

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

**March 19 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

On March 19, 2024 at 6:02 p.m. President Hoover called to order the regular meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Adina Hoover, Whitney Rogers, Jessica Radogno, Carlos Hevia, Angela Steketee, Kevin Marren, Leah Conover

Leah Conover arrived at 6:08 p.m.

Also present: Superintendent Jack Baldermann, Business Manager, Anthony Ruelli, the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, Shannon Cossairt.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Adina Hoover led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to enter closed session to discuss personnel issues and student discipline.

Ayes: Steketee, Radogno, Rogers, Hevia, Marren, Hoover

Nays: None.

Motion Carries.

The Board entered closed session at 6:03 p.m.  
The Board returned to open session at 7:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**February 27, 2024**

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Steketee, to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Radogno, Rogers, Hevia, Marren, Hoover, Conover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**February 27, 2024 - Closed**

Motion by Ms. Rogers, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the minutes of the closed session of the February 27, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Education, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Radogno, Rogers, Hevia, Marren, Hoover, Conover

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

***The Board is going to jump to the Discussion Item: Auditors Present. They will return to the scheduled order of the agenda after the auditor has finished.***

## **INFORMATION and Discussion**

### **Auditors Present**

Don Shaw with Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, gave the Board a brief overview of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the 2022-2023 school year. He did inform the Board the District received The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Radogno** to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Personnel Recommendations:
  - a. Lisa Ryan - Nurse Assistant
  - b. Shannon Simpson - Long-term Sub Elementary Art Teacher
  - c. Resignations
  - d. Retirement
2. Approval of Ombudsman Contract
3. Approval of March 2024 Expenditure Report
4. Ratification of February 2024 Regular Payroll
5. Approval of IHSA Membership

Ayes: Radogno, Rogers, Hevia, Marren Conover, Hoover, Steketee

Nays: None.

Motion carried.

## **INFORMATION and DISCUSSION**

### **RFQ for Architect**

Anthony Ruelli, Business Manager, shared with the Board the timeline for the RFQ for the Architect. Packets were made available on March 4, 2024. The District has met all legal requirements regarding the posting of the bid. It has been put in the paper. An architect will be brought to the Board for approval on April 9, 2024.

### **RFQ for Construction Manager**

Mr. Ruelli shared with the Board the timeline for the RFQ for the Construction Manager. The construction manager will be brought to the Board for approval on April 23, 2024.

**Sunrise Contract**

Sunrise provides transportation for some of CUSD 201's special education students. Last year the District saw a large increase from the previous year. Business Managers within the SASED Cooperative met and negotiated a one-year contract extension with an increase of 5% for next year as well as revisions to shared routes. Approval of the 2024-2025 Sunrise Contract will be on the April 9, 2024 agenda for approval.

**Westway Contract**

CUSD 201 currently contracts with Westway for transportation services. Per school code, the District can extend the contract for two additional years without going out for bid. The cost of transportation has increased significantly. Mr. Ruelli has been working with Westway and they have agreed to a 6% increase for 24-25 and a 5.5% increase for 25-26. The contract will be presented to the Board for approval on the April 9, 2024 Board meeting.

**Clear**

Mr. Ruelli shared with the Board that the District has seen an uptick in the number of students who attend CUSD 201 but do not live within the District boundaries. The District would like to sign a contract with CLEAR from Thomson Reuters. CLEAR is a software program that would check if students reside in the District when they register for school. The Board has asked for feedback from other local districts using the software.

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The contract would be presented at the April 9, 2024 Board meeting for approval.

**Contract for Internet Service with Comcast**

The District's contract with Comcast is up for renewal. Instead of signing a five year contract with Comcast, the District would like to enter into a three year contract. Rates are continuing to drop so it would be best not to be locked in for five years. The contract will be presented for approval later in this meeting.

**Wireless System Refresh**

The wireless system at Miller and Westmont Junior High is not as strong as it needs to be. The District would like to do a refresh to increase the wifi and allow for more connectivity. The item is budgeted and there is some reimbursement from E-Rate. The contract will be presented for approval later in the meeting.

**Presentation of Monthly Financial Statements  
February 2024**

Mr. Ruelli gave the Board a brief overview of the finances through February 2024. He reviewed the expenditures and revenue of the District.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023  
Financial Audit**

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Audit, as presented.

Ayes: Rogers, Hevia, Marren, Conover, Hoover, Steketee, Radogno  
Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**Approval of NIIPC Joint Agreement**

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the NIIPC Joint Agreement, as presented.

Ayes: Hevia, Marren, Conover, Hoover, Steketee, Radogno, Rogers

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**Approval of the Authority for Additional March 2024 Expenditures**

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Ms. Steketee, to authorize and direct the Treasurer to pay any bills received in March 2024 that have been budgeted for the 2024 fiscal year.

Ayes: Marren, Conover, Hoover, Steketee, Radogno, Rogers, Hevia

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**Dismissal of Probationary Teachers for Other than RIF**

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Mr. Marren, to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of First Year Probationary Teacher: Cynthia Arnold for Reasons Other Than Reduction in Force, as presented.

Ayes: Hoover, Steketee, Radogno, Rogers, Hevia, Marren, Conover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**Approval of Continued Employment of Non-Tenured Teachers and Tenure Recommendations**

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Conover, to approve the Employment of non-tenured teachers and tenure recommendations, as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Radogno, Rogers, Hevia, Marren, Conover, Hoover

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**Approval of 5 year Contract with Comcast**

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Ms. Conover, to approve a 36 month contract in the amount of \$142,956.00 with Comcast for implementation during the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Ayes: Rogers, Radogno, Steketee, Hevia, Marren, Conover, Hoover

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

### **Approval of Wireless System Refresh**

Motion by Mr. Marren, second by Ms. Stekete, to approve the wireless system refresh, as presented.

Ayes: Radogno, Rogers, Hevia, Marren, Conover, Hoover, Stekete

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Communication**

As we head into spring break, Mr. Baldermann would like to thank everyone for working hard. He would also like to remind everyone we will be heading into testing season when we return, so we need everyone to be in attendance.

#### **FOIA Request**

FOIA Requests are attached in BoardDocs.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

Mr. Marren would like to thank the Fine Arts Department for the wonderful trip to Disney.

Ms. Stekete shared that the WJHS Swing Choir just had their first competition.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment at this time.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

District Fine Arts Night  
March 20, 7:00 p.m.  
Westmont High School

Spring Break- No School  
March 25-April 1

Elementary PTO Night  
April 2, 6:00 p.m.  
Manning

Special Meeting of the Board of Education - Workshop  
April 2, 5:30 p.m.  
South School

Preschool Screening - Call South to Schedule an Appt.  
April 5  
South School

BPAC International Night  
April 5, 6:00 p.m.

Westmont High School  
CUSD 201 Board Meeting  
April 9, 6:00 p.m.  
Westmont Village Hall

**CLOSED SESSION**

Not needed at this time.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

None at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Ms. Conover, second by Ms. Steketee, to adjourn the March 19, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:03 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.

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Adina Hoover  
President, Board of Education  
CUSD 201  
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois

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Angela Steketee  
Secretary, Board of Education  
CUSD 201  
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois