

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
March 16, 2009

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Stowell seconded by Parker to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting March 2, 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 – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the executive session at 5:40 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, Parker, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Absent: Gorenz, Spangler.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of March 2, 2009 and special meeting of March 10, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Stowell congratulated the Kingman Primary School Fifth Grade Boys Basketball team on their first place finish in the tournament.

Mrs. Butler noted that the pamphlet "Understanding School Finance" from the Illinois Association of School Boards is available to the public – call the school board office for copies.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – Richwoods High School Orchestra Director Mr. Todd Schifeling recognized Courtney Silver, violin, for being the winner of the Peoria Symphony Orchestra Guild's Young Artist Competition. She will be featured at the April 28, 2009 Student Concert. The Richwoods High School String Quartet – Amy Fortuna, violin, Christina Cheng, violin, Courtney Silver, violin and Michael Liu, cello performed a Mozart selection.

Richwoods High School Girls Basketball Coach John Gross recognized the 2009 IHSA Lady Knights State Basketball Champs. He highlighted their remarkable year and many accomplishments.

Vice President Wolfmeyer recognized Richwoods High School swimmer, Matt Elliott for his first place finish in the IHSA State meet.

PALM representative Angie Ludwig congratulated MoonWalk T-shirt Contest Winner Kyle Hill. She also highlighted the MoonWalk program and invited all the district schools to participate in the program.

COMMUNITY BUDGET AND PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION & PRESENTATION BY PMA FINANCIAL - Community Budget and Planning Chairperson Erik Bush brought forward the recommendation from the Committee to approve the engagement of PMA Financial. He noted that the tool would help the district with an issue that needs addressing – lack of knowledge of where the district stands financially. He stated that since 1999 \$67 million more has been spent than received. \$22 million in cash reserves were spent in 2004. \$16 million has been borrowed annually since 2005 to meet expenses. This year \$4 million has evaporated from the budget. He stated that the committee was honored to be asked to address the financial issues, but found that the time frame allotted needed additional resources. He stressed that the district needs a tool to evaluate how a decision made would impact the budget and with this product everyone would be on the same page and have a clear picture on where the district stands. He noted that the Committee still would have work to do in the process and communication of the information.

Dr. Howard Crouse, PMA Senior Financial Advisor, explained that the Financial Planning Program's goal is to provide an interactive planning tool that will assist the Board of Education, administration, and community stakeholders in make well-informed, data driven decisions. The interactive software program shows where the district has been and then allows for variable input to show projections for a five year time frame. All assumptions on enrollment, revenue and expenses can be entered to show how the variables can affect the future. The goal is to assist the district in understanding and making great decisions.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – Hedy Elliott Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood, stated her concern with the cost of the financial tool. She stated that she would like to know who is responsible for the financial mess and that the District needs to stop spending. She also stated her concern with the Budget and Planning Committee and Superintendent Search Committee not having union representation.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., spoke to the financial condition of the district.

Roz Helms, 121 E. Coventry, spoke to the action item on the three tier bell schedule. She stated that there is much research that shows that middle and high school students need later start times. She asked that the Board of Education look at starting middle schools at a later time.

Karen Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, spoke to Action Items #12 and #15. She read the teacher responses to the Primary Early Release Days that she received from a FOIA request.

Bernie Goitein, 1625 W. Columbia Terrace, Dr. Goitein spoke as a member of the Budget and Planning Committee and stated that the value of the new program was not the quick response, but that the Board of Education will have the opportunity to look at more than one option or how the options can be combined. The second is the transparency of the tool and how it can clearly laid out to all stakeholders. The third potential is how the changes in revenue can be factored in to show the improved quality of education. Dr. Goitein reminded all that a previous committee reported the potential of cost-cutting and improvement in quality of education with the implementation of K-8 buildings.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that he felt there was no need to hire consultants to study the ninth grade academy issue, administration should do that. He does not feel that the district needs the ninth grade academy.

Nicole Price, 1011 E. Melbourne, stated that she approved of using the software to show the community the impact of future decisions. The communication lines would stay open and the community would have trust in the decision.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. spoke to an annual financial statement from June 2008. He stated his concern with closing schools would be for the safety of students and the achievement of students.

Kathy Rogers, 2112 N. Propsect, spoke to the issue of eighth grade graduation. She presented to the Board of Education petitions "requesting that District 150 reinstate the graduation ceremonies for all our 8th grade student because our Youth need positive reinforcement to mark their passages through life and their achievements. The undersigned strongly feel a formal graduation ceremony ensures that students will approach their high school education in a more serious manner."

Jay Pierson, 2630 N. Dechman Ave., stated that he is currently the Campus Life Director at Woodruff High School. Mr. Pierson spoke to the safety of students if two schools are combined. He stated that he is in favor of the ninth grade academies. He stated that another wing could be built on Woodruff High School to add classrooms for 7th and 8th graders.

Jeff Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker Ave., spoke to the consolidation of Woodruff High School and Peoria High School and stated that parents are wondering what is going to happen. He asked that teachers have more of a voice in the district's decision making process. He would like to see the Board of Education, administration and teachers working together for the benefit of the children.

Hedy-Elliott Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood, would like more information on the primary early release days. She would like the board to present to the public the projected cost savings of the potential school closings of Tyng, Kingman, Irving and consolidation of high schools before a decision is made.

Karen Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, continued to read the responses to her FOIA request.

Phil Romanos, 3321 N. Twelve Oaks Dr., stated that, "Before you can decide something you have to know what you are deciding on." He stated that he feels some people have already made up their minds about schools closing and urged everyone to remember that all decisions should be based on how it will affect kids. He is not in favor of a freshman academy at Loucks School. He feels that K-8 schools are the best way to go and they would also help stabilize neighborhoods.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, read an article from a local newspaper.

Bob Darling, 230 E. Highpoint Rd., stated his concern with consolidating two high schools. He feels this decision should be postponed until there is a new superintendent. He also feels that the new superintendent should come from the Peoria area. He feels it is not a good time to look into charter schools. He feels the Edison contract should be discontinued.

Brien Dunphy, 5506 N. Plaza Dr., stated his concern with consolidating schools and the need for the new superintendent to make that decision.

Karen Heath, 3007 N. Wisconsin, stated that she is in favor of K-8 schools. She asked that information on school closings and consolidations be on the web site.

Eric Bush, 2526 Rockwood Ct., stated that in his work with the County and their management team they look at labor as partners and he feels it would be a positive experience for the District to have labor represented on the Budget and Planning Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR -- Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker adoption of the consent calendar.

On roll call, 5 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.

Hardback books for the library, valued by the donor at \$761.08, donated by Scholastic Books to Hines Primary School

Wicker furniture for the front foyer, valued by the donor at \$900.00, donated by Donna Crawford to Hines Primary School

Notebooks, valued by the donor at \$150.00, donated by Caterpillar to Irving Primary School

\$50.00 for student needs, donated by Cecil and Diane Wyman to Irving Primary School

Color laser printer and computer, valued by the donor at \$1,500.00, donated by Steven Kohn to Kellar Primary School

Charter coach bus for Boy's Basketball Team to play in the IHSA game at Chillicothe, valued by the donor at \$800.00, donated by Peoria Charter Coach to Manual High School

Roll model books, valued by the donor at \$400.00, donated by State Representative Jehan Gordon to Manual High School

Sign for the front of the school, valued by the donor at \$444.34, donated by Hardin Signs, Inc. to Thomas Jefferson Primary School

Washington Gifted School received the following donation to support students attending the Lorado Taft trip
 \$5.00 donated by Geraldine Ernst
 \$231.00 donated by Gregg & Ellen Steffan
 \$100.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. James Perez

Classroom supplies, valued by the donor at \$50.00, donated by Rachel Morgan to Whittier Primary School

Notebook binders, valued by the donor at \$450.00, donated by Caterpillar, Inc. to Peoria Public Schools District 150

On roll call, 5 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	\$13,275.44		\$341,281.14	\$354,556.58
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$468,424.71	\$468,424.71
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$30,700.75	\$30,700.75
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$7,532.86	\$7,532.86
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$39,842.82	\$39,842.82
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$36,762.87	\$36,762.87
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$115.60	\$115.60
				\$924,660.75	\$937,936.19

On roll call, 5 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

Administrative

Chief Accountant – Director of Internal Audit

McKenzie, Michael

03-16-09

Summer School - Teachers

Allison, Dominique

Lewellyn, Michael

Arick, Peggy

Lewis, Ruth

Ayler, Mary

Lohr, Eileen

Baker, Jennifer

Lopez, Rosa

Benito-Carrillo, Fernando

Maas, Peggy

Bielenberg, Katie

Mathis, Robin

Bootz, Scott

McDowell, Hayley

Brown, Colleen

McLaughlin, Erin

Campbell, Dawn

McNamara, Joan

Clark, Amber

Mulhern, Lisa

Coates, Nichole

Nave, Shelley

Colwell, Danielle

Nemeth, Mary

Conard, Kelly	Noguera-Lopez, Lucia
Cornish, Alexis	O'Bryan, Jena
Corpuz, Allan	Ochs, Rebecca
Davison, Peggy	Peryam, Margaret
Dean, Andrea	Petersen, Leeann
DeJan, Natalie	Quezada, Joy
Dodds, Sharon	Ratliff, Sara
Donahue, Tim	Ray, Valerie
Duncan, Matt	Rhodes, Guinivere
Eddy, Theresa	Roberts, Angela
Fehl, Jessica	Roberts, Rhawnie
Fisher, Elaine	Rockhold, Cynthia
Force, Linda	Schmieg, Joel
Garman, Natasha	Schultz, Karen
Gibson, Brittany	Scott, Moiria
Gilmore, Sarah	Shirck, Amy
Glomb, Elizabeth	Soliday, Megan
Goldring, Stephanie	Spafford, Jennifer
Gracy, Megan	Spayer, Terrance
Grimm, Matthew	Spence, Kim
Halsey, Brooke	Stalter, Samuel
Harrmann, Jennifer	Terry, Karen
Heinz, Amy	Thompson, Stephanie
Heltzel, Peggy	Thorn-Davenport
Hiller, Carrie	Timke, Rebecca
Hodge, Helen	Tinkham, Fran
Hunt, Erin	Trefzger, Beth
Kaminski, Katherine	Varda, Jacqueline
Kenny, Timothy	Vogel, Danielle
Kleist, Carrie	Voyles, Lisa
Knaub, Mary	Wallick, Caressa
Kolb, Karen	Warner, Kelly
Lake, Katie	Weldon, Jennifer
Lambert, Hannah	Wong, Peter
Lawless, Mary Patty	Zevnik, Bradford
<u>Coaching – Part Time</u>	
Smith, Tyler	03-09-09
Stonebock, Tom	03-09-09
<u>Tutors – Part Time</u>	
Smith, Susie	03-09-09
<u>Honorable Dismissals Probationary Counselors</u>	
Booth, Derick	
Schmitt, Casey	
<u>Honorable Dismissals Probationary Speech Pathologists Assistant</u>	
<u>Full Time</u>	
John, Linda	
<u>Honorable Dismissals Probationary Speech Pathologists</u>	

Full Time

Sotter, Christina
Venegoni, Mary

Part Time

Fletcher, Christine
Karr, David

Dismissals Probationary Teachers

Fredericksen, Martha	Notle, Annette
Gilmore, Sarah	Reiten, Andres
Hill, Tammara	Shirey, Marjorie
Michalak, Bryan	Wright, Jennifer
Neubert, Nichole	Youngman, Diana

Honorable Dismissals Probationary TeachersFull Time

Abbed, Iyad	Katolick, Julie
Adams, Jamie	Khoury, Lamia
Akinlua, Elizabeth	Krampitz, Cindi
Alderfer, Ashley	Krause, Mika
Allen, Brian	Labounty, Susanne
Applegate, Carey	Lake, Katie
Arya, Rachana	Lee, Donna
Avery, Patricia	Long, Carolyn
Ayler, Mary	Lozano, Teresita
Baer, Nicole	MacIntosh, Gigi
Bally, Laura	Macmillan, Reyna
Bateman, Peggy	Martin, Jill
Baumgardner, Joseph	Mastny, Kathleen
Bielenberg, Jane	McCraith-Cardin, Erin
Blair, Lisa	Meyer, Kurt
Boseo, Loryl	Miller, Sherilyn
Bowlin, Shelley	Miller, Theresa
Brubaker, Kyle	Mitchell, Myskeshia
Burdette Steele, Marcy	Moll, Julie
Castano, Dario	Mulcahey, Mary Kay
Chrestenson, April	O'Malley, Lisa
Clare, Natalie	Oring, Kady
Cole, Terry	Ovsienko, Tetyana
Cook, Diana	Pacey, Sonya
Dean, Andrea	Page, Marissia
Diederich, Lindsay	Prescott, Tracey
Deimel, Christianna	Prichard, Penny
Denbraber, Monica	Qiu, Joy
Duncan, Kassandra	Quezada, Joy
Dunnett, Christine	Quick, Kara
Durr, Matthew	Rakestraw, Candice
Dvorak, Ericka	Rathbun, Jodi

Ebert, Staci	Redington, Debra
Eleazar, Felicidad	Rhodes, Guinivere
Emara, Sahar	Rhondes, Goefrey
Evans, Jessica	Roberts, Christopher
Fields, Jason	Robison, Matthew
Fleming, Betina	Rollings, Perry
Fleming, Judy	Roper, Jeffrey Taylor
Flores, Jackie	Sailer, Shannon
Fritch, Denise	Schuh, Tammy A
Fulkerson, Judith	Schweinberg, Mckenna
Garrett, Caryl Libby	Scott, Denell
Garrison, Mindy	Seaman, Kelly
Gesford, Tad	Servis, Melinda
Glomb, Elizabeth	Smith, Brittany
Goessman, Douglas	Soliday, Megan
Gore, Scott	Steffen, Brett
Gracy, Megan	Stephenson, Daniel
Grecksch, Megan	Stimeling, Joni
Grys, Joshua	Stonebock, Tom
Hausam, Nicholas	Stover, Stephen
Hayes, Meghan	Tetrault, Donya
Hayward, Natalie	Theobald, Carrie
Heckman, Rachel	Thomas, Rhonda
Henry, Sherri	Tinsman, Andrew
Hobin, Gail	Torres Evynette
Hodge, Helen	Waller, Elizabeth
Huley, Teneisha	Wheeler, Adele
Hunt, Carolyn S	Williams, Cami
Hutson, Linsey	Williams, Linda
Jaeger, Mary	Yocum, Jolyn
Johnson, Michael	Zacovic, Jodi
Kallister, Jennifer	Zevnik, Bradford
Karlson, Jennifer	Zielinski, Angela

Part Time

Armstrong, Jamie	Jennett, Theresa
Backstrom, Sarah	Karr, David
Bauman, Christine	Kott, Amy
Coats, Nichole	Kraus, Kristin
Cunningham, Katie	Maloney, Kathy
Deluhery, Jennifer	Mason, Don
Dieckow, Janice	Mathis, Robin
Doty, Steve	Peryam, Margaret
Douglas, Amy	Sargent, Grace

Edwards, Laurie	Scherz, Dedra
Endres, Michele	Sleeth, Randy
Fletcher, Christine	Speck, Anne
Glover, Molly	Straus, Wendy
Goldhammer, Joyce	Suau, Jennifer
Goodale, Marci	VanHouten, Marie
Hermes, Rebecca	Vogel, Danielle
Hiller, Carrie	Westindorf, Charles
Himes, Suzanne	Williams, Sally
Hutchins, Barb	Williams, Shawn
Jackson, Irene	Winkler, Heidi
	Zimmerman, Judy

ResignationsTeachers – Full Time

Russell, Kristie	06-30-09
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Non-Certified PersonnelAppointmentsSecurity Sargent – Full Time

Gould, Richard	03-16-09
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Summer School – Clerical

Jones, Tracey
 Lewis, JenNell
 Lopez, Miguel
 Price, Sheila
 Roberts, Marsha
 Schmidt, Mary Lynne
 Wetterow, Diane

Summer School - Home School Facilitators

Diaz, Maria
 Hangen, Stanton
 Hill, Danita
 Johnson, Gail
 Wyatt, Ashante

Summer School - Paraprofessionals

Baldwin, Annie
 Coker-Schlink, Kristen
 Jongerius, Sandra
 Little, Melissa
 Moore, Latonya
 Publes, Idaliza
 Ware, Tracy
 Wolters, Gloria

Student Workers – Part Time

Jones, Bianca	01-09-09
Mercer, William	03-06-09
Sanders, Don Mathew	02-05-09

Transportation – Part Time

Eckardt, Aaron	01-23-09
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Eckardt, David	01-22-09
Foster, Audrey	03-17-09
Johnson, Clora	03-17-09
Jones-Ware, Jason	02-13-09
Marizetts, Janae	03-17-09
Moody, Samuel Jr.	03-17-09
Murray, Samantha	01-12-09
Plain, Crystal	03-09-09
Vargas, Ramiro	03-11-09
Zacuzomo, Cassandra	02-18-09
<u>Tutor Assistant Part Time Hourly</u>	
Carter, Nicole	03-02-09
Paluska, Tyler	03-11-09
Russell, Maurice	03-04-09
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Custodian – Full Time</u>	
Bohannon, Richard	12-31-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Gore, Glenn	03-05-09
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Decker, Robert	03-11-09
Maclin, Anthony	03-06-09
Malone, Kiera	03-05-09
Long, Jack	03-10-09
Rutherford, Taurus	03-11-09
Sheffield, Charles	03-09-09
Wertz, Jacqueline	03-10-09
Williams, David	03-06-09
Woods, Fellow	03-10-09
Wright, Freddie Jr.	03-05-09
 Substitutes	
<u>Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Dudley, Latoya	02-27-09
Feinhals, Elyse	02-27-09
Lawless, Mary	03-05-09
Lowther, Wilford	02-27-09
Olson, Katie	03-03-09
Speiden, Ryan	03-03-09
Washington, Marcus	03-03-09
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Enter, Ashley	03-10-09
Nathan, Stacey	03-10-09
<u>Non-Certified Substitute</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Cooke, Shawna	03-11-09
<u>Child Caregiver</u>	
Huddleston, Ashonta	03-10-09

Paraprofessionals

Huddleston, Ashonta	03-10-09
Ludolph, Kathleen	03-11-09
Moredock, Philicia	03-05-09
Olson, Katie	03-03-09
Stinson, Pamela	03-06-09
Thompson, Falynn	03-04-09
Watkins, Melinda	02-26-09

Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants

Allen, Shannon	03-10-09
Grant, Nicholas	02-27-09
Hendon, Monique	02-27-09
Jackson, Charles	03-02-09

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF LORADO TAFT CAMPUS – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that the agreement for Use of Northern Illinois University facilities at the Lorado Taft Campus for Resident Outdoor Education be approved.

On March 15-19, 2010, Washington Gifted School has the opportunity to send 60 students to the Lorado Taft Campus for resident outdoor education. The Education Fund will pay room and board cost for teachers. The students who attend the program will pay all other costs. Each student attending the field school will pay a fee of \$180.04. Arrangements will be made in case there is a need for financial help.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA -

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Parker seconded by Butler that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 13 dated March 16, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Expulsions – Moved by Parker, seconded by Butler that the Expulsions listed on the report dated March 16, 2009 be approved as presented.

4 ayes. Butler, Parker, Stowell, Wolfmeyer,
1 nay. Ross. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH PMA FOR FINANCIAL PLANNING TOOL – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve the Financial Planning Program Service Agreement with PMA Financial Network for the sum of \$8,000.00.

This tool is offered to schools districts and allows for the projection of financial positions. PMA will develop a historic database, combine it with the current budget and projections for revenue and expense variable and conduct scenario analysis of selected variables. Mr. Hinton stated that a demonstration for the Board and public would be beneficial.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF RESTRUCTING PLAN FOR GARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL – Moved by Parker, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education approve the Restructuring Plan submitted by Garfield Primary School.

Dr. Hannah highlighted that Garfield Primary school has done amazing things, but NCLB requires that they maintain AYP status for two years to come off the state watch list. Currently they are working with RESPRO on a restructuring plan. Dr. Hannah feels the state will accept the plan as submitted.

Mr. Stowell asked for an update on their partnership with Community Builders.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

THREE TIER BELL SCHEDULE – Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education approve the 3-Tier Bell Schedule for implementation in the 2009-2010 school year.

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. Hinton stated that administration is recommending the adoption of the three tier bell schedule to improve the efficiency of the transportation system and to address the issue of finding enough qualified bus drivers. This new schedule will offer a cost savings for the district. – even with the reimbursement from the state.

Mr. Hinton noted that research does show that high school students benefit from a later start time. He also noted that input has been received from the public and the District did their best to address as many concerns as they could.

Mrs. Ross stated her concern that the Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center students are riding the bus with older students.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR INTERIM CONTROLLER AND TREASURER – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve the contract for Dr. Norman D. Durflinger, Interim Treasurer and Dr. Brock T. Butts, Interim Controller.

Superintendent Hinton stated that the District is very fortunate to have the services of Dr. Butts and Dr. Durflinger.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2009-2010 – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education adopts the 2009-2010 School Calendar.

Peoria Public School District 150
2009-2010 School Calendar

2009

August 18, 19, 20	Tue.,Wed.,Thurs.	Orientation for New Certified Staff	
August 24	Monday	In-School Building Faculty Institute 8:00 – 1:00	Institute
August 25	Tuesday	2 ½ Hour Day – Primary/Middle Schools Fee Day – High Schools	
August 26	Wednesday	Half Day Teacher In-service – ½ Day for all Students	
September 7	Monday	LABOR DAY	HOLIDAY
September 18	Friday	Professional Learning SIP – ½ Day for all Students	
September 30	Wednesday	Professional Learning - Primary Early Release	
October 12	Monday C	OLUMBUS DAY	HOLIDAY
October 30	Friday	Professional Learning SIP – ½ Day for all Students	
November 6	Friday	Parent Conferences	Conference Day
November 11	Wednesday	VETERAN'S DAY	HOLIDAY
November 18	Wednesday	Professional Learning - Primary Early Release	
November 25	Wednesday	THANKSGIVING RECESS	NO SCHOOL
November 26	Thursday	THANKSGIVING RECESS	HOLIDAY
November 27	Friday	THANKSGIVING RECESS	HOLIDAY
December 9 -	Wednesday	Professional Learning - Primary Early Release	
December 18	Friday	End of 1 st Semester/Institute Day	Institute
December 21-January 1, 2010		WINTER VACATION	NO SCHOOL

2010

January 4	Monday	School Resumes	
January 13	Wednesday	Professional Learning – Primary Early Release	
January 18	Monday	MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY	HOLIDAY
January 29	Friday	Professional Learning SIP – ½ Day for all Students	
February 10	Wednesday	Professional Learning – Primary Early Release	
February 15	Monday	PRESIDENTS DAY	HOLIDAY
February 26	Friday	Professional Learning SIP – ½ Day for all Students	
March 10	Wednesday	Professional Learning - Primary Early Release	
March 19	Friday	Institute Day (with Peoria County)	Institute
March 26	Friday	Parent Conferences	Conference Day
March 31	Wednesday	Professional Learning - Primary Early Release	
April 2 – April 9, 2010		SPRING BREAK	NO SCHOOL
April 12	Monday	School Resumes	
April 21	Wednesday	Professional Learning - Primary Early Release	
May 7	Friday	Professional Learning SIP – ½ Day for all Students	
May 19	Wednesday	Professional Learning – Primary Early Release	
May 31	Monday	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	HOLIDAY
June 3	Thursday	Last Day of School for Students (If Emergency Days Are Not Used)	
June 4	Friday	Last Day for Teachers (If Emergency Days Are Not Used)	Institute

If emergency days are not used, June 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 shall, by Board Resolution, be used as special Holidays for students; and June 5 will be a Teachers' Institute. Summary -

Days in Attendance	186 (Includes Emergency Days)
Institute Days - All Day – No school for students.....	4
Professional Learning - School Improvement Days –	6
Parent Conferences – All Day – No school for students.....	2
Professional Learning - Primary Early Release -	9

*PRIMARY ONLY DOES NOT INCLUDE Franklin-Edison, Northmoor-Edison, Roosevelt Magnet or VHECEC

Mr. Stowell stated that he appreciated all the hard work that went to making the calendar, but he could not support it. He felt that more time was needed for students to be in the classroom. A longer day would also allow for professional development. Mrs. Ross stated her concern about the quality of time that teachers are getting together and also the short day for students. Parents have told her that the shortened day has been a hardship. Mrs. Ross feels that the early release day should be moved from Wednesday to Friday – going back to school on Thursday is like starting the week over.

Mr. Hinton reported that middle schools and high schools are also asking for time to meet together. Mr. Hinton will be meeting with ISBE in Springfield to ask for a training program to be developed using the stimulus funds.

There was no further discussion.

On roll call, 3 ayes. Wolfmeyer, Butler, Ross.
2 nays. Stowell, Parker. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR SOLUTION TREE – Moved by Parker, seconded by Butler that the Board of Education approves a contract with Solution Tree for June 22-25, 2009 which continues work on building professional learning communities with middle and high schools. Focus will be on building effective teams and common assessments. The cost of this contract is \$26,000. Funds will be provided through the Title II consultant account. Stipends for teachers will be paid through Title II. This contract is in cooperation with Two Rivers.

Board members discussed the contract asking if administration would look into taping the sessions to share with other schools. Mrs. Butler noted that materials would be handed out at the session that could be shared with others.

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

CONTRACT FOR SOLUTION TREE – Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education approves a contract with Solution Tree for May 6, 2009 to work with Columbia Middle School on writing complex objectives, access and equity in grading and the role of data throughout the process. The cost of the contract is \$7,000. Funds will be provided through Title II consultant and stipend accounts. Teachers will work throughout the morning in small groups with the consultant and then meet as a staff with the consultant.

Dr. Davis explained that this training will occur at Columbia Middle School, but could be shared throughout the district. Mrs. Butler recognized that the school identified these areas as areas of need and then looked for ways to solve the need.

Mr. Stowell recognized Columbia Middle School Principal Cindy Janovetz for receiving her doctorate.

Dr. Hannah noted that through the work of Susan Grzanich there has been a conscientious effort to help the teachers respond to the challenge they face of working on a team – a paradigm shift for them.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR DR. MICHAEL RISEN, BRADLEY UNIVERSITY – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approves a contract with Dr. Michael Risen from Bradley University to do an external analysis of Primary Early Release Days. His contract is not to exceed \$1,150 and will be paid through the Ed Fund.

Superintendent Hinton explained that the purpose of having Dr. Risen evaluate the Early Release Days is to look at the process through "outside eyes" to give the District an objective review of the success of the initiative. The administration is also doing an evaluation of the program. He stated that the review would show if something needs to be done differently to have the program work to the best of its ability.

Dr. Davis reported that she hopes the evaluation will be completed by the end of the year.

Board member Butler stated that the outside evaluation will allow for more transparency to the community and help to rebuild the relationship with the community and the Board.

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

CONTRACT FOR DR. ROBERT MARSHALL – Moved by Parker, seconded by Ross that the Board of Education approves a contract with Dr. Robert Marshall to provide technical assistance and professional development to support Woodruff High School and Peoria High School in the creation of Ninth Grade Academies. This contract will not exceed \$2,400 and will be paid through Title II funds.

Superintendent Hinton noted that Dr. Marshall is a professor at Western Illinois University and we have asked him to come and work with our staff. Superintendent Hinton stated that the original concept was to have a ninth grade academy at Loucks School, but was found to be cost prohibitive, we are hearing now that there is a way to do this that might be less costly.

Mr. Stowell stated that he could not support the item, he felt it was redundant and the District was spending \$400,000 with John Hopkins and should be using that information. He feels that one of the key tenants of the academy would be a separate facility, and that is not possible with our buildings.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. **GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - MANDARIN PROGRAM** – Superintendent Hinton reported that he was notified by the Hanban that there would be a change in the program, districts would need to pay a portion of the salary for their teachers. He stated that it caused him great distress but with the current economic conditions he cannot recommend that the district cannot continue the program.

Board member Stowell stated that China is the main US trading partner and he would like to see the district give consideration at the high school level to a Mandarin group and in middle schools offer Mandarin instead of French. He stated that we offered what no other districts were able to, and if we could continue to expose students to the language until financing was available. Mr. Hinton stated that he did ask the College Board if we could take a year off and they agreed.

2. **Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – STAFFING 2009-2010** – Mr. Hinton reported that the 130 “pink slips” noted in tonight’s human resource report were the result of efforts in regard to staffing for next year. He noted that this year there were more pink slips than normal – all first year teachers were pink slipped and second year teachers, with the exception of “hard to fill” positions, were pink slipped. There are 15 teacher retirements this year. Mr. Hinton stressed that the district wants to make a decision to rehire as quickly as it can. Mr. Hinton stated that pink slipping teachers is a very difficult thing to do, but the economic conditions make it necessary.

Mr. Hinton will report the administrative and non-certified layoffs in the near future. He noted that he is also looking at programming cuts for next year.

FINANCE REPORTS – Dr. Butts presented this report for the Board’s information and review.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Dr. Butts presented this report for the Board’s review. Dr. Butts noted the corrections to the report. 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

Report of Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests – Mrs. Shangraw gave the following report:

Date	Requestor	Disposition
01/26/09	Sharon Crews	Filled
01/30/09	CJ Summers	Filled
02/19/08	Kate Campaigne	Pending
02/27/09	Julie McArdle	Pending
03/02/09	MDR	Filled
03/12/09	Debbie Chavez	Pending
03/13/09	ACLU	Pending

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – Mr. Stowell stated that the law firm is up for periodic review and he would like a report on how we are using the legal staff, how we are delegating to them.

Mrs. Butler would like to request administration to look at one day for high school graduations all at possibly the same place at different times. She would like to know for the 2010 year what would be that possibility.

Mrs. Ross reported that the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. on March 24, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board Vice President

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