

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY  
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES,  
ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER ON  
FEBRUARY 1, 2010 AT 7:00 P.M.

- Call to Order Vice President Jackie Romberg called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Dave Weeks, Jim Dennison, Jackie Romberg, Susan Crotty, Terry Fielden and Suzyn Price. Absent: Mike Jaensch.
- Administrators present were: Mark Mitrovich, Superintendent; Melanie Raczkiewicz, Associate Superintendent for Operations; Carol Hetman, Chief Human Resources Officer. Also present was Robb Cooper, Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper, & Gilbert, LTD.
- Closed Session Dennison moved, seconded by Fielden to go into Closed Session at 6:00 p.m. for the consideration of :
1. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
  2. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representative. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
  3. Student Discipline 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
- A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Dennison, Crotty, Romberg, Price, Fielden and Weeks. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.
- Call to Order Weeks moved, seconded by Crotty to return to Open Session at 7:21 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Weeks, Crotty, Price, Romberg, Fielden, and Dennison. No: none. The motion carried.
- Roll Call Board members present: Dave Weeks, Susan Crotty, Suzyn Price, Jackie Romberg, Jim Dennison, and Terry Fielden. Absent: Mike Jaensch.
- Pledge of Allegiance Mrs. Romberg led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Public Comment Julie Schnell encouraged the Board to use any extra money collected from taxpayers as a result of the Navistar TIF for a new initiative and not to support Navistar. She also encouraged the Board to use its many communication avenues to inform the community about what is going on with Navistar and let the community voice its opinion against it.
- David Shaftman referenced an article from last Friday's Tribune regarding the Race to the Top and its potential significance for the District since the Board voted not to take part in the initiative. He noted that there might be some implications for the teachers in the light of the upcoming contract negotiations.
- Superintendent / Superintendent Mitrovich thanked Board members who were able to

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attend Yuks for Youth for their support. It was a great evening and the proceeds help support the Study Skills Academy.

Last week administrators and the leadership from NUEA met for a joint training session that was presented by Robb Cooper and Julie Resh-Jelliff. The purpose was to provide some background and understanding around many issues with the bargaining unit and the existing contract. The session was well received.

Superintendent Mitrovich addressed the issue of Race to the Top and the Board's decision not to sign the Memorandum of Understanding. District 203 would not have been eligible for several aspects of the funding due to the demographics. The Board chose to do what they thought was best for the wellbeing of staff and students. The concept of Race to the Top is being revised and aimed at individual schools, which would be much more appropriate for our District. Superintendent Mitrovich also noted that NCLB is not a new concept. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of the past is being reauthorized and will be called ESEA.

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Facilities

- Mr. Fielden noted that the early childhood center is really taking shape.
- Drywall is going up and the layout is clearly visible.
- There is a tour for Board members tomorrow morning.
- Ralph Weaver and the contractors are reviewing the bids from Bid Package #6.
- Mechanical and electrical bids will be opened tomorrow.
- We will have a good idea of how we are doing financially once those bids have been reviewed.

Darlene Senger Closing the Gap event

Mr. Weeks attended the event last week. Kathy Klees did a great job representing the District – there was little turn out.

Finance Committee Meeting

Jackie Romberg and Dave Weeks attended the meeting last week.

- The audit was presented and explained
- The auditors made very positive comments regarding Dave Zager and his staff.
- They discussed the issue of abatement and decided to recommend that the District not abate the Debt Service Levy.
- They discussed and commented on the upcoming negotiations

Adjournment

Dennison moved, seconded by Fielden to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. A voice vote was taken. Those voting yes: Weeks, Romberg, Fielden, Crotty, Price, and Dennison. No: none. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved

February 16, 2010

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Jackie Romberg, Vice President  
Board of Education

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Ann N. Bell, Secretary  
Board of Education