

MEETING NOTES
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
February 24, 2023

A meeting of the Community Engagement Committee of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at 2:30 PM on Friday, February 24, 2023, at the School Service Center, 130 W Park Ave, Wheaton, IL.

PRESENT

Board Members: Ms. Angela Blatner
Mr. Brad Paulsen

Staff: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent
Dr. Brian O’Keeffe, Asst. Superintendent of Business Operations
Ms. Erica Loiacono, Director of Community Engagement & Communication

Vision 2026 – Discussion of Community Engagement and Input Plan for Middle School Capital Projects

Dr. Schuler provided context for the meeting:

- The Board heard concept plans for the first time from Perkins & Will at the February meeting.
- Shortly after the meeting, the low-cost option (capital only) for improvement was finalized. This was part of the CAC discussion at their February meeting.
- The Finance Committee will be meeting next week to introduce the funding concepts/options for the facilities improvement projects.
- The committee will review the proposed engagement plan today to solicit community input.
- The MS capital facility projects will be a discussion item at the March meeting.

Dr. Schuler and Ms. Loiacono have been working on the concept for the proposed community engagement process, which was reviewed at the committee meeting. This included information on the following:

- Assemble a Community Engagement Leadership Team
- Leadership Team Goal
- Leadership Team Activities
- Leadership Team Timeline

There was discussion on the following:

- The engagement process – both in-person and online opportunities to provide feedback.
- Windows of time to conduct community engagement activities – ideally April and September.
- Working to have a leadership team meeting before Spring Break to meet the April/May engagement opportunities.
- Taking advantage of fall curriculum nights and the welcome back events to solicit feedback from the community.
- Leadership Team – selection process and makeup; the importance of a balanced opinion on the team; board members on the leadership team as it relates to OMA.
- Community engagement in-person events – attendance and structure.
- The different tools that can be used to collect feedback.
- Feedback provided by the leadership team; recommendations come from the Supt. to the Board.

- The possibility of two rounds of public opinion.
- Funding
 - Funding options; those that require ballot approval; decision point dates.
 - The difference from the 2017 funding conversation.
 - Funding concepts will be presented to the Finance Committee.
 - There has been no board discussion about a referendum.
- October 2023 is not the endpoint for this.

Dr. Schuler summarized the discussion to bring to the full Board at the March meeting.

Public Comment

Clarification on non-referendum financing - DSEB.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.