



YOUR 200 TEAM NEWS

VOTE APRIL 17

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Wheaton, Illinois – For the second time in two months, the District 200 school board has cancelled a scheduled board meeting due to “lack of agenda items.” The meeting was one of only two meetings all year planned to be held in Warrenville. In response, Mark Stern, Betty Welker and Paul Yousif, running as Your 200 Team for school board in the April 17 election, announced their list of agenda items for the board to consider.

“Do board members really think there is nothing in the District requiring their attention? Since the end of last school year, only twice has the board held two regular public meetings in a month,” said Mark Stern. “If they have time for 10 special closed meetings, they should make time for regular meetings to visit schools and listen to the community.”

Paul Yousif added, “If there are no agenda items, why not hold a ‘Banter with the Board’ session to let community members engage in an actual dialogue with the board, so they can ask questions and get answers?” Betty Welker stated, “We want to make positive changes to open the process of board decision-making, starting with more public access, not less.”

Your 200 Team listed 10 action items the school board could have considered rather than canceling the February 28 meeting, including:

- Pledging each to spend a full school day at every district school;
- “Banter with the Board” at least once a month to give parents and residents immediate answers to questions and concerns; and
- Competitive bidding on all district contracts to save taxpayer dollars.

The complete agenda is attached, and is also available at www.your200team.com.

New Ideas, New Leadership — A New Team
for the Wheaton-Warrenville Community Unit School District 200 School Board



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Agenda Items We'd Like to Have Seen Adopted at the February 28, 2007 Board Meeting.
We won't put off until "next meeting" what we can accomplish today! If elected, **WE WILL:**

1. **Open the Lines of Communication**
Set a regularly scheduled time at least once every month when parents and residents can have an actual conversation with board members ("Banter with the Board"). Listen respectfully to public comments, and follow up with answers on what district personnel can respond to and help the speaker.
2. **Visit Every School for a School Day**
Pledge that each board member, over his or her term, will spend at least one full school day at every school to learn more about the school, teachers, and students.
3. **Conduct Open Meetings and Make Decisions**
Make decisions in open meetings, and explain them in open meetings. No more closed out-of-town meetings at fancy restaurants.
4. **Fix Bus Schedules**
Designate a bus planner to rationalize bus routes, and add buses to shorten the longest trips now, by reducing the number of stops.
5. **Abide by Community Vote to Resolve Hubble**
Promise to accept the results of one community referendum on building a new middle school – no more delays, and no multiple referenda.
6. **Protect School Funding**
Oppose taking millions in tax dollars that belong to our schools and giving them to subsidize commercial developers through TIF.
7. **Demand Competitive Bidding**
End no-bid contracts and demand competitive bidding to save taxpayer dollars.
8. **Disclose All District Contracts**
Post all district contracts on the district web site.
9. **Implement Facilities Plan**
Adopt a strategic facilities plan that addresses not just Hubble, but Jefferson, Woodland, and all district schools, designate a full-time facilities manager, and perform scheduled maintenance so no child's school is ignored.
10. **Adopt Ethics Policy**
Adopt a comprehensive ethics policy, including ending "pay to play" contributions from district vendors to board political campaigns. Prohibit Board members from using referendum funds as personal campaign "slush funds."