

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
February 28, 2011

The Board convened in Room 138 at Lincoln Middle School at 4:30 p.m. President Debbie Wolfmeyer called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Costic, Petelle, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Butler, seconded by Costic to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting February 14, 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 6:03 p.m.

The Board convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Lincoln Middle School. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Costic, Ross, Petelle, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 14, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Stowell thanked Mr. Darling and the Peoria Federation of Teacher's for last week's presentation. He went on to say that as decisions get tougher it is wonderful to see programs that are working. Mr. Stowell also complemented a recent article in the Journal Star which spotlighted District 150 students and their future collegiate plans.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – Katrina Renken, teacher at Thomas Jefferson, was presented with the Peoria's Finest Teacher Award by Lana Myers, PFT Representative. Ms. Renken was nominated by Julie Henson and Kathleen Kilpatrick. Ms. Renken thanked her peers for their support and nominating her for this honor. Mrs. Wolfmeyer, on behalf of the Board of Education, thanked Ms. Renken and all District 150 teachers for all that they do.

Sharon Reed, Director of Fine Arts, presented awards to the All-State Musicians:

Peoria High School

Steven Hines - All-State Honors Chorus
Demairus Reddick - All-State Jazz Band
Dorian Thomas - All-State Chorus

Richwoods High School

Melissa Blain - All-State Honors Chorus
David Gerber - All-State Honors Concert Band
Luc Nguyen - All-State Honors Orchestra
Natalie Seitzman - All-State Concert Band
Alex Silver - All-State Orchestra
Courtney Silver - All-State Honors Orchestra
Daniela Vidal - All-State Orchestra

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE:

Mr. Savino Sierra, 1708 S Stanley began by saying that he has had a long history with District 150 with his children and grandchildren. He feels more resources are needed for the south side schools. He went on to say that there are a couple of questions he would like answered: 1. Has the Superintendent gone through the mentoring program? If not, where did the

money go that was allotted for her mentoring? 2. Why aren't the comments from citizens being televised?

He finished by saying that the Public Works department is going to repair the sidewalks in front of Trewyn school.

Martha Kelly, 3502 N Peoria came to the Board with concerns regarding the reassignment of the Campus Police Sergeants and Officers. She would like to see the District hold off until the end of the year for these reassignments as the officers have developed relationships with students and are able to identify which students belong in the building as well as who doesn't.

She also requested that Mr. Ptacek be left in his current assignment at Richwoods High School until the end of the current school year. Mr. Ptacek is capable of fulfilling his job both physically and mentally and a replacement would be at a cost to the District.

Charlie Thomas, 619 Forrest Lawn came to the Board with several concerns. The first being middle school athletics - he feels the gymnasiums these students are using are inadequate and dangerous. He also feels the need for District 150 to have a K - 12 P.E. curriculum and feels younger students are not getting the proper amount of P.E.. instructional time. He would like to see principals left in positions for 5 - 6 years to develop relationships with parents as well as staff and complimented the first Black History assembly at Richwoods High School. He also extended an invitation to participate in the Richwoods High School Biggest Loser competition that will begin in March.

Terry Knapp, 922 W Wilshire expressed concerns with transparency in District 150 as he feels is evidenced in a handout to the BOE. He feels the FOIA process is flawed - all FOIA requests are being routed through the Attorney at a very high cost. He went on to express concerns with Quest Charter School - someone indicated to him that their child had been accepted to Quest for the next school year but Mr. Knapp's understanding is the selection process for the 2011/2012 school year has not taken place. He also questioned if District 150 is in negotiations with Quest for another building.

Bob Darling, 230 E High Point Rd started off by saying that the Manual vs. Central boys basketball game was not a sellout and went on to compliment Carl Cannon and his Elite students for doing a great job in assisting at the game. Mr. Darling agreed with Charlie Thomas on middle school athletics and announced that a committee is being formed to work on this issue and invited Mr. Thomas to be a part of this committee. Mr. Darling expressed teacher concerns about the Campus Police officers being moved and the possible side affects of these transfers. He went on to say that he has been advised that the climate in a handful of our buildings is out of control and would like to see a learning environment with respectful students. He wished all schools "good luck" on the upcoming ISAT testing.

Lynnette Lee, 113 W Groveland came to support the Transportation Department - drivers and monitors. She does not feel that these employees are treated fairly - the new regime is not willing to honor promises made by the old regime. Restricting overtime for drivers, looming job cuts and low pay are a few of her concerns. She feels the District did not fulfill its duties at the beginning of the school year by adequately staffing the transportation department.

Kasey Groenewold, 435 W Washington came to the Board as Union President for the PBPA #114. He spoke favorably of the Sergeants and Officers saying that these people have a strong commitment and wear many hats on a daily basis. He continued by saying that the involuntary transfers of the officers will be removing a vital aspect of the team and compromising safety in buildings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSE TO AUDIENCE PRESENTATIONS: Dr. Lathan responded by saying that there are no discussions with Quest Charter School regarding the use of any other District 150 facilities and that PBIS training is needed for next year. She went on to say that all other questions/comments have previously been answered.

Mr. Stowell had several questions/comments: the sidewalks are not the responsibility of the School District, the Quest numbers were inaccurately cited, questioned a purchase order and requested an update on the Grow Your Own program.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. REMARKABLE RULE 1 – RESPECT OUR CUSTOMER

2. REMARKABLE RULE 2 – RESPECT LEARNING

Ms. Bev Stenoish gave a brief presentation on Roosevelt Magnet School which was followed by students from Roosevelt performing a dance for the Board, Administration and audience. The performance was led by Cherie Wells.

Mr. Kevin Curtin, Principal, presented an overview of Garfield Primary School. The power point presentation is available for review in the Board Secretary's office.

Ms. Ursula Brown, Principal, presented an overview of Lincoln Middle School. The power point presentation is available for review in the Board Secretary's office.

Mr. Eric Thomas, Principal, presented an overview of Trewyn Middle School. The power point presentation is available for review in the Board Secretary's office. Mr. Stowell questioned Mr. Thomas on the effectiveness of Read 180 and other supplemental services. Mr. Thomas responded by saying he felt that information may differ in each individual school but felt Trewyn's reading scores would reflect the effectiveness of the Read 180 program.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer thanked the presenters and commented on how wonderful it is for the Board to see what is going on in the schools.

3. GOAL 3 – RESPECT OUR FINANCES

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Dr. Kinney presented this report for the Board's review.

4. GOAL 4 – RESPECT OUR INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Report of Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests

CONSENT AGENDA –

Dr. Lathan announced that Shaun Grant, Assistant Principal at Lincoln, will be assuming the roles of Interim Principal of Richwoods High School effective March 1, 2011.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer announced that Deliberation Item #7 Revocation of Board Probation will be pulled from tonight's agenda and that Deliberation Item # 8 Expulsions will be voted on as amended..

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

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

\$175.00 donated by Women in Leadership – Central Illinois to Knoxville Center to be used for the horseback riding outreach

Pizza/gondola coupons, valued at \$500.00, by Avanti's to Glen Oak Primary School for positive behavior awards

\$50.00 in merchandise donated by UFS to Glen Oak Primary School to be used for positive behavior rewards

Chili and hot dogs, valued by the donor at \$1,000.00, by Alexander's to Glen Oak Primary School for the Chili Supper/Literacy Night

Books, valued by the donor at \$50.00, by Karen Hohimer to Glen Oak Primary School Literacy Night

Two laptop computers, valued at \$2,400.00, by West Peoria Residents Assoc. to Calvin Coolidge Middle School

Dictionaries, valued at \$100.00, by the Social Security Administration to the Knoxville Center
 Bowling passes, valued at \$94.00, by Landmark Recreation Center to Sterling Middle School "Caught Being Good" program
 Movie passes, valued at \$24.00, by Reynold's Theatre to Sterling Middle School "Caught Being Good" program
 Landmark Health Club passes, valued at \$50.00, by Landmark Complex to Sterling Middle School "Caught Being Good" program
 Skate passes, valued at \$16.00, by Owens Center to Sterling Middle School "Caught Being Good" program
 \$25.00 donated by Mr. & Mrs. John Booth to Washington School to be used to support school efforts

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education approve payment of the following bills.

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE SHEET	REVENUE	EXPENSE	TOTAL
Educational Fund	10272.8	0.00	731,579.57	741,852.37
Operations, Bldg & Maint	0.00	0.00	213,350.37	213,350.37
Transportation	35.00	0.00	58,564.49	58,599.49
Capital Improvements	0.00	0.00	61,037.37	61,037.37
Fund Summary				
Totals	10,307.80	0.00	1,064,531.80	1,074,839.60

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

I.	<u>Certified Personnel</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	<u>Appointments</u>	
	<u>Administrator</u>	
	Ptacek, Steven - RHS / Principal - Special Assignment	3/1/11- 6/10/11
	Grant, Shaun - RHS / Interim Principal	3/1/11
	<u>Teacher</u>	
	Hammond, Melissa - MHS / Direct Intervention (Hourly) Math	3/1/11
	Morgan, Rachel - Glen Oak / Music - Pending Paperwork	3/1/11
	Wieczorek, David - Von Steuben & Lincoln / Orchestra - Pending Paperwork	3/1/11
	<u>Tutor - Hourly</u>	
	Leighty, Susan - Glen Oak / Reading	2/15/11
	Everette, Jennifer - St. Thomas / Reading	3/1/11

Return From Medical Leave**Administrator**

Warr, Charles - Thomas Jefferson / Asst. Principal	2/22/11
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Leave of Absence**Teacher**

Emken, Carly - Irving / Special Education	4/15/11 - 6/6/11
Lee, Donna - Northmoor / 2nd Grade	2/8/11 - 3/14/11

Retirements

Cushing, Jane - Principal / Franklin	6/30/14
Orendorff, Karen - Principal / Jamieson	6/30/11
Mitts, Nikki - Psychologist / Richwoods	6/30/11

Teacher

Liningner, William - Greeley / Special Education	6/30/15
Wilson, Cheryl - Lincoln / Language Arts	6/30/15
Brown, Gretchen - Glen Oak / 6th Grade	6/30/15
Locher, Kathy - Jamieson / Special Education	6/30/14
Rynearson, Mary - Lindbergh / 8th Grade	6/30/15
Simmons, Kathi - Jamieson / Special Education	7/8/14
McCauley, Lawrence - Kellar / Physical Education	6/30/15
Kenny, Karen - Von Steuben / Special Ed. Teacher	6/30/15
Scaab, Carol -Peoria Alternative / Special Education	8/21/15
Hipes, Vanessa - Charter Oak / 4th Grade	6/30/15
Mary Durbin - Mathematics / PHS - (Early Retirement Option)	6/30/11
Donlan, Karen - Teacher / Peoria High	6/30/11
O'Neill, Rosemary - Teacher / Peoria High	6/30/11

Resignations**Administrator**

Ptacek, Steven - from Principal / RHS	3/1/11
- from employment with District	6/10/11

Teacher

Pettinger, Ann Marie	6/14/11
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II.**Non-Certified Personnel****Effective Date****Appointments****Clerical**

Dixon, Daphne - Secretary / Pending Paperwork	03/01/11
Mack, Tanya - Payroll Specialist / Admin.	4/26/11

Cafeteria

Christianson, Tina - Cafeteria Sub / All Schools Pending Paperwork	3/1/11
Davis, Gladis - Cafeteria Sub / All Schools	3/1/11
Deiss, Barbara - Cafeteria Sub / All Schools Pending Paperwork	3/1/11

Coaches

Miller, Robert - PHS / Girl's Head Soccer	3/1/11
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Job Coach

Ford, Brittney	3/1/11
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Teacher Aide

Kost, Katie - Thomas Jefferson	3/1/11
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Paid Administrative LeaveBuildings & Grounds

Budzban, Russell - Director	2/15/11 - 2/28/11
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ResignationsAdministrator

Budzban, Russell - Director	3/1/11
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Cafeteria

Page, Rachel - Substitute	2/22/11
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Job Coach

Karen Preyer	1/6/11
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RetirementClerk

Todd, Gloria - Knoxville Center	6/17/11
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Leave of AbsenceTeacher Aide

Marfell, Jennifer - Jamieson	1/3/11 - 2/25/11
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Clerk

McNulty, Janice - Woodrow Wilson	3/1/11
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Transportation

Gulley, Mary B - Monitor	2/27/11
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TransfersCafeteria

Lowmack, Towanda - Cafeteria Substitute / ELLRA Calvin Coolidge	3/1/11	3/1/11
Sommerville, Tonya - Transportation to Cafeteria Substitute / All Schools	2/16/11	

Rescinded Previous Employment OfferTransportation

Gaston, David - Driver	12/18/10
Capps, Virginia - Driver	2/15/11
Clark, Arwon - Driver	2/15/11
Collins, Devena - Driver	2/15/11
Parker, Diane - Driver	2/15/11
Gordon, Alphonzo - Driver	2/18/11
Thompson, JoAngela - Monitor	2/22/11

TerminationsCustodian

Smith, Tristan - Knoxville Center	3/1/11
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III.**Certified Substitutes****Effective Date****Appointments**Teachers

Daniels, Tod	3/1/11
Davis, Sondra	3/1/11
Doornobs, Kristina	3/1/11
Hammond, Joshua	3/1/11
Kosier, Jeanette	3/1/11
McCarrell, Andrew	3/1/11
Roszell, Anne	3/1/11

ResignationsTeacher

Hoffman, Kathryn	2/22/11
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IV.**Non-Certified Substitutes****Effective Date****Appointments**Teacher Aide

Perrin, Stephanie	3/1/11
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ResignationsAttendants

Burse, Paul	2/22/11
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On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Costic 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, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA - .

REVIEW OF SUSPENSIONS - Moved by Petelle, seconded by Ross that the Review of Suspensions listed on the report dated February 28, 2011 be approved as amended.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

EXPULSIONS – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Ross that the Expulsions listed on the report dated February 28, 2011 be approved as amended.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

2011-2012 SCHOOL CALENDAR – Moved by Butler, seconded by Ross that the Board of Education adopt the attached 2011 – 2012 and 2012 – 2013 School Calendars.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

TECHNOLGY INTEGRATION PLAN 2011 – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Butler that the Board of Education approve the Technology Integration Plan as presented by the Administration.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS:

Dr. Lathan commented on the school calendar thanking all involved in the planning for their efforts.

Mrs. Butler reminded everyone when planning summer activities to take into account that there are ten emergency days that can be used, if necessary, so plan vacations, camps, etc. with that in mind.

Mrs. Ross questioned why the Back to School Summitt information was not on the calendar with Dr. Lathan responding that this information will be on the school calendar.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer announced that August 22, 2011 will be the first day of school for the 2011 – 2012 school year for students and the last day will be May 30, 2011, if emergency days are not used. For the following year, 2012 – 2013 the first day for students will be August 20, 2012 and the last day will be May 29, 2011, if emergency days are not used.

Board Members Stowell, Wolfmeyer, Butler and Ross reported on the IASBO Joint Annual Conference. Mr. Crawford will present at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Joan L. Bastian,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board President