Peoria Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes

September 23, 2019

The Board convened in the Media Room at the Administration Building at 5:04 p.m. Board President Adler called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Adler, Costic, Klaus, Ross, Shaw, Walther and Wilson.

CLOSED SESSION – Moved by Ross, seconded by Walther 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 5:05 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The board returned to open session at 6:32 p.m. Student Board Member Hernandez was present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Wilson announced that 15 Peoria Public Schools are observing Start with Hello Week, part of Stop the Violence Through Student Voice, a multi-faceted, three-year program from Sandy Hook Promise designed to build a positive culture and climate within schools to address bullying, violence and suicide. He shared that Start with Hello school activities were developed and implemented by student-led Promise Clubs at each school. Mr. Wilson noted that many schools gave students name tags and encouraged them to greet peers that they don’t know by name. Schools are hosting “No one eats alone” days at lunchtime and activities to get to know their classmates better.

Mr. Wilson reminded parents and guardians of primary school children to help their child read for 20 minutes every day and make sure to complete their reading log to record their student’s progress.

Mrs. Costic noted that Wednesday, September 25th would be a School Improvement Day and a half-day for students.

Mr. Hernandez shared that the Read Peoria Book Drive will kick off on Thursday, October 3rd at the Richwoods vs. Peoria High football game at 7:00 p.m. at the Peoria Stadium. He asked everyone to please bring new and gently used books to the Regional Office of Education table. Mr. Hernandez also mentioned that the public also is invited to donate to the book drive by bringing books to the Book Rack in Oak Cliff Center or any PPS school with a Little Free Library. All children and youth books are welcome – picture books, chapter books and fiction or nonfiction.

Mrs. Ross mentioned that Tuesday, October 1st will be the application deadline for Peoria Public School Foundation Classroom and Field Experience grants. She encouraged Peoria Public Schools teachers to apply and tell all about their creative, rigorous and innovative project ideas to win a PPS Foundation Classroom Grant for up to $1,000.00.

Mr. Klaus reminded everyone that the Richwoods High School International Baccalaureate program informational meeting for parents would be held Wednesday, October 2nd at 6 p.m. in the school’s auditorium.

Mr. Walther shared that the FAFSA applications will be available on October 1st. He noted that parents of seniors are encouraged to submit their FAFSA application as early as possible. Mr. Walther mentioned that the Illinois MAP grants are awarded on a first-come, first served basis.
Mr. Walther mentioned that Tuesday, September 24th, is National Voter Registration Day. He shared that any student interested in registering must be 18 years old or will be 18 years old by November 3, 2020. Mr. Walther noted that all students will need to have 2 Forms of identification.

Mr. Shaw Remember to RSVP for the Books and Barbecue Parent University event on Thursday, October 3rd. He shared that the event will feature great family activities at the Peoria Public Library Lakeview branch and the Noble Center, a delicious free barbecue dinner, book giveaways and much more. He noted that transportation provided from Harrison, Roosevelt, Peoria High School, Lincoln K-8 and Glen Oak.

Mr. Shaw shared that it was announced that Manual junior Amir Sykes was named to the Illinois State Board of Education’s 2019-2020 Student Advisory Council. He stated that Amir is one of just 21 students throughout the entire state to join this prestigious group, and the only one from the area. Mr. Shaw noted that last year, the Student Advisory Council provided input on topics such as equity, mental health, competency-based education, college and career readiness, special education, and technology in the classroom.

Mr. Adler shared that the District Youth Basketball Experience would begin for 3rd & 4th grade students. He mentioned that each session would go from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the high school gyms across the city. He also noted that volunteer coaches and sponsors are needed. Please call 309-696-2358 for information.

REMARKABLE SPIRIT:

Dr. Susan Grzanich very proud to present the Remarkable Spirit Award to Jared Lucas. She shared that he has gone above and beyond with the new D3 Program. She added that he has been an integral part of the curriculum alignment.

Jared Lucas thanked Dr. Grzanich for the recognition and support.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Alexis Khazzam recognized Mr. Brett Elliott – Principal, RHS – Maui Jim In-sight Award – For vision, leadership, and commitment to advancing business education and hope of opportunity for students in the Peoria Public Schools, Mr. Greg Gilson – AppsCo teacher at Manual High School – Mission Champion Award – In recognition of exemplary performance and team commitment to advancing the mission of AppsCo and Mr. Parker Gross – AppsCo teacher at Richwoods High School - Mission Champion Award – In recognition of exemplary performance and team commitment to advancing the mission of AppsCo.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION:

Dr. Susan Grzanich provided a summary on ISBE E-Learning/Snow Days. She shared that ISBE has provided the opportunity for districts to participate in e-learning days to accommodate the number of snow days already allotted in the adopted school calendar approved at the School Board and State level. Dr. Grzanich shared that e-learning days will allow students to learn from home. She gave a little more information about e-learning.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION:

Dr. Susan Grzanich recognized Jonathan and Nikki Romain as this meetings Community Contribution Award Recipient. She shared that they have had a huge impact on the community in a very short period of time. She shared that Mrs. Romain had worked closely with her on a 21st Century Grant. It was mentioned that the Romains had allowed for a lot of opportunity for local artist to work with our students.
Jonathan Romain thanked the board and administration for taking the time out to honor them. He shared that they always feel guilty about being honored for something they love to do. Mr. Romain shared that over the summer during their art sessions he had the students work on the three pieces of artwork hanging in the board room. He shared that one picture symbolized the drop-out rate in the area, the next showed saying no to drugs and last piece showed no violence, but peace.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION:

Dr. Jerry Bell briefly talked about the Cell Phone Pouch. He shared information regarding the committee, current policy & violations and the principals’ feedback. Dr. Bell updated everyone on the cost and distribution of the pouches and the teams next steps.

BUDGET HEARING: 7:02 p.m.

Terry Knapp touch base on the governor raising taxes, Quest, Legal Counsel, contract for union being approved by board of education, who were elected, unlike Quest.

Jeff Adkins-Dutro talked about the senate voting on teachers raises. He asked where the district is on a decisions about Quest reauthorization. Mr. Adkins-Dutro also mentioned the administrators and how often the travel.

BUDGET HEARING ENDED: 7:09 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS BY AUDIENCE:

Sharon Crews mentioned the cell phone policy that was presented and will be voted to approve. She asked that administration please keep extremely accurate records of both the successes and failures.

Terry Knapp expressed concerns about Quest.

Kim Thomas thanked administration for hiring the Assistant Principal at Trewyn Therapeutic School. She mentioned that suspension should not be a part of the teacher’s evaluation. She also talked about her concern with the walkthroughs.

Amanda Brown and other Roosevelt Staff thanked administration and the board members for supporting the implementation of SEL education models and use of the responsive practices.

Brenda Russell spoke in favor of Quest and the Reauthorization of the Charter School.

Jose Montoya spoke in favor of Quest and the Reauthorization of the Charter School.

Craig Nellum spoke in favor of Quest and the Reauthorization of the Charter School.

Angela Fuller spoke in favor of Quest and the Reauthorization of the Charter School.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF:

A brief overview was provided on the Salary Compensation Report for the 2018-19 school year.
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REPORT OF REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND STATUS OF SUCH REQUESTS:

Dr. Kherat reported that since our last Board meeting September 9, 2019, we have received one (1) new Freedom of Information Act requests. There was one pending request noted on the September 9, 2019 Board Report. That request is still open.

We have received six (6) 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. Mrs. Ross requested that item #6 be pulled for a separate vote. Mr. Adler then called for a motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Moved by Wilson, seconded by Shaw 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 Wilson, seconded by Shaw that the Board of Education accept the following donations and that a letter of appreciation be sent to the donors:

School supplies, valued at $75.00, by Hailey Jepson (Elevate Trampoline) to Glen Oak
Baseball equipment, valued at $250.00, by Workers at Komatsu to Glen Oak
Gift cards, valued at $100.00, by Dairy Queen to Mark Bills Middle School
Gift cards, valued at $100.00, by Smoothie King to Mark Bills Middle School
School supplies, valued at $150.00, by Hailey Jepson (Elevate Trampoline) to Mark Bills Middle School
Books, valued at $150,000.00, by Oak Grove SD #68 to Roosevelt Magnet School
Socks and umbrellas, valued at $1,500.00, by UnityPoint to Trewyn

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Moved by Wilson, seconded by Shaw 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 Wilson, seconded by Shaw 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.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Moved by Wilson, seconded by Shaw that the Board of Education approve the Human Resources Report as presented by the Administration:

I. **Certified Personnel Appointments**
   Bielenberg, Carol – Kellar / Kindergarten
   *Ryan, Courtney – Glen Oak / Grade 1
   *Schwartzkopf, Corey – Glen Oak / Music

   **Effective Date**
   09/23/19
   09/24/19
   09/24/19

   **Leave of Absence**
   Reeser, Molly – Rolling Acres / COTA
   11/10/19-01/06/19

   **Resignation**
   Crall, Michael – Trewyn / Teacher
   Mount, Lori – Von- Steuben / Counselor
   Walter, Elizabeth – Whittier / Teacher
   09/20/19
   09/27/19
   05/29/19

II. **Non-Certified Personnel Appointment**
   Ajuzie, Jennifer – Trewyn / Teacher Aide
   *Bryant, Brandy – Admin / Community Schools Program Director
   Carpenter, Angela – Richwoods / Cafeteria
   Chavez, Miguel – RHS / ROTC
   Cystrunk, Dalisa – Day Treatment / Teacher Aide
   Holloway, Carl – Sterling / ELITE
   Love, Elizabeth – Von-Stueben / Teacher Aide
   McKinley, Chavonte – Day Treatment / Teacher Aide
   Mullin, Amanda – TBA / Security Officer
   Myers, Nichoal – Thomas Jefferson / Cafeteria
   Parks, Colleta – Trewyn / Behavior Coach
   Pickett, Britny – Northmoor / Latchkey
   Redington, Allison – Hines / Teacher Aide
   Sird, Kiare – Glen Oak / Teacher Aide
   Sims, Rontez – Student Worker
   Smith, Lexus – Student Worker
   Thomas, Joshua – Northmoor / Cafeteria
   Walters, Chauncey – Glen Oak / Cafeteria
   White, Anthony – Calvin Coolidge
   Williams, Stephanie – Kellar / Cafeteria
   Wilson, Patricia – Cafeteria
   Woods, Yvonne – Thomas Jefferson / Cafeteria
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   **Leave of Absence**
   Holford, Arlissa – Administration / Clerical
   Shorty, Kathy – Mark Bills / Clerical
   09/17/19-09/16/20
   08/23/19-09/16/19
Resignation
Gulley, Jershawn – Cafeteria 09/30/19
Robinson, Brianca – Cafeteria 09/23/19
Yoder, Ed – Transportation 09/19/19

Retirement
Rometti, Kenneth – Maintenance 04/03/20
Stever, Shawn – Maintenance 04/30/20

Dismissal for Reasons Other Than Reduction in Force
Bratton – Ellis, Roger – Transportation 09/11/19
Kreie, Damien – Day Treatment / Teacher Aide 08/12/19
Martinez, Javier – Transportation 09/161/19
Vasquez, Jehovanni – Transportation 09/20/19

III. Substitute Personnel Appointment
Carpenter, Angela – Richwoods / Cafeteria 09/16/19
Christian, Glory – Teacher 09/24/19
Davis, Josiah – Behavioral Attn 09/24/19
Gulley, Michael – Behavioral Attn 09/24/19
Manst, Megan – Teacher 09/24/19
McGarry, Jennifer – Speech Pathologist 09/24/19
Morgan, Nicholas – Teacher 09/24/19
Reidy, Patricia – Teacher 09/24/19
Robinson, Brianca – Behavioral Attendant 09/24/19
Ryan, Susanne – Teacher 09/24/19
Stein, Zachary – Teacher 09/24/19
Walker, Carlos – Behavioral Attendant 09/24/19
Walter, Elizabeth – Teacher 09/10/19
Webster, Brelan – Sub Custodian 09/24/19

Resignation
Bielenberg, Carol – Teacher 09/20/19
Carpenter, Angela – Cafeteria
Love, Elizabeth – Behavioral Attn 09/23/19
McKinley, Chavonte – Sub TA 09/23/19
Myers, Nichoal – Cafeteria 09/13/19
Redington, Allison – Teacher 09/23/19
Thomas, Joshua – Cafeteria 09/16/19
Walters, Chauncey – Cafeteria 09/13/19
White, Anthony – Cafeteria 09/16/19
Williams, Stephanie – Cafeteria 09/16/19
Wilson, Patricia – Cafeteria 09/16/19
Woods, Yvonne – Cafeteria 09/13/19

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.
BOARD POLICY 7:180 PREVENTION OF BULLYING – Moved by Wilson, seconded by Shaw that the Board of Education adopt Board Policy No. 7:180, entitled Prevention of Bullying as amended; copy is attached.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE FAMILY CORE (RESPITE PROGRAM) – Moved by Wilson, seconded by Shaw that the Board of Education approve the attached License Agreement with the Family Core for use of certain portions of the Wraparound Center for the operation of the Respite Program from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. In exchange for Family Core’s services to district students and families, it shall not pay any fee to the Board for use of the premises.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PHS TRACK AND FIELD ENTRANCE & PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS – Moved by Wilson, seconded by Shaw that the Board of Education approve a bid for the PHS Track and Field Entrance & Parking Lot Improvements Project that will be funded with County School Facilities Sales Tax monies.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE VOTE:

BOARD POLICY 7:190 “STUDENT BEHAVIOR (FORMERLY KNOWN AS STUDENT DISCIPLINE)” – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wilson that this item be tabled.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION:

BUDGET RESOLUTION – Moved by Wilson, seconded by Walther that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of the City of Peoria School District 150, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared a tentative budget, and the Secretary of the Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;

And WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held as to such budget on the 23rd day of September 2019, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of said District as follows:

That the Budget, containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and the expenditures from each be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this school district for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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.
Note: The parent and student must sign the Student Behavior Contract, by October 11, 2019, or the expulsion held in abeyance option will be negated by the Board.

9/23/19-01 16/11th Peoria High
MUST SUBMIT TO RANDOM DRUG TESTS

9/23/19-02 14/9th Richwoods

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES:

Mr. Shaw announced that Building Committee will meet on Thursday, October 17th at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Daphne Williams
Secretary, Board of Education

ATTEST:
Daniel P. Adler
President, Board of Education