Peoria Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes

February 10, 2020

The Board convened in the Media Room at the Administration Building at 5:01 p.m. Board President Adler called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Adler, Klaus, Ross, Shaw, Walther and Wilson. Costic arrived at 5:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION – Moved by Walther, seconded by Shaw to adjourn into closed session to discuss: Review Student Discipline Cases Section 2(c) (9); Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, Board dismissal of specific employees or legal counsel Section 2(c) (1); Collective negotiating matters Section 2(c) (2); Litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the School District Section 2(c) (11); Purchase or lease of real property, setting of price for sale or lease of property Section 2 (c) (5)&(6); All yes. The Board went into closed session at 5:03 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m. Student Board Member Adhanom-Shipman was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Wilson reminded parents that all students must turn in their formative assignments from last week’s Learning at Home day to their teacher by this Thursday at noon in order to not be counted as absent. He stated that if they had any questions, please contact your school’s principal.

Mrs. Costic thanked the kindergarten through 8th grade administrators, teachers and parents for working with students to submit their Young Authors entries. She shared that for the second year in a row, every building has submitted at least one entry and many schools have increased the number of entries. Mrs. Costic shared that the judges are looking forward to reading the creative work of our Young Authors and choosing finalists for each grade.

Miss Adhanom-Shipman announced that the application deadline for graduating seniors for Peoria Public Schools Foundation Scholarships is Sunday, March 1st. She shared that the PPS Foundation will present 18 scholarships worth $24,000 to graduating seniors this year. Miss Adhanom-Shipman noted to apply, go to www.ppsfoundation.org/student-scholarships. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PPS Foundation office at (309) 713-3608 or jennifer.adler@psd150.org.

Mrs. Ross shared with parents and teachers that to complete the 5 Essentials survey is Friday, February 14th. She mentioned that the district needs your input.

Mr. Klaus reminded parents and staff that Peoria Public Schools and district offices will be closed next Monday, February 17th in observance of President’s Day.

Mr. Walther stated that the boundary waiver application window is closing soon. He shared that the application must be submitted by Friday, February 21st. More information can be found at www.peoriapublicschools.org/boundarywaiver.

Mr. Walther also shared that the next Parent University, Thursday, March 19 at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. He stated that the evening will include dinner, planetarium shows, tours of the Peoria Sculpture Walk, movies on the Giant Screen Theatre, the incredible Da Vinci exhibit, family activities and information to help your student.
Mr. Shaw announced to Sophomore students and parents that were unable to attend the D² program informational meetings that they can attend the final information meeting at the district Administration Building, located at 3202 N. Wisconsin Ave., at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, February 13th.

Mr. Shaw reminded parents that progress reports for the third grading period will be sent home on Wednesday, February 12th. He also mentioned that parents can keep up with your students’ grades and assignments by logging onto Skyward and even have text or voice mail reports on your student’s grades sent on a daily or weekly basis.

Mr. Adler shared that the National Board Resource Center (NBRC) is a nonprofit organization that has been charged with overseeing the Illinois State Board of Education program that enables teachers and counselors to become National Board certified. He mentioned that the NBRC provides payment for teacher-candidate fees and support through the process. Mr. Adler noted that the Illinois National Board Candidate Fee Subsidy application window for teachers and school counselors pursuing National Board Certification beginning in the 2020-2021 school year opens February 11th at 10 a.m. Go to nbrc.illinoisstate.edu for more information.

Mr. Adler thanked Manual and Trewyn for decorating the bulletin boards.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION:

Mr. Adler invited Lisa Gifford to the podium to introduce and recognize this meetings Community Contribution Award Recipient, Blick Art Materials.

Lisa Gifford thanked Blick Art for all their donations that they have given over the last two years. She stated that 18 of the schools have been able to benefit from these donations. Mrs. Gifford shared that the art supplies are truly a game-changer for so many of the schools and students.

STUDENT SHOWCASE:

Thomas Bruch announced that he had the honor of recognizing three Manual students who did a very nice random act of kindness in the month of January. He shared that while Jamari Chance, Tristen White, Shawn Wright Jr. were at a basketball game, the young men came across a wallet with a significant amount of cash in it. Mr. Bruch shared that because of their kindness the owner was able to get his wallet back with all his belongings still in it. He expressed appreciate and gratitude for their act of kindness.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Dr. Kherat recognized the top three schools with the most improved attendance from the same time period last year for the month of January 3rd place, Von Steuben with a 3.27% increase from 88.08% to 91.35%, 2nd place, Sterling with a 3.97% increase from 87.13% to 91.10% and 1st place, Whittier with a huge 5.37% increase from 85.77% to 91.14%

The three different school representatives shared some of the things they are doing to work with students and improving attendance.

Dr. Kherat noted that even though it was a tough flu season during the month of January, we did have one school that achieved above 95 percent attendance for the month. Which was Washington Gifted with 96.77%.
DISTRICT PRESENTATION:

Michael Kuhn provided an update on Woodruff Career & Technical Center. He talked about the difference in programs in 2014-2015 to 2019-2020. He talked about some of the programs that have changed over the last few years. Mr. Kuhn shared details on the certifications that the students are earning. He also talked briefly about internship opportunities for the students.

PRESENTATIONS BY AUDIENCE:

Terry Knapp thanked the board for the bulletin boards that continue to be updated. He also thanked Mick Willis and Dr. Kherat for the teacher’s negotiations. He stated that the culture has changed. Mr. Knapp talked about Quest’s IEPs and Special Education.

Sharon Crews talked about how things with PPS have changed over the last twenty-five years. She mentioned that no learning can take place until a viable solution for discipline in the classroom is offered. She talked more about discipline and possible solutions.

Glenn Ross provided a brief update on the Quest Charter contract.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF:

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES OVER $2,500 FOR February 10, 2020 –

| Education Fund | 25456574 | 300 6ft tables for various locations | MENAR 000 | 10,500.00 |
|                | 470014034 | 3 Viewing screens/installation | BRADF 000 | 10,300.21 |
|                | 470014033 | Avast Antivirus renewal - April 2020 | JOLETEC 000 | 24,420.00 |
|                | 50001479 | Instrument repairs/supplies Roosevelt | THE MUSI000 | 3,091.01 |
| Education Fund - Food Service Area | 950002763 | Richwoods Cafe’ repairs for Dish | JOHNSON 047 | 2,722.32 |
| Title I Low Income Grant | 470014024 | PSD Build for 10 Replacement AIO / 150 | PTC SELE000 | 5,800.00 |
|                | 470014037 | 20 HP Stream/warranty for Charter Oak | HP INC 000 | 4,890.80 |
|                | 470014039 | 28 HP Stream/warranty for Hines - HD | HP INC 000 | 6,847.12 |
|                | 470014040 | 20 HP Stream / warranty for Thomas | HP INC 000 | 4,890.80 |
|                | 470014044 | 25 HP Stream/warranty for Maude | HP INC 000 | 6,113.50 |
|                | 470014025 | 4 Replacement Compaq Elite AIO for | HP INC 000 | 3,362.00 |
|                | 470014022 | 10 Replacement wall mount projectors | BRADF 000 | 6,990.00 |
|                | 470014024 | PSD Build for 10 Replacement AIO / 150 | PTC SELE000 | 6,135.00 |
| Title I SIG Grant | 50001476 | IL Empower Approved Partner- Roose Mindfulness for Self-Regulation | REGIONAL007 | 12,000.00 |
|                | 50001475 | IL Empower Approved Partner Trewyn | REGIONAL007 | 6,000.00 |
Report of Requests Under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests:

Dr. Kherat reported that since our last Board meeting January 27, 2020, we have received three (3) new Freedom of Information Act requests. Of those requests two (2) were filled. There was two (2) pending request noted on the January 27, 2020 Board Report. Of those requests, one (1) has been filled and one (1) is pending.

We have received twenty-three (23) requests for this calendar year.
CONSENT AGENDA – President Adler asked if there were any items on the Consent Agenda that a Board Member wished to have considered separately. There was none. Mr. Adler then called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education adopt the Consent Agenda.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE THEREBY APPROVED:

GIFTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education accept the following donations and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors:

Warm winter items, valued at $125.00, by Elevate Trampoline Park to Glen Oak
Cash donation, valued at $791.00, by Rotary North of Peoria to Roosevelt
Art supplies, valued at $80,000.00, by Carolyn McKillip (Blick Art Materials) to Peoria Public Schools

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve the payment of the following list of bills as presented:

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On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve the travel requests as presented by the Administration. (Copies are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.)

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

BOARD TRAVEL REQUEST – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve the following expenditure for Board travel for Doug Shaw, Dan Walther and Gregory Wilson to attend the 2020 NSBA Annual Conference in Chicago, IL from April 4th – April 6th at a total cost of $6,418.60.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve the Human Resources Report as presented by the Administration:
I. **Certified Personnel Appointment**

*Baker, Heather – Lincoln / Teacher Grade 1 02/11/20
Parks, Shaniqua – WCTC / Cosmetology 01/28/20
Popp, Amy – Northmoor / Tutor 02/04/20

**Leave of Absence**

Monast, Crystal – Lincoln / Teacher K-8 1/13/20-01/28/20
Nester, Tina – Whittier / Teacher 01/21/20-02/10/20

**Resignation**

Kokos Lisa – Administration / Online Learning Coordinator 06/30/20
McConnell, Alma – Roosevelt / Teacher Grade 8 02/11/20

**Retirement**

Carlberg, Leisa – Administration/Coordinator-Special Ed 06/12/20
Chumbley, Bryan- Dr. Maude Sanders / Teacher Technology 05/22/20

II. **Non-Certified Personnel Appointment**

*Briggs, Linda - Harrison, Roosevelt / Community School Success Coach 02/11/20
*Carrier, Stephanie – Thomas Jefferson / Clerical 02/11/20
*Cureton, Sean – Harrison, Roosevelt / Community School Success Coach 02/11/20
*Duncan, Aury – Roosevelt / Clerical 02/11/20
Jackson, Victoria – Manual, PHS / Climate Transformation Group Leader 02/07/20
Johnson, Taler – Student Worker 02/11/20
Jones, Regina – Manual / FT Cafeteria Cook / Baker 02/03/20
Marshall, Kendra- Transportation / Monitor 02/04/20
Martin, Robert – Richwoods / Head Custodian 02/11/20
Mayes, Devante – PHS / Teacher Aide-Special Ed 02/18/20
*O’Brien, Holly – TBD / COTA 02/26/20
Toles, Laura – Glen Oak / Pt Elementary Manager 02/02/20
Walker, Nicholas – Thomas Jefferson / Teacher Aide 02/11/20

**Leave of Absence**

Claudin, Maria – VHEEC / Teacher Aide 01/13/20-03/02/20
Farokhi-Adkison, Tamika – Administration / Clerical 02/18/20-04/14/20
Pence, Deborah – Kellar / Nurse 12/21/19-03/02/20
Petty, Michael – Transportation / Driver 02/05/20-03/17/20
Vargas, Laura – Franklin / Clerical 01/30/20-02/10/20
Williams, Annette – Transportation / Driver 01/25/20-02/10/20
Wolters, Gloria – VHEEC / Teacher Aide 03/09/20-05/11/20

**Resignation**

Dorsey, Donnie- Lincoln / Part Time Cafeteria ELRA 01/31/20
Fogliano, Tonya – Harrison-Roosevelt / Community School Liaison 02/06/20
Johnson, Christopher – Manual / Security 02/14/20
Lawson, Albert – Transportation / Monitor 02/07/20
Marshall, Kendra – Transportation / Driver 02/03/20
Sherrill, Destiny – Transportation / Monitor 01/29/20
Walker, Harmonie – Transportation / Driver 02/14/20
**Dismissal for Reasons Other Than Reduction in Force**

- Smith, Lovell – Transportation / Driver 02/03/20
- Simpson, Nikki – Transportation / Driver 01/23/20
- Tuson, Robert – Transportation / Monitor 01/27/20

### III. Substitute Personnel Appointment

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### Resignation

- Burnside, Kevin – Behavioral Attendant 02/11/20
- Galvez, Luz – Behavioral Attendant 02/03/20
- Toles, Laura – Cafeteria 01/31/20
- Tory, Bessie – Cafeteria 02/03/20
- Walker, Nicholas – Behavioral Attendant 02/10/20

**Dismissal for Reasons Other Than Reduction in Force**

- Chalk, Tashala – Behavioral Attendant 02/11/20

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**FIELD TRIP APPROVAL** – WOODRUFF CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER, CULINARY ARTS CLASS CHICAGO, IL – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve an overnight field trip for the Woodruff Career & Technical Center Culinary Arts class, per Board Policy 6:240. The students will travel to Chicago, IL on March 6, 2020 participating in the ProStart 2020 Invitational hosted by the Illinois Restaurant Educational Foundation and returning March 7, 2020. No student will be denied participation for inability to pay.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.
FIELD TRIP APPROVAL – WOODRUFF CAREER & TECHNICAL CENTER, CULINARY ARTS CLASS
SPRINGFIELD, IL – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve an overnight field trip for the Woodruff Career & Technical Center Culinary Arts class, per Board Policy 6:240. The students will travel to Springfield, IL on April 23, 2020 participating in the Skills USA Illinois Championship, and returning April 25, 2020. No student will be denied participation for inability to pay.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIP APPROVAL – PEORIA HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS ST. LOUIS, MO – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve an out-of-state field trip for the Peoria High Social Studies class, per Board Policy 6:240. The students will travel to St. Louis, MO on May 13, 2020 to the Broadway show Hamilton, and returning on the same date. No student will be denied participation for inability to pay.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

FIELD TRIP APPROVAL – HARRISON 6TH GRADE CLASS TRIP – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve the field trip for Harrison Community Learning Center 6th grade students to travel to St. Louis Science Center in St. Louis, MO., on May 8, 2020, per Board Policy 6:240. Students will need to meet certain eligibility requirements promoting academics, attendance, and behavior. There is no cost to students for this trip.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ROOSEVELT MAGNET HVAC – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that the Board of Education approve a Roosevelt Magnet HVAC bid that will be funded with County School Facilities Sales Tax monies.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION

EXPULSION
Recommendation: Expel the student(s) for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year & 1st Semester of the 2020-21 school year.

Recommended: Allow the student(s) to enroll in the Safe School (TTP) on Board Probation the entire time. Transportation will be provided during the expulsion term.

Note: A staff member from the Safe School (TTP) will contact the parent/student concerning enrollment.

2/10/20 - 01 10/5th Calvin Coolidge
2/10/20 - 02 12/7th Von Steuben SPED
MUST SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTS
EXPULSION WITH THE EXPULSION HELD IN ABEYANCE
Recommendation: Expel the student(s) and hold the expulsion in abeyance, provided the parent and student agree to sign and abide by the provisions of the Student Behavior Contract.

Recommended length of Expulsion to be held in Abeyance: The remainder of the 2019-20 school year and 1st Semester of the 2020-21 school year.

Note: The parent and student must sign the Student Behavior Contract, by February 21, 2020, or the expulsion held in abeyance option will be negated by the Board.

2/10/20 – 03 14/8th Lincoln MUST SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTS

2/10/20 – 04 16/10th Richwoods MUST SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTS

2/10/20 – 0514/9th Richwoods MUST SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTS

2/10/20 – 06 15/10th Richwoods MUST SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTS

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:

Mr. Shaw announced that Building Committee will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Walther shared that the Policy Committee will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Ross stated that Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, March 12th at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Daphne Williams
Secretary, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Daniel P. Adler
President, Board of Education