

BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS
REGULAR MEETING
Clay Professional Development Center
November 10, 2015

I - CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Goodwin, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II - ROLL CALL

Present: Mr. Gilmore, Mr. Goerlitz, Ms. Goodwin, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Shinherr, Dr. Moan, Superintendent, Mr. George Oslovich, Assistant Superintendent for Middle and High School Education, Dr. Dana Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and Mrs. Risa Hanson, Chief Financial Officer.

Absent: Mr. Miceli and Mr. Nattress

III - CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Goerlitz and seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the Consent Agenda including minutes; routine personnel matters with addendum; financial reports; bills payable; an overnight field trip for Woodstock North High School and Woodstock High School theatre students to attend the Illinois Theatre Festival at Illinois State University, January 7-9, 2016; an overnight field trip for Woodstock High School Spain exchange students to travel to Madrid, Spain, March 25, 2016 through April 9, 2016; a Woodstock High School Theatre Fest co-curricular fundraiser; a Woodstock North High School girls basketball co-curricular fundraiser; a Dual Language co-curricular fundraiser; and a German Exploratory co-curricular fundraising request, with roll call vote as follows:

Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes

1. Approval of Minutes

- 1.1 Regular Meeting of October 27, 2015
- 1.2 Closed Session of October 27, 2015

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)

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

Employment

Approve the employment of Anna Spencer in an additional position as Assistant Math Team Advisor for the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$1,909. (WHS)

Approve the employment of Kirk Cagle in an additional position as Weight Room Supervisor for the 2015-2016 school year at a stipend of \$1,909. (WNHS)

Approve the employment of Diana Oclon as Bus Associate for the 2015-2016 school year at 3 hours per day, 5 days per week, \$10.33 per hour. (Transp.)

Other

Approve a change in hours for Robert Wardrop to 5 hours per day, 5 days per week for the 2015-2016 school year. (Transp. – Route Driver)

Resignation

Approve the retirement of Karen Dalman, effective December 18, 2015. (WNHS)

Approve the resignation of Rhonda Pesterfield, effective November 6, 2015. (PWE – Spec. Ed. Assoc.)

Approve the retirement of Judith Pierscioneck, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year. (GWE – Secretary to Principal)

Approve the resignation of Michael Olhava from the stipend position of Assistant Football Coach only, effective the end of the 2015-2016 season. (WNHS)

Approve the resignation of J.C. Wise from the stipend position of Head Golf Coach only, effective the end of the 2015-2016 season. (WHS/WNHS)

Approve the resignation of Michael DeGrassi from the stipend position of Assistant Football Coach only, effective the end of the 2015-2016 season. (WNHS)

III - CONSENT AGENDA (Con't)2. Approval of Routine Personnel Matters (Con't)Leave of Absence

Approve a leave of absence for Patricia Wesley from an anticipated start date of January 22, 2016 and for an anticipated 6-8 weeks thereafter, using available paid sick leave days until exhausted, with any balance of the leave unpaid. (WNHS – Science)

Approve a leave of absence under FMLA for Diane Rodolfo from a start date of December 15, 2015 and for an anticipated 12 weeks thereafter, using available paid sick leave days concurrently per doctor's written instructions, with any balance of the leave unpaid. (MEES – 1st Gr. Dual Lang.)

Approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Adriana Munoz-Valdespino from November 4, 2015 and through an anticipated date of November 30, 2015. (WNHS – Custodian)

3. Approval of Financial Reports (On File)4. Approval of Bills Payable (On File)5. Approval of an Overnight Field Trip for Woodstock North High School and Woodstock High School Theatre Students to Attend the Illinois Theatre Festival at Illinois State University, January 7-9, 2016 (On File)6. Approval of an Overnight Field Trip for Woodstock High School Spain Exchange Students to Travel to Madrid, Spain, March 25, 2016 through April 9, 2016 (On File)7. Approval of a Woodstock High School Theatre Fest Co-Curricular Fundraiser (On File)8. Approval of a Woodstock North High School Girls Basketball Co-Curricular Fundraiser (On File)9. Approval of a Dual Language Co-Curricular Fundraiser (On File)10. Approval of a German Exploratory Co-Curricular Fundraising Request
(On File)

IV - RECOGNITION

1. 2015 Girls Tennis IHSA Singles State Qualifier

Woodstock North Junior **Laura Nicks** made Thunder athletics history as the first girls tennis player from Woodstock North High School to qualify for the IHSA State Tennis Tournament. Laura finished in 3rd place at the Belvidere North Sectional Tournament, and went 2-2 at the State Tennis Tournament, which was played on October 22 at Elk Grove High School.

Laura dropped her first match 6-1, 6-1, which put her into the consolation bracket, and won her first consolation bracket match 6-1, 6-3. Laura won her second match 6-4, 7-6 (5) in tie breaker fashion. During her final match Laura split sets, 0-6, 6-3, but lost the tie-breaker. Congratulations went to Laura and coaches **Judy Roller** and **Bart Zadlo**.

2. 2015 Girls Golf IHSA Class A State Qualifier

Making WNHS history along with Laura Nicks is **Daniela Miranda**, who is the first WNHS golfer to qualify for the IHSA Class A State Golf Meet! A junior at Woodstock North, Daniela has played all season as a member of the Woodstock-Woodstock North combined golf team. In the IHSA Class A Regional, which was held at Oak Grove Golf Course, Daniela finished in 2nd place, which qualified her for the Sectional Meet. In the IHSA Sectional, Daniela finished in 5th place, which qualified her for the IHSA State Meet. She shot a 182 on October 16 and 17 at Red Tail Run Golf Course in Decatur, Illinois, finishing in 44th place. Congratulations went to Daniela and coaches **JC Wise** and **Brent Filetti**.

3. Boys and Girls Cross Country Class 2A State Qualifiers

Two Woodstock High School Cross Country athletes will be returning this year to the IHSA Class 2A State Finals. Both runners had an outstanding season, with the following highlights: Junior **Kate Jacobs** was the Niles West Invitational Champion, took 3rd in the Fox Valley Conference, 2nd at Regionals, and 10th at Sectionals, earning her way once again to the State Meet. Senior **Luke Beattie** was the Crystal Lake South Invitational Champion, Grant Invitational Champion, 3rd in the Fox Valley Conference, and took 3rd at both Regionals and Sectionals, on his path to State. Kate and Luke will compete at the State Finals on Saturday, November 7 in Peoria. Congratulations went to them both, and to coaches **Jay Fuller** and **Bill Macaulay**,

4. Lina Rodgers School Nursing Award Recipient

Nancy Kreznor, School Nurse at the Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center, has been named by the McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) as the 2015 recipient of the Lina Rodgers Award.

IV - RECOGNITION (Con't)4. Lina Rodgers School Nursing Award Recipient (Con't)

A pioneer in public health nursing, Lina Rodgers was the first school nurse, appointed in 1902 to oversee the children at four schools in the New York City public school system. The MCDH awards the honor annually in Rodgers' name to a school health professional. MCDH representative Susan Karras presented the award to Nancy during an all-staff meeting at Verda Dierzen Early Learning Center on October 2, 2015.

5. ISBE *Those Who Excel* Award Recipients

The Illinois State Board of Education annually sponsors *Those Who Excel* to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to our state's public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. District 200 is proud to have the following among this year's honorees:

Denise Clark

School Nurse at Greenwood Elementary School
Student Support Personnel – Award of Merit

Maribeth Dhom

Principal's Secretary at Dean Street Elementary School
Educational Service Personnel – Award of Merit

Kelly Edge

Dual Language Kindergarten Teacher at Verda Dierzen ELC
Early Career Educator – Award of Recognition

Paul Rausch

Choral Director at Woodstock High School
Classroom Teacher – Award of Excellence

D200 Special Olympics Team, Represented by:

Jennifer Moskowitz – Life Skills Teacher at Creekside Middle School and
Cory Knopik – Life Skills Teacher at Greenwood Elementary School
Team – Award of Recognition

This year's award recipients were recognized at a banquet on Saturday, October 17, at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Normal. Congratulations went to all of our District 200 *Those Who Excel* honorees!

IV - RECOGNITION (Con't)6. IMEA District 7 Junior Orchestra Members

This year, for the first time in District 200 history, nine middle school orchestra students auditioned to participate in an elite ensemble – the IMEA District 7 Junior Orchestra. District 7 is comprised of schools in most of McHenry County, all of Lake County, and also some parts of Cook and DuPage Counties. It is generally considered to be the most competitive of the nine districts in Illinois. These Creekside 7th and 8th grade students practiced for hours daily to learn three pieces of high school-level music, and then performed selected sections before judges on October 7.

Three District 200 musicians were accepted into the orchestra! The Junior Orchestra Festival day will be held on Saturday, November 14, and will culminate in a concert at Wauconda High School. These impressive results speak very highly of our young orchestra program. Congratulations to these talented students, and to their instructor, **Lyndra Bastian**.

Fiona Frawley – Bass

Anna Maria – Viola

Angelina Scolio – Viola

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Goerlitz and seconded by Mr. Gilmore 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:

Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes

The orchestra students performed for the audience.

V - COMMUNICATIONS

1. Several community members addressed the Board with comments regarding property taxes, the District 200 budget, the Lakewood TIF and the school based health center.

V - COMMUNICATIONS (Con't)

2. Mr. Meyer reported that he attended a manufacturing meeting at McHenry County College where attendees discussed what can be done at schools within the county to prepare students for manufacturing careers.

During Board discussion, Ms. Goodwin asked if District 200 is meeting the needs of students preparing for manufacturing jobs after graduation. Assistant Superintendent George Oslovich, who was also in attendance at the manufacturing meeting, commented that the District's CNC program meets the necessary criteria, but there are not enough graduates to meet the need for manufacturing jobs in the area.

VI - SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Dr. Moan informed the Board that districtwide Veterans Day activities were being held throughout the week.
2. Dr. Moan reminded Board members that a Dual Language Parent Night was scheduled for Wednesday night at Creekside Middle School.

VII - MONITORING REPORT

1. District 200 Orchestra Program Update and Future Planning (On File)

This item was included on the agenda so the Board of Education could be updated on the progress of the District 200 Orchestra program.

District 200 orchestra teachers presented information regarding the growth of the orchestra program including current activities, recognitions and plans for the roll-up of the program into the high schools.

VIII - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

IX - NEW BUSINESS

1. Determination of the 2015 Tax Levy

Chief Financial Officer Risa Hanson detailed the proposed 2015 tax levy compared to the previous year and the property taxes and rates projected for the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. Hanson reviewed preliminary information received from the Supervisor of Assessments regarding the districts EAV for the 2015 levy. The information shows that the District's total preliminary EAV for 2015 is projected to be \$730,884,673 including new growth of \$3,391,614. Mrs. Hanson explained that the estimated EAV received in the fall is never how the final EAV looks in the spring. This occurs because the Board of Review is still hearing property appeals and these changes have not been factored into the preliminary numbers.

IX - NEW BUSINESS (Con't)1. Determination of the 2015 Tax Levy (Con't)

Mrs. Hanson added that based on appeals this year, the Supervisor estimated the District's EAV would go down between 1.0% and 1.5% by spring. Based on this new information, Mrs. Hanson reduced the estimated EAV down 1.25% to \$721,791,010 to more accurately reflect what the district's EAV would look like in the spring.

Mrs. Hanson continued by showing the Board the 2-year comparison of the levies and extensions. The proposal showed no increase to the levy compared to last year's taxes extended, or taxes received. The District is looking at an increase in its total EAV of .33%, or \$2.4 million. Because EAV is increasing, the tax rate is projected to go down approximately 3 cents from a tax rate of approximately 8.21% to 8.18%.

Mrs. Hanson added that the current bond repayment schedules for the 2015 levy are \$74,314 more than last year. In order to achieve no increase to the Bond & Interest Fund, it would be necessary to abate, or reduce taxes \$74,314. The Board would need to pass a resolution to abate this amount in December or January which would allow the County Clerk to reduce the tax extension.

Finally, Mrs. Hanson showed that the impact of the tax rate on a \$200,000 house in Woodstock would likely be a decrease of \$16 in the homeowner's tax bill for District 200.

Mrs. Hanson expressed that given the current economy and how the property tax formula works, she believed this was a very positive step in helping to reduce the tax burden on Woodstock taxpayers.

During Board discussion, Ms. Goodwin commented that it was appropriate at this time not to take the full levy. Ms. Goodwin added that while the Board did not feel they could reduce the tax levy in past years, what they did do was refund bonds, not with the intent to incur more debt or to extend the debt out, but to give short term relief to taxpayers.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Goerlitz to determine the 2015 tax levies, waive the reading of and approve the Resolution Authorizing the Estimated Aggregate Levy for the Year 2015, with roll call vote as follows: (On File)

Mr.	Meyer	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes

IX - NEW BUSINESS (Con't)2. Approval of the Resolution to Sell the 2013-2014/2014-2015 Building Trades House

Chief Financial Officer Risa Hanson explained that administration had received another offer on the building trades house and recommended that the Board table approval of a resolution to sell the 2013-2014/2014-2015 building trades house.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Gilmore to table approval of the resolution for the sale of the building trades house located at 631 Prairie Drive, with roll call vote as follows:

Mr.	Meyer	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes

3. Approval of High School Course Changes 2016-2017

Assistant Superintendent Mr. George Oslovich reviewed proposed high school course curriculum changes recommended for the 2016-2017 academic year.

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Goerlitz to accept the proposed high school course curriculum changes as presented for the 2016-2017 academic year, with roll call vote as follows: (On File)

Mr.	Meyer	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes

X - COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Mr. Gilmore reported that the Education Foundation continues to prepare for their annual fundraising event that is scheduled for Saturday, February 6, 2016.

XI - CLOSED SESSION

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Goerlitz and seconded by Mr. Meyer to go into closed session at 8:26 p.m. to discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District, with roll call vote as follows:

XI - CLOSED SESSION (Con't)

Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes
Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes

The Board Returned to Open Session at 8:55 p.m.

XII - ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Moved by Mr. Gilmore and seconded by Mr. Goerlitz to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m., with roll call vote as follows:

Mr.	Gilmore	- Yes
Mr.	Goerlitz	- Yes
Mr.	Shinherr	- Yes
Mr.	Meyer	- Yes
Ms.	Goodwin	- Yes

Russell Goerlitz, Secretary

Camille A. Goodwin, President