

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
February 14, 2011

The Board convened in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building at 4:30 p.m. President Debbie Wolfmeyer called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Costic, Crawford, Petelle, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Stowell, seconded by Crawford to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting, January 28, 2011 Section 2(c) (21); Student Discipline 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). Motion carried. No action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the executive session at 6:24 p.m.

The Board convened in regular session at 6:36 p.m. in the Diagnostic Learning Center. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Costic, Crawford, Ross, Petelle, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Butler announced that Richwoods High School would be hosting its first Black History Month Program on Feb. 25, 2011 at 1:50 p.m.

Mr. Crawford attended the 9th Annual Lincoln Award Banquet, honoring local high school seniors.

Mr. Stowell announced that his brother and former district employee, Jerry Stowell, is a candidate for Teacher of the Year in Florida.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer announced that the District Reads program will be hosting bake sales around Peoria, the funds will benefit and provide books to the students in our district.

Dr. Lathan announced that postcards were mailed home on February 11, 2011. Students with perfect attendance and/or honor roll status are recognized.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – Mr. Mike Barber, principal of Irving Primary School acknowledged the partnership between First United Methodist Church and his school and students. This partnership provides mentors, art classes and musical program. Students representing 2nd thru 5th grade performed two songs. Video available for review in the Board Secretary's office.

Donna O'Day, principal of Knoxville Center for Student Success, introduced students and staff to discuss the successes, goals and services provided at their school. Mrs. O'Day also presented the Board with a "plaque" representing the success of the school. Video available for review in the Board Secretary's office.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point Rd., acknowledge Donna O'Day for attending the Alternative School Graduation to support her past student(s). He encourages the district to expand the alternative learning environments in the district. He also hoped that the district was respectful of its finances concerning the recent training provided by out of state instructors. Mr. Darling asked that teachers are given the "option" to speak to parents upon unexpected visits. Respect the teacher and allow the teacher 24 hr response time.

Judy McDowell, 2627 N. Wisconsin, welcomed Lynn Costic. She addressed the decreasing population of the district. She stated that the district has made unwise monetary decision in the past. She views the district and the current administration

as heading in a positive direction, with the best interest of the district. She stated cuts should be getting rid of Edison. It's costly and an expense we can control. Asked the Board vote "nay" when the opportunity arises to end Edison.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley St., stated that Edison should be gone. Questioned how the deficit came about. He questioned why did Harrison and Glen Oak schools have to have new buildings if the district was broke. The old buildings should still be in use. He suggested that the district goes back to the old method of teaching and where has it gone. Edison not needed for the district if private schools are not using it and charter schools should also not exist.

Sharon Crews, 2215 W. Callendar, discovered that FOIA's are confusing and scattered with clerical errors. FOIA are requiring more than one requests due to the way the district is excluding information. The district employees are helpful, pleasant however the FOIA's are not being presented honestly to the public. Questions if the district is applying for state grant.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., activity buses are now being sent to Peoria High after four board meetings and emails questioning and requesting why Peoria High was without the service. FOIA for Quest information was not accurate. Questioning if Quest allowed more students in after the determined deadline. He questioned if the district knows when a student leaves Quest, if the district is still paying and he challenged the district to find out. He mentioned how outside food service has cost the district more money than saved.

Bryan Devine, 1917 E. Knox, acknowledged a student representing the district by singing the National Anthem at the IHSA State Chess Tournament. He asked the district to refer to the recall policy of the teacher's contract when the "pink slip" of employees begins. He suggested that the district keep the most desirable employees. Look at the 1st and 2nd year teachers closely, before releasing them to be taken by other districts.

Dr. Lathan responded to the audience by saying that Title II dollars were utilized and must be allotted to finance professional developments. Teachers were brought in to conduct training on ThinkingMaps, who better to teach other teachers than those that use it. She did not have any further responses, stating that all other topics presented, she believed to have been covered in previous meetings.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. REMARKABLE RULE 1 – RESPECT OUR CUSTOMER
2. REMARKABLE RULE 2 – RESPECT LEARNING
3. GOAL 3 – RESPECT OUR FINANCES

Foundation Update – presentation by Cindy Morris, President. Powerpoint available for review in board secretary office.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Dr. Kinney presented this report for the Board's review. Questions were asked and answered regarding the report.

4. GOAL 4 – RESPECT OUR INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Since our last Board meeting report on January 24, 2011, we have received six (6) new Freedom of Information act requests. Of these new requests, three (3) were filled and three (3) are pending. Of the four (4) pending requests noted on the January 24, 2011 Board report, four (4) are still in pending status and none (0) were filled. We have received twenty-one (21) requests for this calendar year.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR –Moved by Butler, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education adopt the consent calendar.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

GIFTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT – Moved by Butler, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education accept the following donations and letters of appreciation be sent to the donors.

\$500.00 donated by Wal Mart to Irving Primary School to be used for school needs

Hygiene supplies and socks, valued by the donor at \$50.00, by Pilar Nelson to Knoxville Center for Success

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education approve the payment of bills as presented. (Copy is on file in the board secretary’s office.)

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT – Moved by Butler, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education approve the following human resource report, as amended, by the administration.

Certified Personnel

Effective Date

Appointments

Teacher

Alvarado, Lorianne - Harrison / Bilingual - Spanish Pre-K	2/15/11
Briggs-Gaul, Carolyn / Adult Ed GED teacher - PT Hourly	2/15/11
Skilondz, Allison - Taft / Pre-K - Pending Paperwork	2/15/11
Thomas, Charlotte - MHS / Special Education	2/15/11
Cantonwine, Jessica - MHS - Reading Intervention/ Pending Paperwork	TBA

Leave of Absence

Teacher

McNamara, Joan - Whittier / Grade-K	3/10/11
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Retirements

Teacher

Coker, David - MHS / English	6/30/14
Dacey, Deborah - Glen Oak / Art	6/30/15
Jacobs, Paula - Jaimeson/ Special Ed	3/1/11
McGrath, Julia - Valeska / Kindergarten	7/6/15
Mitts, Richard - Mark Bills / Psychologist	6/30/11
Sexton, Lisa - Roosevelt / 2nd Grade	6/30/14

Non-Certified Personnel**Effective Date****Appointments**Attendance Facilitator

Alhassan, Sarah - MHS/Pending Paperwork

TBA

Coach

Adkins-Dutro, Karen - Asst. Boys Swimming / PHS

2/15/11

Child Care

Parcespepe, Megan - Latch Key / Whittier -Pending Paperwork

2/15/11

Paraprofessional

Jackson, Jenise -Teacher Aide / Peoria Alternative HS

2/15/11

Pilgrim, Karen - Teacher Aide / Hines

2/15/11

Smith, Shariece - Teacher Aide / Peoria Alternative HS

2/15/11

Wresinski, Mary - Teacher Aide / Peoria Alternative HS

2/15/11

Student Workers

Thomas, Shaquesha - Custodian / Neighborhood House

2/15/11

Price, Ebony - Receptionist & Child Care Helper / St. Paul's Church

2/15/11

Demers, Keith - Library Aide / RHS

2/15/11

TransportationDriver

Banks, Tara

2/15/11

Cole, Sidney

2/15/11

Eastwood, Joshua

2/15/11

Johnson, Ricco

2/15/11

Mabry, Iris

2/15/11

McDonald, Jason

2/15/11

Rowe, Charlene

2/15/11

Sargent, Joseph

2/15/11

Monitor

Craig, Carmina

2/15/11

O'Conner, Darrianna

2/15/11

Smith, Gladys

2/15/11

Thorson, Angie

2/15/11

Zeller, Mary

2/15/11

Interim Stipend

Chris Coplan

2/15/11

Position Ended/Temporary PositionStudent Worker

Brown, Dameion

1/24/11

Return From LeaveTransportation

Terrell, Twila - Driver	1/24/11
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ResignationsCafeteria

Ivery, Alice - Cafeteria Sub	1/18/11
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Mcavoy, Mildred - Cafeteria Sub	1/18/11
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Morton, Sharta - Cafeteria Sub	1/18/11
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Clerical

Nofsinger, Sharlena-Clerk at MHS	2/9/11
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Custodial/Maintenance

Williams, Donald Q. - Custodian	2/4/11
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Transportation

Hopson, Ira - Driver	1/10/11
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Jones, Shawnta - Monitor	1/5/11
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Wiley, Eugene - Driver	2/11/11
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RetirementCafeteria

Brooks, Pamela - Assistant Cook / RHS	6/8/11
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Transportation

Hall, Rita - Driver	4/14/11
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Leave of AbsenceTransportation

Gulley, Mary - Monitor	12/17/10 - 3/14/11
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Roberson, Gloria - Driver	1/10/11
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Shelby, Nancy - Driver	2/8/11
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TransfersCafeteria

Coon, Corrine - Cafeteria Substitute / ELLRA - Calvin Coolidge	2/15/11
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Johnson, Mary - ELLRA - Calvin Coolidge/ General Help - Harrison	2/15/11
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Rescinded Previous Employment OfferTransportation

Edwards, Reginald - Driver	1/27/11
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Sargent, Francis - Driver	1/27/11
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Wyman, Misty - Driver	2/1/11
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SuspensionTransportation

Coleman, Deondre - Monitor	1/26/11
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Wiley, Eugene - Driver	1/31/11
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Custodian

Smith, Tristan - Knoxville Center 2/14/11

Terminations

Transportation

Coleman, Deondre - Monitor 2/15/11

Sledge, Saquesha - Monitor 1/20/11

Cafeteria

Arndt, Jody - Cafeteria Substitute 1/24/11

Certified Substitutes

Effective Date

Appointments

Teachers

Adkins-Dutro, Karen 2/15/11

Bolden, Sonya 2/15/11

Buffum, Katie 2/15/11

Engel, Christine 2/15/11

Flemming, Charla 2/15/11

Franken, Erin 2/15/11

Harris, Megan 2/15/11

Jenkins, Joseph 2/15/11

Jenkins, Michael 2/15/11

McKinney, Wesley 2/15/11

Mosburg, William 2/15/11

O'Connor, Kevin 2/15/11

Olakowski, Christina 2/15/11

Smith, Kimberly 2/15/11

Resignations

Teacher

Howard, Lisa 1/25/11

Mack, Bryan 2/9/11

Non-Certified Substitutes

Effective Date

Appointments

Teacher Aide

Scott, Bria 2/15/11

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education approve the travel requests as presented by the administration. (Copy is on file in the board secretary’s office.)

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA - .

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Petelle seconded by Ross that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report dated February 14, 2011 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Costic, Crawford, Petelle, Ross, Stowell, Wolfmeyer
1 abst. Butler. Motion carried.

Expulsions – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Ross that the Expulsions listed on the report dated February 14, 2011 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Costic, Crawford, Petelle, Stowell, Wolfmeyer,
1 nay. Ross and 1 abst. Butler. Motion carried.

Attorney Gates wanted it recognized that Mr. Salzman stated that Revocation of Probation are also known as expulsions and are covered on the agenda.

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS -

Mr. Stowell would like to share the information learned at school board conference with the public, referring to yoga being helpful. Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that the board members will share at the next board meeting and it is to be included on the agenda.

Mrs. Ross would like to have a report presented by Consortium for Education or CEC, containing information on the outcomes of their effectiveness working with the schools they have been assigned. Mrs. Ross would like to specifically their activity that they conduct at the schools. Dr. Lathan asked Mr. Delinski to speak on his experience with CEC as the past principal of Sterling. Dr. Lathan stated that CEC is only working with Manual at this time. Mr. Delinski suggested that CEC come in to present the information and also it was stated that it would be determine if any other school besides Manual are currently being serviced.

The snow day make up schedule was also discussed. Dr. Lathan stated that March 18, 2011 will be a make -up date, June 10 last day for students, June 14 last day for teachers, if no more snow days are used. She referred to the school calendar allowing for 10 additional days to be added if necessary for such weather conditions and it has not been utilized. Mrs. Wolfmeyer mention that she has received calls regarding the authorities at the state level may be able to declare it an "act of God" days therefore days may not have to be added. Dr. Lathan said that other dates and suggestions have been looked at and researched but staffing is a factor at that time.

Mrs. Ross announced that the Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held Wed. Feb. 16, 2011

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Kena Brown
Asst. to Superintendent, Asst. Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board President

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