engagement for the schools is lower than what we would see in a typical year. The Administration acknowledges there will be an academic gap and they are planning for a robust summer program for students. Superintendent Carey reported they are reviewing the criteria for in-person versus remote. Administration is looking at the data and other school districts to help determine a different model. The goal is to have as many students as we can in person on a regular basis for the rest of the school year. The plan is to return to the hybrid model on January 19, 2021.

Elementary School planning for the 2021-2022 School Year

Superintendent Carey informed the Board about planning being done for the elementary schools for the 2021-2022 school year. On December 14, 2020 a School Improvement Meeting, which included parents, was held as part of the planning process. There will be some podcasts held to give Administration the opportunity to address essential questions and listen to parents. All this dovetails into the Strategic Planning Process. Each Board meeting an update will be given to the Board. Mr. Armstrong suggested including preschool parents in the discussion. The Administration would like to have plans by March 2021 for the next school year.

CUSD 201 Community Academy

Superintendent Carey presented the idea of the Community Academy. He has two reasons for wanting to implement the idea. The first is when new Board Members join the Board it is like jumping on a moving train. The second reason is to help educate and inform the community about different topics. Each meeting would be topic driven. It can also help with the foundational knowledge for a community member who may want to run for the school board.

Policy First Reading

Superintendent Carey shared with the Board this is the first reading of the policy, there is a cheat sheet attached. The second reading will be at the next meeting and will be voted on.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Schoolwide use of Title I Funds.

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the schoolwide Title I plans for Westmont High School, Westmont Junior High, J.T. Manning Elementary School, and C.E. Miller Elementary School, as presented.

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

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Authorization for Treasurer to Pay Additional December 2020 Expenditures

Motion by Mr. Armstrong, second by Ms. Hoover to authorize and direct the treasurer to pay bills received in December 2020 for the fiscal year, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Resolution to Adopt 2020 Tax Levy

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Coyle, to adopt the resolution setting the 2020 Tax levy, as presented.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S
REPORT
Communications

Superintendent Carey reminded everyone of the School Board Election filing deadline.

Superintendent Carey shared with the Board that Dr. Kevin Weck was named by the Illinois Principals Association the DuPage Area Assistant Principal of the Year. This is very exciting for Dr. Weck, the high school and the District. He is eligible for the state level. Superintendent Carey and the Board congratulated Dr. Weck.

Superintendent Carey wished everyone a happy holidays.

FOIA REQUEST

Recently received FOIA request was shared with the Board of Education.

ALLIANCE LEGISLATIVE
REPORT

None at this time.

BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Price has tentatively scheduled an IASB Board Evaluation at the January 12, 2021 meeting. The meeting will be held at South School. The representative will remotely dial in. Mr. Price would like to have a portion of the evaluation held publicly.

Ms. Conover shared the Team Miller online fundraiser of the Holiday Shop. The fundraiser closed at 8:00 on Thursday December 17, 2020. There is also Mask Fundraiser.

Ms. Coyle would like to say Thank You to Teachers, Administrators, and Staff for everything they have achieved as the first semester closes. She would also like to say thank you to her fellow Board Members and Community.

Mr. Armstrong requested for any families who may have free extra food to please take it to a local food pantry.

Ms. Hoover would like to thank the Administrators.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

FUTURE
MEETINGS/EVENTS

Elementary Sing-A-Long (Zoom Links will be sent to students only on the morning of the event)
December 16, 2020 and December 17, 2020, 6:30 P.M.

Quarter 2 Ends
December 18, 2020

Winter Break
December 21, 2020 through January 3, 2021

Classes Resume
January 4, 2021

Manning PTO Meeting
January 4, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

WJHS PTO Meeting
January 6, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Elementary School Progress Reports go Home
January 7, 2021

School Board Meeting
January 12, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
South School

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session need at this time.

Mr. Price would like to wish everyone a Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas.

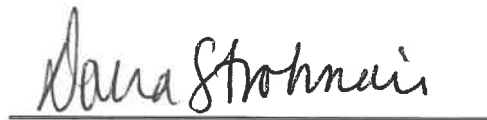
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Coyle, second by Ms. Conover, to adjourn the regular December 15, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education at 8:41 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



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President, Board of Education
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Secretary, Board of Education
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