

**MINUTES OF THE
CLOSED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
July 13, 2022**

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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An Executive Session of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200 was called to order at 8:42 PM by Board President Chris Crabtree, on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the Hubble Middle School, 3S600 Herrick Rd, Warrenville, IL.

The following were present:

Board Members: Mrs. Chris Crabtree
 Mr. Rob Hanlon
 Mr. Dave Long
 Mrs. Angela Blatner
 Mrs. Susan Booton
 Mr. Brad Paulsen

Also in Attendance: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
 Dr. Charlie Kyle, Asst. Superintendent for Administrative Services

The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees, Specific Individuals who Serve as Independent Contractors in a Park, Recreational, or Educational Setting, or Specific Volunteers of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body, including Hearing Testimony on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee, a Specific Individual who Serves as an Independent Contractor in a Park, Recreational, or Educational Setting, or a Volunteer of the Public Body or Against Legal Counsel for the Public Body to Determine its Validity 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1), Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2), and The Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office, as Defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a Vacancy in a Public Office, when the Public Body is Given Power to Appoint Under Law or Ordinance, or the Discipline, Performance or Removal of the Occupant of a Public Office, when the Public Body is Given Power to Remove the Occupant Under Law or Ordinance 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3)

The Board will address closed session item 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) in this portion of the closed session, reconvene in open session to take action, and return to closed session to address items 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3).

President Crabtree reminded Board Members that information regarding the media challenge reconsideration was previously provided in the closed session materials and tonight would be the opportunity to ask questions or receive additional clarification or information on the subject.

Dr. Schuler noted why the Board is within its rights to meet in a closed session on this topic. While this can be discussed in open session, this was a decision made by a staff member under a policy/procedure

the District has in place. The individual media challenge is questioning the decision made by a staff member. As a matter of practice, uniform grievance complaints, and matters involving students or staff members have been discussed in a closed session.

A recap was provided to the Board on the media challenge. This included the following:

- The book *Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe*.
- The Request for Reconsideration form was filed by [REDACTED].
- Request for Reconsideration of Media form was initially filed by a Wheaton North HS parent but was dropped after the parent met with a staff member, which is the first step in the challenge process.
- Media Challenge Reconsideration
 - Review process
 - The reconsideration review committee makeup and review materials
 - Administrative Procedures – Challenge of Educational Media
 - Selection Policy for Learning Resources
 - Board Policy 7:315 (Restrictions on Publications; High Schools)
 - Summary of *Gender Queer*
 - Summary of committee discussion
- A second document was shared in the closed session materials, which was the set of talking points used in the PowerPoint by the two staff members.
- A reminder the Board is being asked if the book should be removed from the high school library.
- The recommendation from the administration is to have the piece of media remain in the library collection, and will accept individual requests from parents if they wish their child not to access this particular piece of media.

There was discussion on the following:

- Clarification on the law – 5/11-20 on obscenity and harmful materials.
- Policy 7:315 – whether this book is a violation of the policy.
- The book is from the perspective of a person feeling like they don't belong.
- The 10th-grade health curriculum as it relates to some content in the book.
- The problematic sections of the book.
- Book reviews as it relates to the recommended age for reading the book.
- Alternatives to the book that could be made available to the HS libraries.
- Concern over younger HS students having access to the book.
- Availability of the book at the Wheaton Public Library.
- The process of how the book got into the library; can or should this be changed?
- The LGBTQ+ community- the potential impact of the book remaining in or being removed from the library; mental health as it relates to an increased likelihood of suicide for this community.
- The language of the motion to take place in open session and the opportunity for board members to articulate the rationale of why they are voting in a specific way.
- The process for the action item – motion, second on the floor, discussion/comments from board members, and the vote will be called.

MOTION

There being no further information to come before the Board in Closed Session, Member Paulsen moved, Member Long seconded to adjourn the closed session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 6, NAY 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The first closed session portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:31 PM

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Collective Bargaining Matters Between the Public Body and its Employees or Their Representatives, Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees § 12-C.S. 120-2 (c)(1) and The Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office, as Defined in the Open Meetings Act, including Vacancies in a Public Office, when the Public Body is Given Power to Appoint Under Law or Ordinance in the Discipline, Performance or Removal of the Occupant of a Public Office, when the Public Body is Given Power to Remove the Occupant Under Law or Ordinance § 12-C.S. 120-2 (c)(2)

§ 12-C.S. 120-2 (c)(2) – Collective Bargaining

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§ 12-C.S. 120-2 (c)(3) – Selection to Fill a Vacancy in Public Office

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