

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Clay Professional Development Center  
February 25, 2014

I - CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Meyer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II - ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Birchfield, Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Goerlitz, Ms. Goodwin, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Shinherr, Dr. Welch, Mrs. Elyn Wrzeski, Superintendent, Mr. Mark Heckmon, Associate Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations, Mr. George Oslovich, Assistant Superintendent for Middle and High School Education, Mrs. Nancy Reczek, Assistant Superintendent for Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and Mrs. Risa Hanson, Chief Financial Officer.

III - CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION – Moved by Ms. Goodwin and seconded by Dr. Welch to approve the Consent Agenda including routine personnel matters with addendum; financial reports; bills payable; Woodstock North High School Co-curricular fundraising requests; and an application for a School Maintenance Program Grant, with roll call vote as follows:

Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes
Dr.	Welch	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Birchfield	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes

1. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters

Employment

Approve the employment of Vanessa Mendoza in an additional position as Noon Hour Associate for the 2013-2014 school year at 0.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$10.13 per hour. (MEES)

Approve the employment of Thomas Manchester as Route Driver for the 2013-2014 school year at 3.5 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$17.43 per hour. (Transp.)

Approve the employment of Tony Walker and Christine Connell as Co-Costumers for Drama for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$954 each. (WHS)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

1. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)  
Employment (Con't)

Approve the employment of Amy Renguso as Co-Assistant Girls Soccer Coach for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$1,566. (WHS)

Approve the employment of Stephanie McClure as Head Boys Tennis Coach for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$5,727. (WNHS)

Approve the employment of Christine Maldonado as Secretary to the Assistant Principal for the 2013-2014 school year at 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$14.49 per hour. (NWMS)

Approve the employment of Tim Creighton as Co-Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year at a stipend of \$856. (NWMS)

Approve the employment of Megan McDermott as Kids Club Building Supervisory Associate for the 2013-2014 school year at 22 hours per week, \$10.63 per hour. (V. DZ)

Approve the employment of Mike Moan as Superintendent for a multi-year period commencing on May 1, 2014 and terminating on June 30, 2017 at an annual salary of \$180,000. (District)

Other

Approve the transfer of Frederick Bowe to a position as Custodian at Olson Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year at 8 hours per day, 5 days per week.

Approve a change in hours for Mary Clegg's positions for the 2013-2014 school year as follows: 7 hours per day, 5 days per week as RTI Associate, and 0.5 hours per day, 5 days per week as Noon Hour Associate. (MEES)

Approve a change in stipend status for Matt Warmbier, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach. Matt will Co-Coach in the 2013-2014 school year, at an adjusted stipend of \$3,132. (WHS)

Approve the transfer of Jason Schnulle from Assistant Wrestling Coach to Head Wrestling Coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Jason will receive a stipend of \$954 for his duties as Assistant Coach and a stipend of \$2,129 for his duties as Head Coach for the year. (NWMS)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

1. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)

Other (Con't)

Approve an increase in the hourly rate for Melissa Hurless for the 2013-2014 school year to \$13.80 per hour, based on proof of substitute teaching license. (PWE)

Resignation

Approve the resignation of Adam Forbes, effective February 18, 2014. (WNHS - Spec. Ed. 1:1)

Approve the retirement of Shelley Corush, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year. (PWE - 3rd Grade)

Leave of Absence

Approve a leave of absence under FMLA for Kelly Steele from April 21, 2014 and for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, using available paid sick leave days concurrently per doctor's written instructions, with any balance of the leave unpaid. (OES - 1st/2nd Grade)

Approve a leave of absence for Jermayne Chanthasene from January 13, 2014 and continuing through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, with the first 12 weeks under FMLA. Ms. Chanthasene will use available paid sick leave days per doctor's written instructions, with any balance of the leave unpaid. (CMS - Math)

Approve a leave of absence under FMLA for Jamie Schroll from an anticipated start date of May 8, 2014 and for the balance of the 2013-2014 school year, using available paid sick leave days concurrently per doctor's written instructions, with any balance of the leave unpaid. (District - P.T.)

2. Approval of Financial Reports

2.1 Treasurer's Report

2.2 Investment Report

2.3 Budget Summary Report

3. Approval of Bills Payable

4. Approval of Woodstock North High School Co-curricular Fundraising Requests (On File)

5. Approval of an Application for a School Maintenance Program Grant

#### IV - RECOGNITION

##### 1. 2013-14 Winter Art Show Award Winners

This year's Winter Art Show was held from December 9th through January 7th at the Woodstock Public Library. Hundreds of pieces of original work created by students in grades 1-12 were part of the exhibit which has become a popular draw for library visitors. From the total collection, the District 200 art teachers selected one piece from each school to receive an award. Each piece will be purchased from the artist for a nominal fee and permanently displayed in the artist's school. One piece is chosen annually by the Superintendent and will be displayed in the District 200 Administrative Services Center. In addition this year, one piece was purchased by the Woodstock Public Library to be displayed there. The students' works will be on display at the Board meeting and then sent to their schools. Congratulations went to each of these talented artists and to their teachers.

**Lucia Alcazar, Caitlin Kaufmann & Erika Vasquez** (framed in a group)  
Creekside Middle School, Gr. 6

**Priyanka Bhatt** – Prairiewood Elementary School, Gr. 5

**Madelyn Kritz** - (Woodstock Public Library) Woodstock HS, Gr.10

**Annelise Loser** – Northwood Middle School, Gr. 7

**Claire Miranda** – Mary Endres Elementary School, Gr. 2

**Holly Moravec** – Clay Academy, Gr. 11

**Melanie Nava** – Woodstock North High School, Gr. 12

**EJ Pala** – Olson Elementary School, Gr. 5

**Jesse Rivas** – Greenwood Elementary School, Gr. 4

**Ella Stevens** – Dean Street Elementary School, Gr. 3

**Haitzel Tellez**– (Superintendent's Award) Prairiewood Elementary School  
Gr. 5

**Ava Torres** – Westwood Elementary School, Gr. 3

**Natalie Zoia** – Woodstock High School, Gr. 12

##### 2. 2014 National Merit Finalist

Woodstock High School senior **Zachary Bellavia** is no stranger to the Board of Education meetings, having appeared recently to be recognized for outstanding academic accomplishments – ACT Top Scorer, National Merit Semifinalist, and Illinois State Scholar. Zach has topped all of those honors, however, with this latest accomplishment, qualifying as a Finalist in the prestigious scholarship competition sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Only 15,000 - or less than 1% - of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the competition met the requirements to be considered for this year's Merit Scholarships. The winners of some 8,200 Merit Scholarships will be announced this spring. Congratulations!

IV - RECOGNITION (Con't)

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Welch and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to introduce the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 wishes to recognize the contributions of these individuals, and WHEREAS, District 200 has benefited as a result of these accomplishments; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Woodstock Community Unit School District 200 hereby bestows special recognition and a certificate of achievement on behalf of the citizens of the District, with roll call vote as follows:

Dr.	Welch	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Birchfield	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes

Mrs. Wrzeski introduced Mrs. Cathy DeMartinis, District 200 Music Boosters President, who explained that “Music in Our Schools” month is celebrated during the month of March. Mrs. DeMartinis pointed out that in the last two years sixteen District 200 students have gone on to major in Music in college.

In celebration of “Music in Our Schools”, the Board heard student performances from the Northwood/Creekside combined orchestra as well as vocal and instrumental performances by Creekside Middle School students.

V - COMMUNICATIONS

1. Mr. Meyer announced that Dr. Welch was resigning from the Board of Education effective the end of the month. Mr. Meyer explained that Dr. Welch made a recent life decision, getting married in December, and would be moving out of District 200. Mr. Meyer thanked Dr. Welch for her service and dedication to District 200. Mr. Meyer also pointed out that Dr. Welch was recently highlighted in the *Northwest Herald* as an “Every Day Hero” for her dedication to patients and families at the Family Health Partnership Clinic.
2. Mr. Meyer thanked staff and the community for their involvement with the recent Superintendent search process. Mr. Meyer introduced Mr. Mike Moan, new Superintendent of Schools for District 200.

## VI - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Mrs. Wrzeski thanked Dr. Welch for her service to District 200. Mrs. Wrzeski added that Dr. Welch has been a dear friend and continued supporter of District 200.
2. Mrs. Wrzeski welcomed Mr. Mike Moan, new Superintendent of Schools for District 200.
3. Mrs. Wrzeski shared with the Board a letter she received from the Waukegan School District thanking Director of Grants, Language and Culture Keely Krueger and her staff for sponsoring an orientation and site visit of our Dual Language program for approximately twenty-seven of their staff.
4. Mrs. Wrzeski informed the Board that Choral Director Paul Rausch was recognized as a "Director of Note" in *National Choral Directors Magazine*.
5. Mrs. Wrzeski commented that the *Northwest Herald* was running a story about increasing Hispanic student achievement through Advanced Placement (AP) courses. Mrs. Wrzeski pointed out that during the 2005-2006 school year, ½% of Hispanic students at Woodstock High School were enrolled in AP courses. By 2013-2014 24% of students were enrolled in AP courses. It is important to note that 26% of the current population at Woodstock High School is Hispanic.
6. Mrs. Wrzeski informed the Board that the Zacatecas City Band would again be visiting Woodstock this September from Mexico. Mrs. Wrzeski added that she would volunteer her time to help coordinate the visit with the City of Woodstock and District 200.

## VII - MONITORING REPORT

1. Technology Plan Update (On File)  
Technology Director Jerry Swedberg reviewed the three-year Technology Plan that will be submitted to ISBE electronically. Mr. Swedberg explained that ISBE requires the Technology Plan to link directly to student achievement and ISAT, play a role in improvement and contain strategies and actions for instruction, professional development and technology deployment.

Mr. Swedberg pointed out that current data shows District 200 students are achieving a year's growth each year. While nearly 50% of our students do not meet or exceed achievement targets in Reading or Math, a significant number of students are nearing the "meets" category. Mr. Swedberg added that with the average age of curriculum resources at ten years and 66% of technology over five years old, there is a direct link between the age of curriculum materials/technology and achievement.

VII - MONITORING REPORT (Con't)1. Technology Plan Update (Con't)

Mr. Swedberg explained that during Phase I of the Technology Plan, select schools will pilot the new Learning Management System (LMS) and Digital Reading curriculum in elementary and middle school classrooms with full implementation across all elementary and middle schools by Phase III. Teachers and parents in the pilot classrooms will be trained on the use of the selected LMS and Reading curriculum during Phase I and two technology instructional coaches will be hired to work in those classrooms. By Phase III technology instructional coaches will be hired for all schools to assist with training staff and parents across the district.

Phase I of the technology deployment will include purchasing the LMS and curriculum licenses as well as purchasing devices for the pilot locations. Additionally, licenses for 800 virtual desktop computers will be purchased to be used across the district. One third of the network data switches will be replaced during Phase I as well as replacing wireless access points in elementary schools. Phases II and III include additional license and device purchases as additional schools implement the plan, continued license purchases for virtual desktops, switch replacement and added wireless access points to meet 1:1 computing densities. Additionally, connecting to the McHenry County fiber optic network will be key to final implementation.

VIII - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX - NEW BUSINESS1. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Providing for the Issue of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 for Refunding Purposes

Information was previously presented to the Board by Eric Anderson, Managing Director of Public Finance with BMO Capital Markets, regarding the sale of refunding bonds that would allow the District to stabilize future Bond & Interest tax rates. Refunding, or refinancing, approximately \$17,285,000 of the Series 2006A School Building Bonds and approximately \$17,750,000 of the Series 2007 School Building Bonds would allow the District to restructure its current debt and provide relief to taxpayers through levy year 2019.

Mr. Anderson presented additional information regarding the sale of the bonds to the Board.

IX - NEW BUSINESS (Con't)1. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Providing for the Issue of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 for Refunding Purposes (Con't)

MOTION – Moved by Ms. Goodwin and seconded by Mr. Goerlitz to waive the reading of and approve the resolution authorizing the issue of General Obligation School Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, of Community Unit School District Number 200, McHenry County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, with roll call vote as follows:

(On File)

Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Birchfield	- Yes
Dr.	Welch	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes

2. Approval of Comcast Internet Access Service Agreement

Chief Financial Officer Risa Hanson explained that since 2008 the District has utilized the services of AT&T OptEman for its connection to the internet via the Illinois Century Network. The District's current AT&T contract ends in February, 2014. AT&T service and billing issues continue to be extremely poor and AT&T is dropping their OptEman platform and switching to their new ASE platform which has yet to be proven dependable.

The Federal E-Rate reimbursement process requires the district to advertise for internet service quotes. This year the district received two offers from providers of high bandwidth internet access services, one from Comcast and one from AT&T. Patti Ogden, of UtilityHelp Inc., reviewed the proposals, did extensive research and assisted administration with determining the most beneficial option. It was determined that the best option is to discontinue the AT&T internet connection and upgrade the district's current Comcast service. This can be accomplished at a reduced price than is currently being paid. In addition, it is recommended that the Comcast agreement be aligned to end with the existing June, 2016 Comcast contract.

IX - NEW BUSINESS (Con't)2. Approval of Comcast Internet Access Service Agreement (Con't)

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Welch and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to approve a 24-month service agreement with Comcast commencing on July 1, 2014 for 100 Mg internet access services for a monthly cost of \$8,931.67 per month, with roll call vote as follows: (On File)

Dr.	Welch	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Birchfield	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes

X - COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mr. Goerlitz handed out the PRIDE Awards timeline to Board members and asked each member to sign up to Chair one committee and sit on a second committee. Committee meetings need to be held and award winners selected between April 9, 2014 and April 21, 2014.

2. Dr. Welch thanked Ms. Goodwin for attended the Co-curricular Committee meeting on her behalf on February 24, 2014. Ms. Goodwin reported that the Committee is working on ranking requests and will be finished prior to the Budget Workshop.

XI - CLOSED SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Ms. Goodwin and seconded by Dr. Welch to go into closed session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity; and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, with roll call vote as follows:

Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes
Dr.	Welch	- Yes
Mr.	Birchfield	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes

**The Board Returned to Open Session at 9:09 p.m.**

XII - ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Dr. Welch and seconded by Mr. Goerlitz to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m., with roll call vote as follows:

Dr.	Welch	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Birchfield	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes

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Camille Goodwin, Secretary

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Paul J. Meyer, President