MINUTES OF THE
CLOSED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 200
June 15, 2022

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Date Approved	Open to Public	Closed to Public
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An Executive Session of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District 200 was called to order at 9:02 PM by Board President Chris Crabtree, on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at the Hubble Middle School, 3S600 Herrick Rd, Warrenville, IL.

The following were present:

Board Members: Mrs. Chris Crabtree
Mr. Rob Hanlon
Mrs. Angela Blatner
Mrs. Susan Booton
Mr. Brad Paulsen
Dr. Mary Yeboah

Absent: Mr. Dave Long

Also in Attendance: Dr. Jeff Schuler, Superintendent

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)

Dr. Schuler and President Crabtree noted this was the follow-up to the Superintendent evaluation process. The completed evaluation had been reviewed with Dr. Schuler, and 1:1 meetings for Board Members with the Superintendent and Board President were set up to provide clarity and understanding of the expectations and goals moving forward.

Board Member Yeboah excused herself from the meeting since she would be resigning her Board position before the follow-up discussion and subsequent Board action that would be taking place at the July 13, 2022 meeting.

Member Yeboah left the meeting at 9:06 PM.

Dr. Schuler and Dr. Kyle updated the Board on the book challenge that was received by the administration. This included information on the following:

- The book *Gender Queer*
- The Request for Reconsideration form was filed by [redacted]

- Request for Reconsideration of Media form was initially filed by a [redacted] HS parent but was dropped.
- 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
- The committee met on two occasions.
- The purpose of tonight was to share information with the Board, provide the Board with the opportunity to read the book (copies were available to take home), and to come back at the next closed session in July with any questions and discussion.

There was discussion on the following:

- What specifically are challenging parties saying was violated in policy 7:315?
- Would a book in the library be considered school-sponsored media/publication?
- Clarification and definition of school-sponsored media.
- 7:315 - students "accessing" non-school sponsored publications; focus on the "accessing" part of the policy.
- The number of students that have checked the book out in the two HS libraries.
- The maturity level of students as it relates to this book.
- The book is available to students who seek to check it out but is not on display.
- Student access and parent control.
- Is the issue about content, messaging, or the illustrations?
- The process for media reconsideration challenges and the role of the Board.
- If seeking clarification on anything, reach out to Dr. Schuler and he can get, provide, or obtain additional information.

A formal recommendation from the administration will be brought to the Board at the next closed session in July. Board members were reminded this conversation is confidential.

MOTION

There being no further information to come before the Board in Closed Session, Member Blatner moved, Member Paulsen seconded to adjourn the closed session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE 5, NAY 0. **The motion carried 5-0**.

The closed session portion of the meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

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Dave Long, Secretary Chris Crabtree, President