

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
March 2, 2009

The Board convened in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building at 4:30 p.m. President David Gorenz called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Gorenz, Parker, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board member Butler arrived at 4:40 p.m. Board member Spangler was absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- Moved by Wolfmeyer seconded by Stowell to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting February 17, 2009 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** – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the executive session at 6:10 p.m.

The Board convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Diagnostic Learning Center. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Gorenz, Parker, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board member Spangler was absent.

**MINUTES** – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2009 and special meeting February 23, 2009.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Board member Butler recognized the recipient of the 2009 Servant Leader Award, retired teacher AC Rhymes. She also recognized District employees Eric Thomas and Tamara Butler for their awards from Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority for their professional work.

Board member Wolfmeyer recognized and congratulated the following schools for their recognition from ISBE: Spotlight Schools - Franklin Edison Primary School, Hines Primary School, Roosevelt Magnet School, Thomas Jefferson Primary School, Whittier Primary School and Woodrow Wilson Primary School. Academic Improvement Schools - Roosevelt Magnet School and Woodrow Wilson Primary School. Academic Excellence Schools - Lindbergh Middle School and Washington Gifted School.

Superintendent Hinton reviewed the timeline for the decisions that will be made in the near future: In late February the temporary community Budget and Planning Committee met to begin to review district finances and assist the Board and administration with budgeting issues. In March the Superintendent established a district-wide expenditure reduction team of union leaders, principals.

March/April a decision will be made on closing one or more primary schools in the fall of 2009. The recommendation would come to the Board no later than the April 6, 2009 meeting and the Board would vote no later than the April 20 meeting. Discussion would continue on closing a high school for the 2010-2011 school year. If a recommendation is brought forward, it must be no later than the May 4 meeting and a decision by the Board of Education must be made no later than the May 18 meeting.

June – If a recommendation is presented and if the Board of Education voted to close a high school, the Board of Education would need to vote on which high schools would be reconfigured and consolidated no later than June 15, 2009.

Mid-June 2009 – If directed by the Board of Education, administration and Board will gather input and develop details for the closing and consolidation of schools. This 14 month process will include curriculum, transportation, facility, staffing and other needs.

Summer 2009 - Board of Education will consider establishing a committee to review and update the Master Facility Plan. The group will gather and analyze data on the facility needs for the buildings not currently in the consolidation, closing or construction phases.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION** –Bryan Devine, Woodruff High School Chess Coach, recognized Robert Miller for his 3<sup>rd</sup> place medal in the IHAS Chess Tournament. He noted that this is the first medal won by a student from District 150. Over 1200 students competed in the IHSA Chess Tournament on February 13 & 14, 2009.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS** – Karen Heath, 2007 N. Wisconsin, would like a better explanation on the travel requests.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated his concern regarding misappropriation of funds and the District is appointing a different controller/treasurer.

Dr. Gorenz reported that there was no discrepancy in the funding or misappropriation of funds. The District has an audit done each year.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – Jeff Adkins Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, stated that he had spoken with Irving Primary School teachers and was impressed with their dedication and enthusiasm. He stated his concern that good teaching staffs not be separated when buildings need to be closed.

Hedy Elliott Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood Dr., Discussed her concern with the closing of primary schools. She would like the public to see the savings anticipated by consolidation of one or more schools. She would also like to see the savings from the previous consolidations. She stated her concern with buildings being vacant if the district would decide to close buildings.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. Discussed the comments made by Chamber of Commerce speakers and the history of the Chamber of Commerce and the District. He also stated his concern that more students in a building would mean more safety issues and less student achievement.

Bob Darling, 230 E. Highpoint Road. Recognized Bryan Devine for his hard work on the chess tournaments. He requested that administration meet with building staff before it is announced in the newspaper that a building will be closed. He stated that there is a need for principals to help young teachers be successful.

Diane Vespa, 2318 W. Imperial Dr., Discussed the issue of students not having money for their lunch and not being in the free or reduced program. She would like to start a fund to pay for these students.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley. Congratulated the schools that won ISBE awards. He stated that the District does not need the Edison program.

Karen Heath, 3007 N. Wisconsin, would like to see the District have a trade school. She would also like to see the return of the K-8 program. She does not feel that the District needs the Edison program.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA –**

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR** – Mrs. Ross asked that the Travel Requests come under separate vote. Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker adoption of the consent calendar.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**GIFTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT** – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker, that the following donations be accepted and letters of appreciation sent to the donors.

Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center received donations totaling \$1,847.44 to be used for a book for each student in the school

Sewing machine, valued by the donor at \$125.00 donated to Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center by Galesburg Sewing Center

\$776.00 donated by Westminster Presbyterian Church to Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center for use on technology items

\$250.00 donated by the Wal-Mart Foundation to Harrison Primary School for PBIS incentives

Mittens, gloves, caps and scarves, valued by the donor at \$207.50, donated by OSF Corp Office of Employees to Irving Primary School

49 cases of black legal pads, valued by the donor at \$1,150.00, donated by Crestwood Properties to Peoria Public Schools

Lincoln pictures and information to be used in third and fourth grade classrooms, valued by the donor at \$100.00, donated to Whittier Primary School by Brian "Fox" Ellis

Microwave, valued by the donor at \$50.00, donated by Carol Mathis to Peoria Public Schools

Festival of Lights passes, valued by the donor at \$40.00, donated by the City of East Peoria to Tyng Primary School, Harrison Primary School and Garfield Primary School

Over \$1,000.00 in cash and prizes donated to the 2009 MathCounts event

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS -- Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker approval of the payment of the following bills.

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$6,745.15		\$749,827.15	\$756,572.30
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$426,574.61	\$426,574.61
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$95,153.59	\$95,153.59
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$100,647.22	\$100,647.22
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$19,621.71	\$19,621.71
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$42,306.76	\$42,306.76
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$6,473.53	\$6,473.53
				\$1,440,604.57	\$1,447,349.72

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT -- Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker approval of the following human resource report as presented by the administration.

**Certified Personnel**

Appointments

Coaches – Part Time

Booth, Devon	01-21-09
Fausser, John	03-02-09
Joseph, Robert	03-02-09
Rist, Richard	03-02-09
Stokes, William	03-02-09

Tutors – Part Time

Cornish, Alexis	03-02-09
Johnson, Barbara	03-02-09
Keil, Danielle	03-02-09
Love, Ronald	01-29-09
Maricle, Sarah	03-02-09
Rist, Richard	01-29-09
Timmes, Valerie	03-02-09

ResignationsTeachers – Full Time

Werner, Amy	06-30-09
Young, Jennifer Sue	06-30-09

RetirementsTeachers – Full Time

Smith, Annette	02-23-09
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**Non-Certified Personnel**AppointmentsTransportation – Part Time

Cross, Jimmie	03-03-09
Harris, Tishawna	02-18-09
Mabry, Christina	01-12-09

ResignationsSecurity – Full Time

Merdian, Paul	03-11-09
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Paraprofessionals – Full Time

Caldwell, Grace	6-30-09
Brault, Rodney	02-27-09

Transportation – Part Time

Armstrong, Isaac	12-12-09
Barber, Rena	02-02-09
Eldridge, Cathy	01-05-09
Johnson, Pearlean	02-02-09
Wallace, Nancy	02-09-09
West-Brown, Veresa	02-24-09

TerminationsTransportation – Part Time

Alexander, Yolanda	02-24-09
Bryant, Robin	01-05-09
Burkett, Gleda	02-18-09
Clark, Sheila	02-12-09
Criss, Tatisha	02-18-09
Hume, Matthew	12-08-09
Irving, Stanley	02-18-09
Patton, Rachael	02-18-09
Thomas, Timothy	01-06-09

**Substitutes**CertifiedAppointmentsSubstitute Teachers

Beck, Brett	02-19-09
Beutler, Katherine	02-23-09

Ehrentreu, Reka	02-23-09
Gaines, Brittney	02-13-09
Hackett, Robert	02-17-09
Newman, Candace	02-19-09
Richmond, Gary	02-17-09
Robinson, Marva	02-20-09
Schneider, Ashley	02-20-09
Trimble, Nathan	02-17-09
Van Ryn, Lawrence	02-23-09
Weber, Heidi	02-20-09
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Hutchinson, Diana	02-20-09
Michaels, George	02-19-09
Spaulding, Joanna	02-19-09
<u>Non-Certified Substitute</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Hill, Emily	02-26-09
<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	
Ehrentreu, Reka	02-25-09
Robinson, Marva	02-20-09
Watkins, Felicia	02-18-09
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Ehrentreu, Reka	02-25-09
Fitzpatrick, Katrina	02-13-09
Salazar, Eleanor	02-23-09
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Garcia, Megan	02-24-09

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker approval of the travel requests as presented by the administration. (Copy is on file in the board secretary's office.)

Mrs. Ross stated that she could not support the travel requests. She feels it would be better bring people to the District or for staff to see a DVD.

Dr. Gorenz stated that Travel Requests were discussed at the last special meeting and that administration would be reviewing all travels before submission to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Parker noted that is it important to remember that some grants require travel for professional development – she did not want the community to think that staff is traveling “just to travel.” She noted that it is important for teachers to have staff development.

On roll call 4 ayes. Stowell, Butler, Parker, Gorenz  
2 nays. Wolfmeyer, Ross. Motion carried.

**BULK ROCK SALT PURCHASE** – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education authorize the administration to execute a purchase requisition to the Illinois Department of Central Management Services for the purchase of 278.12 tons of bulk rock salt for the 2009-2010 school year.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**SCHOOL OPERATED LATCHKEY PROGRAM AGREEMENT** – Moved by Stowell seconded by Parker that the agreement to operate school programs to provide before and after school care be approved.

Dr. Gorenz clarified that DCFS requires that an agreement be approved by the Board of Education every three years. Before and after school programs are operated by Glen Oak Primary School, Hines Primary School, Irving Primary School, Northmoor Edison Primary School, Roosevelt Magnet School, Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center and Whittier Primary School. Kingman Primary School operates a before school latchkey program. Franklin Edison Primary School operates an after school latchkey program.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **DELIBERATION AGENDA - .**

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Parker seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 12 dated March 2, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Butler, Parker, Ross, Stowell, Wolfmeyer, Gorenz  
1 abstention. Butler. Motion carried.

Expulsions – Moved by Parker seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Expulsions listed on the report dated March 2, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 4 ayes. Parker, Stowell, Wolfmeyer, Gorenz  
1 nay. Ross. 1 abstention. Butler. Motion carried.

Revocation of Board Probation – Moved by Parker seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Expulsions list on the Revocation of Board Probation Report dated March 2, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 4 ayes. Parker, Stowell, Wolfmeyer, Gorenz  
1 nay. Ross. 1 abstention. Butler. Motion carried.

**FEE REDUCTION AGEEMENT** – Moved by Wolfmeyer seconded by Butler that the Board of Education declares its intent to appoint at its annual meeting on July 6, 2009 the law firm of Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White Frederick, P.C. as general counsel for a period of two years ending on June 30, 2011.

Dr. Gorenz clarified that at the last Board of Education meeting there was discussion on the request of administration to decrease fees for service contractors and general counsel has agreed on a 2 ½ % decrease effective January 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011. In response to this offer the school district will grant a two year appointment as general counsel.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF TEXTBOOKS** – Moved by Stowell seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve that new textbooks be purchased for the following courses:

- High School - Basic Biology and Basic Geometry
- High School Special Education – Algebra 1
- Middle School (to complete the four year sequence)
  - Grade 7 Social Studies
  - Grade 8 Social Studies
  - Grade 7 Connected Math
  - Grade 8 Connected Math

Dr. Gorenz presented the background information. The textbook adoption process began in late December with Department Chairs indicating which texts they felt needed to be updated using the Illinois Loan Program money earmarked for grades 7-12. Total cost of the books is \$380,000 with \$284,000 being reimbursed from the Illinois Loan Program. The remaining funding comes from the Education Fund.

Superintendent Hinton reported that administration will be coming to the Board on a more routine timeline to address textbook status to get the district more aligned with curriculum.

Mrs. Ross asked about textbook inventory. Mr. Otto Arcaute reported on the improved inventory control at the high school and middle school level. The primary schools will be involved this spring. The new system allows for less books to be purchased because the warehouse knows which schools have texts in their schools that can be sent to other schools. Mr. Arcaute stressed that savings will occur because of the process and procedure.

Mr. Stowell would like to see the cost of the "wish list" for textbooks and the cost for the online learning that Edison is presenting. Mr. Hinton reported that the online learning will be introduced in the next few weeks and might be available for summer school. Mr. Hinton recognized Teaching and Learning Director Susan Grzanich for her work to get no cost supplemental materials along with the textbooks.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR INCREASING HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL FEES** – Moved by Stowell seconded by Parker that high school summer school fees for the 2009 Summer School session be increased as follows:

In-District students-low income: From \$25 to \$30 for each course

In-District students: From \$150 to \$160 for each course

Out-of-District students: From \$200 to \$210 for each course.

Mrs. Eman clarified that summer school fees must cover the cost of the courses. Fees have not been raised in several years and there is a gap between revenues and expenses.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FOUR DAY WORK WEEK AS A COST SAVINGS MEASURE** – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve the four day work week for the summer of 2009 beginning June 15, 2009 through August 13, 2009. Any exceptions shall be approved by the Superintendent.

Superintendent Hinton reported that this is presented as a cost saving measure. He has looked at other cities and schools and feels we should realize energy savings, attendance improvement, improvement in morale and improvement in efficiency. He clarified that the number of hours is not reduced, just the number of days. He stated that he is recommending that this be a pilot program for the summer of 2009.

Superintendent Hinton clarified that summer school would not be affected and Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center would keep their five day schedule and have the support they need. Mr. Stowell stated that he feels four 8 hour days for next summer would be a cost saving measure if economic conditions continue to decline. Mrs. Wolfmeyer reminded all that the majority of employees are covered by union contract and that would have to be negotiated.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ACCOUNTANT/DIRECTOR INTERNAL AUDITS-EXTERNAL ASSURANCES** – Moved by Parker seconded by Ross that Michael J. McKenzie be hired as Chief Accountant/Director Internal Audits-External Assurances at the annual salary of \$90,000 and that the employment contract be approved.

Board member Stowell stated that he hopes this position will help generate cost savings to off set the salary and allow for more transparency in the budget for the district.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CONTROLLER/TREASURER** – Moved by Stowell seconded by Wolfmeyer that Dr. Norman D. Durflinger and Dr. Brock T. Butts be appointed as Interim Treasurer and Interim Controller, at the per diem rate of \$500.00 per day. The attorney is directed to prepare the appropriate contracts for presentation to the Board of Education.

Superintendent Hinton presented that Dr. Durflinger served as the superintendent of Morton schools and is currently the Mayor of Morton. Dr. Butts served as the superintendent of Tremont schools. Both men bring a wealth of experience in finances to our district and Superintendent Hinton extended his thanks to both to their willingness to help the District.

Board member Butler thanked Carle Eman stepping in to help the District as the Interim Controller.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –**

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – **THREE TIER BELL SCHEDULE** – Academic Officer for Primary Schools Cheryl Sanfilip, Assistant Principal at Woodruff High School Mike Plunkett and Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center Principal Dr. Beth Bussan presented information on the three tier bell schedule. The new recommended schedule is:

High Schools	8:20 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
Middle Schools	7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Primary Schools	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Edison Schools	7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Roosevelt Magnet School	8:20 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.
VHECEC	8:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
Washington Gifted School	7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Manual High School, Greeley Alternative School, Peoria Alternative High School and Knoxville Center for Student Success will work with the Transportation Department to accommodate their schedules.

Mr. Plunkett explained that research shows that high school students do best with a later start. He also stated that if the high schools had started at 7:30 a.m. Early Bird classes would begin at 6:30 a.m. and that would put students on busses even earlier.

Dr. Bussan stated that the new schedule would meet the needs of her students.

Superintendent Hinton reported that he met with Mr. Sullivan and the savings generated would be \$500,000, but would be offset with the State reimbursement amounts. Net savings would be from \$100,000 to \$150,000. He also noted that with the reduction in routes the issue of trying to find qualified bus drivers would be lessened.

Mrs. Ross shared her concerns with Roosevelt Magnet School and Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center students riding on the same bus. Dr. Bussan reported that there are 25 routes for students from all over the city. Most of the routes are with Roosevelt Magnet School students and there is a bus monitor on every bus for Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center students. Mr. Hinton reported that bus service for preschool students is not reimbursable from the state.

Mrs. Parker asked why the Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center students were not on the bus last – with Roosevelt Magnet School students on first. Mr. Hinton will look into the issue.



Dr. Gorenz reported that the three tier bell schedule would be on the agenda for a vote at the next meeting.

**ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS** – Director of Research and Testing, Mr. Bryan Chumbley presented projected enrollment figures through 2015. He stated that it is important to note what the figures are telling us – how we can look to the long term based on the patterns. He noted the differences in age group K-8 not much change and then 8-12 the numbers start to dwindle. He noted that it is important to take into consideration where students are now from where they started. He clarified that the pattern we see now has been the same for a number of years. He stated that it is hard to determine where students are lost – moves, drop outs. Total enrollment for grades K-12 was shown as:

Year	Enrollment
2008	13,972
2009	13,709
2010	13,637
2011	13,514
2012	13,405
2013	13,256
2014	13,162
2015	13,172

Discussion was held on the projections. Mr. Stowell stated that he felt a committee should be formed to revisit the Master Facility Plan. He also asked about an alternative or vocational school setting. He feels the four high schools should be maintained and the 7-8<sup>th</sup> grades can be added to the schools.

Superintendent Hinton reported that a vocational setting is on the radar screen and he is going to recommend how a part of the funds be used to make a vocational school a reality.

Mrs. Ross discussed the “schools within schools” concept. She stated that she is not in favor of closing a high school – we need to make them more effective and efficient.

Dr. Gorenz asked if we could look at the data on the loss of students more closely to see what the root cause is – are they: 1) leaving and going outside of Peoria, 2) going to parochial or private schools, 3) dropping out – we need to know those answers for each group. He emphasized that we need to know more clearly what the causes for the lower numbers are and tailor our interventions. Dr. Gorenz stated that he feels the switch to another school is difficult for students and that fewer transitions keep them engaged.

Mr. Stowell stated that he felt we were losing students in sixth grade – we need to do something to keep them engaged. Superintendent Hinton noted that research shows that third grade is where we begin to lose students.

**PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500** – Mr. Cahill presented this report for the Board’s review. Questions were asked and answered regarding the report.

- 3. GOAL 3 – QUALITY STAFF
- 4. GOAL 4 – SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENTS
- 5. GOAL 5 – CULTURE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE – **CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2009-2010** – Dr. Simpson reported that the calendar committee had worked to prepare the 09-10 calendar and recommended its adoption. Changes included moving the SIP day to Friday; staff felt that having students miss a half day on Wednesday was like beginning the week again. This year there will once again be a full day off for parent conferences.

Mrs. Ross reported that the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee is recommending that all schools have registration and orientation at the school for all students during the week before school starts. Dr. Simpson shared that teachers could not be required to be there before school starts. Dr. Gorenz stated that that proposal would need to come before

the Board of Education. Dr. Simpson clarified that the school calendar is for the State of Illinois and would not include any orientation dates.

Report of Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests – Mr. Coplan gave the following report.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
01 30 09	CJ Summers	Pending
01 30 09	CJ Summers	Filled
02 12 09	Dave Haney	Filled
02 19 09	Kate Campaigne	Pending
02 19 09	Dave Haney	Filled
02 20 09	Debbie Chavez	Filled
02 27 09	Julie McArdle	Pending

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS** – Mrs. Parker asked that we find out how many students fall into the category of not being a free or reduced lunch student, but not paying for lunch Mrs. Parker asked that we also look into a “wish list” for each school. Mrs. Parker also discussed the district requiring new administrative hires to live within the district and any type of incentives that might be available to teachers to live in the district.

Board member Butler reported that the Behavior Intervention Committee met for their annual meeting and had a good discussion about things that will be coming forward that will answer questions the Board has. She reported that Dr. O'Brian is gathering data on the interventions being used and their outcomes.

Mrs. Ross reported that the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee had a presentation by Dr. Samuel Betances. She noted that he reviewed the recommendations on parent involvement prepared by Sandy Burke. Mrs. Ross stated that the committee is in favor of moving forward with having parents register each student and attend an orientation at their school before school starts. The committee also favors holding parent academies in each region. Mrs. Burke will present the cost of implementing each program and the committee will discuss how many programs can be implemented.

ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz  
Board President