PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING

November 8, 2021

The Board convened in the PLC1 room at the Administration building 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 Section 2(c) (9), (Discipline), 2C -1 (Personnel); 2C 5 & 6 (Purchase or lease of real property); 2C 11 (Litigation). Motion carried. The Board went into closed session at 5:01 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The board returned to open session at 6:27 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Costic informed that according to the Illinois Department of Transportation, about 27,000 cars pass the Peoria Stadium sign on War Memorial Drive every day. With competitive pricing and great visibility, it’s a great way to get the word out about your small business. Find out more by emailing Jen Adler at Jennifer.adler@psd150.org.

Dr. Reinking announced that the Illinois State Board of Education has created a Parent Portal for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness or IAR. Parents or guardians can learn about their student’s performance on the IAR for English-Language Arts and mathematics. The portal will allow parents or guardians to track their student's scores from year to year, beginning with the spring 2021 results. For links to the IAR Parent Portal and IAR Parent Portal User Guide, visit the district homepage at www.psd150.org.

Student board member Sophia Suarez announced congratulations to Richwoods student Molly Gordon for qualifying for the IHSA swimming and diving state meet. Molly will compete in the diving part of the state meet this weekend after posting a pool record score at sectionals this past weekend. She also congratulated all of our Richwoods band and orchestra students who attended the Illinois Music Education Association District 2 Festival at Augustana College and Moline High School on Saturday. These students were selected through a rigorous and competitive video audition to rehearse and perform in the Illinois Music Education Association District 2 Junior High Band, and they did an outstanding job in preparing, rehearsing, and performing the music.

Mrs. Ross announced that the Peoria Public Schools Elementary Speech Tournament will be held at Roosevelt Magnet School on Saturday, November 20th. Fourth and fifth graders from across the district will compete in the competition.

President Wilson announced that the Activate/Everside Health and Wellness Center is located at 1524 W. Glen Ave and is available to you and your dependents if you are enrolled in the district’s medical plans. Hours are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. You can also schedule phone and video appointments.
Activate/Everside can take care of your family’s medication refills and they have a library of webinars to help you and your family stay healthy on topics like nutrition, weight, exercise and positive lifestyle behaviors. Call Activate/Everside at 309-512-0902.

Mr. Shaw announced that the PPS in-school health provider UnityPoint Health is bringing COVID-19 vaccines for students aged 5 to 11 directly to Peoria Public Schools. Students have received a COVID-19 vaccine consent form following the emergency authorization approval process from national, state and local health officials. If you would like your student to receive the vaccine at school by a UnityPoint Health provider, please turn in the completed consent form to the school office. The consent form will be sent to UnityPoint nurses, who will contact the parent to confirm the details for the vaccine appointment. Parents can be present at the appointment. The COVID-19 vaccination is not mandated for students, but it is highly recommended that families take advantage of this opportunity. To download the consent form and vaccine information in English or Spanish, go to www.psd150.org.

Mr. Klaus announced that applications for the Richwoods IB program are due Friday, November 19th. For information, speak to your school counselor or visit the Richwoods High School website.

Mr. Murphy announced to mark your calendar for the Peoria Public Schools Foundation’s 7th Annual 365 Breakfast on Thursday, January 13th at the Sheridan Village Hy-Vee. This year’s event will be a drive-through breakfast pickup and a virtual program live streamed later that morning. Our 365 donors provide vital funding for our programs to support Peoria Public Schools students, families and staff! Watch the PPS Foundation Facebook page in coming weeks for more details.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Volunteer of the Year Award

Dr. Kherat introduced Major Heath Sells of the Salvation Army as this year’s recipient. She gave some background information of the services he provided throughout the pandemic. Major Sells accepted and thanked everyone for the award.

2021 Forty Under Forty

There were two winners under this category, Sarah Chapman and President Greg Wilson. Dr. Kherat gave some background information on Ms. Chapman’s accomplishments and congratulated her on her work.

Dr. Kherat also gave some background information on President Wilson’s work throughout the community. He thanked Dr. Kherat and appreciated the award.

TAX LEVY PRESENTATION

Mrs. Eman reviewed the definitions of the tax levy. She also discussed the six-step process of the levy that the district follows each year. There is also a planning process which is as follows:

- Talk with county assessor to get EAV predictions
- Develop scenarios for projected district EAV
- Determine level of need for the restricted funds with unlimited tax rates
- Take information to the Board for discussion
She reviewed the FY2022 Operating funds revenue by source, which showed federal sources being the highest at 32%. She also reviewed the 2020 tax levy to compare with the 2021 tax levy.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE

There were several staff from Glen Oak school asking for more support for teachers at Glen Oak. There were complaints of an old curriculum and having to attend mandatory meetings that were not helpful to the teachers. There were also concerns of student and staff safety.

RESPONSE TO AUDIENCE PRESENTATION

Dr. Kherat stated that the issues at Glen Oak will be addressed. This is a work in progress and they will continue to work to make things better.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Ross and seconded by Mrs. Costic to approve the minutes of September 27, 2021.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dr. Kherat informed that approximately 300 consent forms have been received for children 5-12 to be vaccinated.
**Purchases Over $2500**

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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 October 25, 2021, we received 2 new Freedom of Information Act requests. There were no pending requests noted on the October 25, 2021. We have received 26 requests for this calendar year at a grand total of $1,300.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the September 27, 2021 minutes.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried
CONSENT AGENDA

GIFTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year to date: $44,083.93

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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TRAVEL REQUESTS

Moved by Mr. Klaus and 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

Certified Personnel

Appointments

Avina, Fidelina – Whittier / Teacher Dual Language 10/28/21

Leave of Absence

Behrens, Kimberly – Northmoor / Teacher 11/15/21-12/05/21
Clare, Natalie – Franklin / Teacher 10/27/21-11/11/21
Friedrich, Amanda – Hines / Teacher 11/08/21-12/03/21
Rogers, Shannon – Sterling / Teacher 09/07/21-09/15/21
Scott, Bria – Calvin Coolidge / Social Worker 10/29/21-11/07/21

Resignation

Boyle, Stephanie – Glen Oak / Teacher Grade 4 11/26/21
Cruz, Michelle – Von Steuben / Principal 10/29/21

Retirement

Carballido, Jorge – Knoxville / Teacher Sp Ed 12/17/21
Grant, Marie – Rolling Acres – DC / Teacher Sp Ed 05/27/22
Myatt, Tina – Rolling Acres – DC / Teacher Sp Ed 05/27/22

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments
**Beck, Dishai** – Roosevelt / Parent Advocate  
11/09/21

**Bischoff, Diane** – Transportation / Driver  
11/09/21

**Butcher, Stacy** – Hines / Parent Advocate  
11/01/21

**Edwards, Destini** – Manual / Cheerleading Coach  
10/27/21

**Gulley, Vickie** – Glen Oak / Cafeteria  
11/09/21

**Haywood, Ammber** – Transportation / Bus Monitor  
11/09/21

**Hogan, Corey** – Dr. Maude Sanders / Parent Advocate  
11/09/21

**Holloway, Carl** – Administration / Attendance Connector  
11/09/21

**Isabeles, Lorie** – Trewyn / Cafeteria  
11/09/21

**Jester, Theresa** – Washington / Cafeteria  
11/01/21

**Lang, Mike** – Calvin Coolidge / Head Custodian  
11/01/21

**Mcghee, Sharon** – Undistributed / Job Coach  
11/09/21

**Perkins, Katrenna** – Manual / Cafeteria  
11/01/21

**Peyton, Julius** – Trewyn / Custodian  
11/01/21

**Porkattil James, Sony** – Lindbergh / Chess Coach  
11/11/21

**Rademaker, Holly** – Peoria High / Asst. Cook – Asst. Baker  
11/09/21

**Rutledge, London** – Mark Bills / Parent Helper  
11/09/21

**Thomas, Belinda** – Harrison / Parent Advocate  
11/09/21

**Webb, John** – Transportation / Bus Driver  
11/08/21

**Webb, Johnny** – Transportation / Asst. Director of Transportation  
11/01/21

**Williams, Aaron** – Trewyn / Basketball Coach  
10/01/21

**Winters, Michael** – Undistributed / Job Coach  
11/09/21

**Bell, Kennedy** – Lifeguard  
09/27/21

**Espana, Dulce** – Lifeguard  
09/27/21

**Kollar, Natalie** – Lifeguard  
09/27/21

**Szidon, Jacob** – Lifeguard  
09/27/21

**Williams, Alicia** - PHS  
11/09/21

**Gary, Mary** – Lincoln / Cafeteria  
11/15/21-11/22/21

**Kinsella, Carrie** – Day Treatment / Teacher Aide  
10/14/21-01/12/22

**Nimmers, Lisa** – Northmoor / Clerical  
11/02/21-11/18/21

**Stenson, Celena** – Lincoln / Teacher Aide  
10/18/21-11/01/21

**Vargas, Santiago** – Transportation / Bus Driver  
11/01/21-11/08/21

**Watson-Purifoy, Sharon** – VHECEC / Teacher Aide  
10/25/21-10/29/21

**Wolters, Gloria** – VHECEC / Teacher Aide  
11/22/21-01/18/22

**Byrne, Sheri** – WCTC / Nurse  
11/30/21

**Nelson, Brooke** – Washington / Cafeteria  
10/18/21

**Owens, Roosevelt** – Roosevelt / Site Coordinator  
11/15/21

**Smith, Adrian** – Manual / Wrestling Coach  
10/18/21

**Chalk, Tashala** – Glen Oak / Clerical  
11/02/21

**Conger, Judith** – Roosevelt / Tutor  
11/03/21
Dorsey, Davina – Northmoor / Cafeteria 11/04/21
Dreher, Veronica – Richwoods / Truancy Liaison 10/27/21
Jones, Jamoni – Transportation / Driver 11/01/21
Kenser, Joanna – Kellar / Extended Care Program 11/08/21
Monk, Brittany – Transportation / Driver 11/02/21

**Substitute Personnel**

**Appointment**

Bradley, Gerald – Custodian 11/09/21
*Brown, Jazmine – Behavioral Attendant 11/18/21
*Crowe, Anytia – Behavioral Attendant 11/01/21
*Davis, Latreeka – Behavioral Attendant 11/02/21
*Dellavalle, Michelle – Teacher 11/09/21
*Gann, Destinee – Behavioral Attendant 11/02/21
*Gaston, Dina – Behavioral Attendant 11/01/21
*Jefferson, Champain – Behavioral Attendant 11/02/21
*Kelly, Laura – Teacher 11/09/21
*Mahaney, Danaisha – Behavioral Attendant 11/09/21
*Mitchell Pastoriza, Corionna – Behavioral Attendant 11/03/21
*O’Day, Donna – Teacher 11/09/21
*Popken, Eric – Behavioral Attendant 11/08/21

**Leave of Absence**

Johnson, Tanjashia – Behavioral Attendant 10/11/21-11/25/21

**Resignation**

Avina, Fidelina – Teacher 10/27/21
Hobson, Jamilah – Behavioral Attendant 10/29/21
Jester, Theresa – Cafeteria 11/01/21
Peyton, Julius – Custodian 10/29/21
Shorty, Enya – Behavioral Attendant 11/04/21

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

Ellis, Mary – Cafeteria 11/03/21
Fauntleroy, Vance - Behavioral Attendant 11/02/21
Ferrell, John – Cafeteria 11/03/21
Flemming, Jenell- Cafeteria 11/03/21
Moss, Paige – Behavioral Attendant 11/04/21

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried
WASHINGTON GIFTED - LORADO TAFT FIELD SCHOOL - 8TH GRADE
Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the field trip for Washington Gifted 8th grade students to travel to Larado Taft Field School in Oregon, IL, March 28 – April 1, 2022, per Board Policy 6:240. Students will need to meet certain eligibility requirements promoting attendance and good behavior. The cost of the trip is $300.00 per student. No student will be denied attendance due to inability to pay.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

APPROVAL OF A COLLEGE VISIT TO HARRIS STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY (HBCU)
Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve a college visit to Harris Stowe State University, which is a historically black public university located in St. Louis, MO. The purpose of the trip is to expose high school students to postsecondary opportunities. The total cost is $2,998.00 and will be paid through the Lights On, Peoria federal grant.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

DELIBERATION AGENDA
EXPULSION WITH THE EXPULSION TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE
Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the Expulsion with the Expulsion Held in Abeyance listed on the report dated November 8, 2021 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

Expulsion was amended during executive session.

EXPULSION
Moved by Mr. Klaus and seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the Expulsion listed on the report dated November 8, 2021 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes, motion carried

PRESENTATION AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS
Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Dunphy, athletic director, for hosting the IHSA cross country meet at Detweiler Park. This event has been held for the last 52 years at Detweiler Park and it brings in a lot of revenue for our city.

Dr. Kherat also stated that Dr. Coleman was recognized as an honorary referee.

Mr. Klaus suggested that the board prioritize the issues at Glen Oak and as an administrative team go and provide the support that is needed.

Mrs. Ross thanked the Peoria Park District for all their partnership opportunities that they worked with at the Peoria Public Schools
REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

The Parent Teacher Advisory Committee will meet on November 15th at 7:15 a.m. in the Media room.

Policy will meet on November 17th at 3:30 p.m.

Building & Grounds committee will meet on December 7th at 10:00 a.m. Names are still being accepted for renaming of schools until December 1st. When submitting names, please include a brief biography of the persons name being submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Klaus, seconded by Dr. Reinking to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

Cami Ross
Administrative Assistant to Board of Education

ATTEST:

Gregory Wilson
Board President.