PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2021

The Board convened in the Media room at the Harrison Community Learning Center at 5:00 p.m. President Wilson called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Costic, Klaus, Murphy, Ross, Shaw, Reinking, and Wilson.

CLOSED SESSION – Moved by Mrs. Costic, seconded by Mr. Shaw to adjourn to closed session to discuss 2C -1 (Personnel); 2C 5 & 6 (Purchase or lease of real property); 2C 11 (Litigation). Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 5:05 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The board returned to open session at 6:15 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Murphy announced to high school seniors and parents that the FAFSA application for 2022-2023 year opens on October 1st. All seniors must complete the FAFSA application to graduate. The sooner your FAFSA is completed the better. Many financial aid opportunities, including the Illinois MAP grant, are given on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions on completing FAFSA information, please contact your guidance counselor.

Mr. Klaus announced that high school midterms begin on Monday, October 11th. Please encourage your high school student to take advantage of after-school tutoring in the coming weeks.

Mr. Shaw announced that Wednesday, September 29th is a SIP Day and a half-day for students. Schools on the first-tier schedule will dismiss at 10:30 a.m. Schools on the second-tier schedule will dismiss at 11:20 a.m. Schools on the third-tier schedule will dismiss at 12:10 p.m.

President Wilson announced that Friday, October 1st is School Custodian Appreciation Day. During the pandemic PPS School Custodians have worked even more diligently than usual to keep our buildings clean and safe for students and staff. Please remember to thank your school custodian this Friday!

Mrs. Ross announced that Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center and Knoxville Center for Student Success begin Fall Intercession on Monday, October 4th. Harrison Community Learning Center begins its two-week Fall Intercession on Monday, October 11th.

Student Board member Sophia Suarez announced that Information on the Richwoods High School International Baccalaureate (IB) program and the program application are now available on the Richwoods High School website. A parent meeting about the IB program will be held at Richwoods High School on Tuesday, October 12th.

Dr. Reinking announced for teachers that Friday, October 1st is the application deadline for the PPS Foundation classroom grant program. Teachers and staff can be awarded up to $1,000 for Classroom Grants 5th-12th grade teachers can be awarded up to $1,500 for STEM Grants. For more information, visit the PPS Foundation website.
Mrs. Costic announced that the state of Illinois requires all immunizations and physical, dental and vision exams to be completed by Friday, October 15th. Kindergarten, second grade, sixth grade, ninth grade and 12th grade students all have specific immunization and exam requirements that must be completed by October 15th in order for your student to continue attending school. If you haven’t yet, please schedule an appointment to complete these health requirements immediately.

STUDENT SHOWCASE
Dr. Wood introduced Mrs. Daniels, Principal of Harrison Community Learning Center who presented Mr. Marchan and the 4th and 6th grade orchestra to perform for the first time.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE
Mr. Knapp feels we as a community need to do a better job at praising and celebrating our children.

Charlie Thomas feels the children need to have more consequences at alternative schools and not so many privileges. He also feels teachers are having a rough time.

BUDGET HEARING 7:00 P.M.
Mr. Knapp stated that he is against Quest Academy because they have not reached their goal. He also expressed concern of teachers working in Peoria Public schools and living outside of Peoria.

Mr. Thomas expressed his disappointment in closing Woodruff High School. He also complained that there were too many people in an administrative position, and it could be cut down to save money.

Budget hearing concluded.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE RESUMED
Denali Craig-Edwards spoke on the violence that occurred at Peoria High School. She stated that the 20-30 students involved in the violence does not represent all of Peoria High School.

Kim Thomas complained that creativity has been taken away from teachers when they are not allowed to bring something into the classroom that is not part of the curriculum. She also feels teachers are better to teach than computer programs.

Hattie Pate’s daughter was expelled from PHS for fighting but she was not involved. She asked for help in getting her daughter back in school.

Dr. Kherat asked that Dr. Wilson speak with Ms. Pate in regard to her concerns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Mrs. Ross and seconded by Mrs. Costic to approve the May 10, 2021 minutes.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE
Dr. Kherat thanked the parents of the orchestra band for bringing and allowing them to attend and perform at the meeting.

She gave an update as to how the violence at Peoria High School was handled. She stated strategic measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of the building.
## PURCHASE ORDERS OVER $2,500

| Education Fund | 2021 | 2021/22 B. Basketball - Richwoods | BSN/PASS000 | 9/10/2021 | 7,189.00 | 7,189.00 |
| Education Fund | 2021 | Renewal of Membership | CONTINUE000 | 9/17/2021 | 3,115.00 | 3,115.00 |
| Education Fund | 2021 | IB Program Annual Fees | INTERNAT001 | 8/20/2021 | 12,116.00 | 12,116.00 |
| Education Fund | 2021 | Time Clock Plus Support/Hardware | TIMECLOC000 | 9/21/2021 | 23,520.00 | 23,520.00 |
| Education Fund | 2021 | Repair instruments - Manual | MUSIC SH000 | 9/1/2021 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Education Fund | 2021 | Hagerty Steel Aluminum Items | HAGER 000 | 9/13/2021 | 2,834.78 | 2,834.78 |
| **Total Education Fund: Textbook area** | | | | | 16,407.58 | |
| Pre-K for All Grant | 2021 | Textbooks for Woodruff | PIVOT PC000 | 9/15/2021 | 12,265.70 | 12,265.70 |
| Pre-K for All Grant | 2021 | Textbooks for Woodruff | PIVOT PC000 | 9/15/2021 | 4,141.88 | 4,141.88 |
| **Total Pre-K for All Grant** | | | | | 16,407.58 | |
| CARES/ESSER 1 | 2021 | Amazon - Holy Family Parish School | AMAZON 000 | 9/20/2021 | 5,355.94 | 5,355.94 |
| CARES/ESSER 1 | 2021 | Licenses - Christ Lutheran School | RENAISSA002 | 9/22/2021 | 9,377.00 | 9,377.00 |
| CARES/ESSER 1 | 2021 | Library Software | EBSCO IN000 | 9/15/2021 | 2,897.00 | 2,897.00 |
| **Total CARES/ESSER 1** | | | | | 15,802.25 | |
| **Total Full Service Community Schools Grant** | | | | | 15,802.25 | |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund | 2021 | Roosevelt equipment/supplies for Full | AMAZON 000 | 9/22/2021 | 1,788.10 | 1,788.10 |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund | 2021 | Additional Student Licenses | WATERFOR000 | 9/22/2021 | 15,405.09 | 15,405.09 |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund | 2021 | Speech & Debate program - September | ADVANTAS005 | 9/22/2021 | 11,760.00 | 11,760.00 |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund | 2021 | Wellness Check and Learning Session | UMOJO ST000 | 9/17/2021 | 21,200.00 | 21,200.00 |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund | 2021 | Coaching Sessions | UMOJO ST000 | 9/20/2021 | 13,000.00 | 13,000.00 |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund | 2021 | Professional Development | UMOJO ST000 | 9/20/2021 | 17,600.00 | 17,600.00 |
| **Total Operations and Maintenance Fund** | | | | | 51,800.00 | |
| **GRAND TOTAL** | | | | | 51,800.00 | |

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

Since the last Board meeting report on September 13, 2021, we received 2 new Freedom of Information Act requests. There was one pending request noted on the September 13, 2021, it has been closed. We have received 22 requests for this calendar year at a grand total of $1,200.

SALARY COMPENSATION REPORT
Mr. Willis indicated that the state law requires a salary compensation report annually. It is also required that it be presented to the Board prior to being posted on the website.

CONSENT AGENDA
Item #5 pulled by Mrs. Costic for a separate vote. Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the remaining consent agenda.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

GIFTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT
Year to date: $37,253.36
Donation valued at $595.94, by Emily Dawson for STEM kits for life skills classroom for Mark Bills
Donation valued at $880.62, by Emily Dawson for Reading program for Mark Bills
Donation valued at $18.99, by Emily Dawson for student with visual impairment needs for Mark Bills
Donation valued at $485.00, by Emily Dawson for basic classroom supplies for Mark Bills
Donation valued at $573.19, by Donors Choose for recreational equipment for Mark Bills
Donation valued at $8,000, by various donors in memory of Brianna Wood for Harrison

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

TRAVEL REQUESTS
Moved by Mr. Klaus, seconded by Mr. 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 RESOURCE REPORT

I. Certified Personnel

Appointments
*McGehee, Michelle – Lindbergh / Certified Tutor 09/27/21
*Welsh, Kathryn – Lincoln / Certified Tutor 09/27/21

International Exchange Visitor Program (Teachers)
Coplin, Consuelo – Richwoods / Teacher ESL/Bilingual French 09/27/21
Ojeda, Alma – TBD / Teacher 09/27/21

Leave of Absence
Aden, Katherine – Hines / Teacher 10/25/21-12/10/21

Resignation
Bonar, Julie – Knoxville / Teacher Business 10/25/21
Walls, Tyler – Lincoln/Von Steuben / Teacher Band 09/17/21

Retirement
Hale, Mary – Dr. Maude Sanders / Teacher Sp. Ed. 12/17/21
Quilty, Terrence – Manual / Teacher Business 01/04/22

Dismissal Reasons other than reduction in force
Batterham, Barbara – Parochial School / Tutor 09/15/21
Beran, Karen – Parochial School / Tutor 09/21/21
Cicciarelli, Marysue – Parochial School / Tutor 09/21/21
Eads, Ann – Parochial School / Tutor 09/15/21
Fulcher, Katherine – Hines/ Tutor 09/20/21
Harn, Carol – Parochial School / Tutor 09/21/21
Heien, Janet – Parochial School / Tutor 09/21/21
Kilian, Karrie – Parochial School / Tutor 09/15/21
Mendoza, Fanny – Parochial School / Tutor 09/15/21
Montgomery, Rhonda – Parochial School / Tutor 09/21/21
Pantages, Erin – Parochial School / Tutor 09/15/21
Ruppert, Thomas – Parochial School / Tutor 09/15/21
Schmillen, Carrie – Parochial School / Tutor 09/17/21
Sturm, Jennifer – Parochial School / Tutor 09/15/21

II. Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments
*Banks, James – Transportation / Driver 09/28/21
*Barksdale, Melinda – Washington / Cheerleading Coach 09/20/21
*Blasek, Sue- Hines / Teacher Aide SEL 09/20/21
*Bond Eckwood, Sequoia – Glen Oak / Parent Advocate 09/27/21
*Butcher, Stacy – Glen Oak / Parent Advocate 09/20/21
*Carey, Rashanda – Glen Oak / Parent Advocate 09/20/21
*Davis, Georgiana – Transportation / Monitor 09/28/21
*Garner, Tiarra – Lincoln / Cafeteria 09/20/21
*Gordon, Akiiah – Glen Oak / Parent Advocate 09/27/21
*Hayes, Stephanie – Washington / Cheerleading Coach 09/20/21
*House, Shirley – Peoria High / Cafeteria 09/20/21
*Johnson, Anita – Glen Oak / Clerical 09/13/21
*Jones, Jamoni – Transportation / Driver 09/28/21
*Melton, Nicole – Jamieson / Teacher Aide 09/21/21
*Monk, Brittany – Transportation / Driver 09/28/21
Morris, Anton - Trewyn / Gamechanger Advocate 08/30/21
*Rutherford, Delisa – Transportation / Driver 09/28/21
*Sandro, Nicholas – Lindbergh / Cafeteria 09/28/21
*Swain, Marcy – Washington / Cheerleading Coach 09/27/21
*Turner, Josephine – Transportation / Driver 09/28/21
*Washum, Iva Surette - Glen Oak / Parent Advocate 09/20/21
*West Sr., Mario – VHECEC / Teacher Aide 09/28/21
*Williams, Natasha – Lincoln / Cafeteria 08/20/21

**Student Worker**
Benson, Nakeyha 09/25/21
Davis, Jarhiya 09/25/21
Dykestra, Michael 09/28/21
Godinez, Yadira 09/25/21
Linwood-Parker, Darsel 09/28/21
Liston, Thomas 09/28/21
Price Jr., Michael 09/28/21

**Leave of Absence**
Ash, Cynthia – Peoria High / Clerical 10/04/21-11/29/21
Kilgore, Courtney – VHECEC / COTA 09/07/21-11/15/21
Robbins, Ervin – Bus Garage / Mechanic 09/13/21-10/15/21
Rossman, Sophie – Dr. Maude Sanders / Interpreter 10/10/21-03/08/22
Von Behren, Raetta – Peoria High / Cafeteria 09/06/21-11/06/21

**Resignation**
Aina, Virles – Undistributed / Job Coach 09/21/21
Alanis, Christie – Sterling / Clerical 10/01/21
Armstrong, Taria – Manual / Clerical 09/24/21
Banks, Kennedy – Harrison / Site Coordinator 10/08/21
Blasek, Sue – Hines / Teacher Aide SEL 09/24/21
Jenkins, Joseph – Trewyn Day Treatment 10/06/21
Jones, Regina – Manual / Cafeteria Baker 09/23/21
Lauer, Kayla – Whittier / Extended Care Program 09/09/21
Reis, Selmo – Lindbergh / Cafeteria 09/17/21
St. Louis, Donald – Calvin Coolidge / Teacher Aide XCAT 10/08/21

**Retirement**
Henry, John – Bus Garage / Asst Director of Transportation 10/15/21
Scales, David – Northmoor / Custodian 09/22/21

**Dismissal for Reasons Other Than Reduction in Force**
Brewer, Sarah – Peoria High / Cafeteria 09/22/21
Callow, Gary – Transportation / Driver 09/24/21
Clark, Dawn – Roosevelt / Accompanist 08/13/21
English, Coshira – Harrison / Cafeteria 09/22/21
Erickson, Kristie – Tutor 08/13/21
Wright, Monica – Hines / Tutor Assistant 09/20/21

III. Substitute Personnel

Appointment
Alanis, Christie – Clerical 10/01/21
*Anderson, Aaliyah – Teacher 09/28/21
*Bell, Janet – Teacher 09/28/21
*Garrett, Terry – Teacher 09/28/21
*Haahn, Shelly – Teacher 09/28/21
*Haynes, Tasha – Teacher 09/01/21
*Hobson, Arrion – Behavioral Attendant 09/23/21
*Jemison, Bawana – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Lindsey, Janice – Behavioral Attendant 09/16/21
*Mackenzie, Amanda – Interpreter 09/28/21
*Mooney, Grace – Teacher 09/28/21
*Ojeda, Alma – Teacher 09/17/21
*Otten, Noah – Teacher 09/28/21
*Pearson, Jamara – Teacher 09/28/21
*Sandoval Martinez, Isabel – Cafeteria 09/20/21
*Torres / Adan – Custodian 10/01/21
*Webb, Michelle – Teacher 09/28/21
*Wrightner-Jordan, Lorraine – Cafeteria 09/24/21

Resignation
Ales, Jeffrey – Teacher 09/21/21
Coplin, Consuelo – Teacher 09/27/21
Johnson, Lamar – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Jones, Jamoni – Behavioral Attendant 09/27/21

Dismissal for Reasons Other Than Reduction in Force
Cameron, Steve – Behavioral Attendant 09/15/21
Cannon, Josh – Behavioral Attendant 09/15/21
Causey, Joniya – Behavioral Attendant 09/15/21
Clark, Charita – Behavioral Attendant 09/16/21
Clark, Marcia – Behavioral Attendant 09/16/21
Davis, Demonta – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Davis, Josiah – Behavioral Attendant 09/15/21
Douglas-Watkins, Rameya – Behavioral Attendant 09/16/21
Dryden, Micah – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Gray, Chantay – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
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Myers, Donna – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Norris, Dameion – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Parker, Faith – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Randle, Sylveste – Custodian 09/15/21
Richards, Darius – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Smith, Leroy – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Thomas, Alayzha – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Tinsley, Larry – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Toombs, Janazia – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Toussaint, Lil Lamerco – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Williams, Deaaron – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Witherspoon, Candi – Behavioral Attendant 09/17/21
Wolbeck, Heather – Teacher 09/17/21

Attention Departments:
* Tasks will not be processed at this time until pending paperwork is completed.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

Moved by Mrs. Ross and seconded by Mr. Klaus to approve #5 for discussion. Mrs. Costic asked for clarification on the program. Dr. Kherat gave some detailed information indicating that the program would be held at Trewyn School for 50 students K-4. She stated that there is a need for alternative support for primary children. There were many questions as to how the transportation and other details would work with the program. Coach Booth stated that all details of the program will be customized after the approval.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT ALSO KNOWN AS “CHANCELIGHT” AND PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMMING FOR PRIMARY (K – 4) STUDENTS AT A PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOL LOCATION.

Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Ombudsman Program Alternative and Peoria Public Schools to provide a variety of structured, age-appropriate curricula and activities that adhere to the typical benchmarks of growth, development and the multiple developmental needs of children in those age groups. The cost for year one is $650,000 to serve a minimum of 50 students. This cost will be covered by ESSER 3 funds.

On roll call, 5 ayes, 2 nays (Reinking and Klaus), motion carried

BUDGET RESOLUTION
Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the following resolution:
WHEREAS the Board of Education 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 27th day of September 2021, 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 2021-22 fiscal year.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) USED SPECIAL NEEDS WHEELCHAIR BUSES
Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the purchase of four (4) used special needs wheelchair buses. The buses will be purchased from Central States through fund 40 for $270,000 after trade-ins.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

DELIBERATION AGENDA
POLICY 7:320 - SERVICE ANIMALS ON SCHOOL PREMISES FOR ASSISTANCE OF STUDENTS
Moved by Mrs. Ross and seconded by Dr. Reinking to approve the attached proposed [new] policy regarding service animals on school premises.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

SUSPENSION REVIEW/APPEAL
Moved by Dr. Reinking and seconded by Mr. Klaus to approve Suspension Review/Appeal listed on the report dated September 27, 2021 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

EXPULSION WITH THE EXPULSION TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE
Moved by Dr. Reinking and seconded by Mr. Klaus to approve Expulsion with the Expulsion Held in Abeyance listed on the report dated September 27, 2021 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

PRESENTATION AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS
Sophia Suarez, new student board member introduced herself. She attends Richwoods High School and she is the President of Educators Rising and co-founder and co-president of Podcast Club and she is also a member of the tennis team.

Ms. Ross, Administrative Assistant, read a resolution presented to President Wilson from the House of Representatives of the One Hundred-Second General Assembly.

Dr. Reinking announced that the Peoria Playhouse is having their anything innovative program that propels Take Your Child to Work Day to a whole new level. It begins on October 2nd – October 9th.
Dr. Reinking gave an update on the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee. She stated that they will be focused on looking at section seven of the policies within the district. They will also be focusing on school uniforms and attendance policies.

President Wilson announced that there will be a book drive called Mind Over Matter Book Drive to help get books to our young men and women in custody of the juvenile detention center.

Mr. Murphy announced that the Wine and Whiskey Walk will take place at Junction City on October 16th. You can visit www.ppsfoundation.org for more information on how to purchase tickets or to sign up to volunteer.

He also announced that Kids My Book has expanded to include pre-K distributions and it will be started at Valeska Hinton starting in November.

Mr. Murphy gave an update on the water filler stations. He stated that there is a need for refillable water bottles. He reached out to Illinois American Water and they graciously gave two thousand reusable water bottles. He is working to get them all delivered within the next week.

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES
Policy Committee will meet on October 20th at 3:30 p.m.
Building Committee will meet on October 7th at 10:00 a.m.
Parent Teacher Advisory Committee will meet on October 27th at 7:15 a.m.

Dr. Reinking requested a quarterly report from Quest.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Mrs. Ross and seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Cami Ross
Administrative Assistant to
Board of Education

ATTEST:

Gregory Wilson
Board President.