

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
November 3, 2023

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200, DuPage County, Illinois, was called to order at the Johnson Elementary School, 2S700 Continental Dr., Warrenville, IL, by Board President Rob Hanlon, on Friday, November 3, 2023, at 7:50 AM. This meeting was held in conjunction with Naperville District 203 and Indian Prairie District 204. Local legislators were present at the meeting to discuss issues and legislation surrounding public education with other elected officials who represent the school district communities.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

District 200 Director Erica Loiacono led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, for the three districts, the following were present:

District 200 Board Members:

Mr. Rob Hanlon, Ms. Julie Kulovits, Mr. Dave Long, Ms. Angela Blatner, Mr. Erik Hjerpe, Mr. Brad Paulsen, Mr. John Rutledge

District 203 Board Members:

Ms. Kristine Gericke, Ms. Kristin Fitzgerald, Mr. Charles Cush, Ms. Melissa Kelley Black, Mr. Joseph Kozminski, Ms. Amanda McMillen, Ms. Donna Wandke

District 204 Board Members:

Ms. Laurie Donahue, Ms. Susan Demming, Ms. Supna Jain, Mr. Mark Rising

Others Present

Superintendents:

Dr. Jeff Schuler - District 200, Mr. Dan Bridges - District 203, Dr. Adrian Talley - District 204

Legislators -The following Senators/Representatives or a member of their staff were in attendance:

Sen. Laura Ellman, Sen. Seth Lewis, Sen. Karina Villa, Rep. Harry Benton, Rep. Terra Costa Howard, Rep. Amy Grant, Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, Rep. Anna Stava-Murray, Rep. Janet Yang Rohr

CUSD200 Staff:

Mr. Matt Biscan – Asst. Supt, Administrative Services, Ms. Erica Loiacono – Director, Community Engagement, Ms. Melissa Murphy – Asst. Supt, Educational Services, Dr. Brian O’Keeffe – Asst. Supt, Business Services, Dr. Chris Silagi – Asst. Supt, Student Services, Mr. Jason Spencer – Exec. Director, Innovation & Technology, Ms. Dianna Hutchison - Admin Asst. and Clerk to the BOE

INTRODUCTIONS & DISTRICT OVERVIEWS

Superintendent Schuler and Board President Hanlon welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to this event – a tradition that was done every year with the three districts that took a break for a couple of years. The inspiration to re-engage came from a visit to the newly renovated CLC (Collaborative Learning Center) space in Johnson which came from a capital grant through Rep.

Yang Rohr's office. Johnson Elementary is District 200's most diverse elementary school and the desire was to have an open hub to the building where a lot of work and support with the students would happen.

The desire for the meeting was to have a series of collaborative dialogues. The three Superintendents and Board Presidents met to brainstorm and develop some topics for discussion.

Superintendents Bridges, Talley, and Schuler provided an overview of each of the three districts. Each legislative representative was asked to introduce themselves to the group.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Superintendent Schuler noted the format for the meeting would allow the opportunity for the group to engage in two different dialogue groups to discuss the following topics:

Discussion Group One Topics:

- Funding Topics (Evidence-Based Model, IDEA)
- Best Practices for Measuring School Performance
- Post-Pandemic – What Have We Seen in Schools or Communities Following the Disrupted Years of the Pandemic
- Demographic Shifts in Communities and Schools and the Impact on School Services

Discussion Group Two Topics:

- Impact of Technology on Education and Society (AI and Other Influences)
- Mental Health – Supporting Needs We See in Our Communities and Schools
- Early College Options – Dual Credit and Industry Credentials
- Reducing the Carbon Footprint – Green Initiatives

For each of the topics, the participants were asked to consider two questions:

- What are you seeing/hearing around the topic? And share any experiences or thoughts on the topic.
- Are there next steps we should explore together to move forward and make some difference? All of the participants have a shared interest in education and the vital role that it serves in our communities.

The three districts (200, 203, 204) represent a shining hub for education in the state of IL and are doing incredible work for kids. The more we can do together to share the work with each other and outside of the space is an incredible opportunity.

The State Senators, Representatives, Superintendents, and other staff met in the different discussion groups to engage in dialogue on the various topics.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Dr. Schuler thanked everyone for coming and welcomed any feedback on the format of this meeting.

ADJOURN

MOTIONS

District 200 – It was moved by Mr. Long and seconded by Mr. Paulsen that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

District 203 – It was moved by Mr. Cush and seconded by Ms. Wandke that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

District 204 – It was moved by Mr. Rising and seconded by Ms. Jain that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Upon a voice call vote being taken, all were in favor and the motions carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Rob Hanlon, President
Wheaton Warrenville CUSD 200

Kristine Gericke, President
Naperville CUSD 203

Laurie Donohue, President
Indian Prairie School District 204

Dave Long, Secretary
Wheaton Warrenville CUSD 200