

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
April 6, 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: Butler, Gorenz, Parker, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board member Spangler was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Butler seconded by Wolfmeyer to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting March 16, 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 6:25 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 March 16, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Stowell thanked Methodist Medical Center for the new health center at Manual High School. Mr. Stowell recognized the fundraiser held by the "Look It's My Book" group and their collecting of books for District 150 students.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – Dr. Gorenz stated that with the District facing significant revenue shortfall, which would require a significant reduction in expenses, the Board of Education established the Community Budget and Planning Committee. Committee members, Erik Bush, Ken Casper, Charles Randle, Lois Boaz, Pat Roesler, Larry Williams and Bernie Goitein were asked to help find tools to allow for better financial planning that would help the District in projecting forward how changes (such as school closures) would affect the budget. Dr. Gorenz thanked the Committee for their work.

Interim Controller Dr. Brock Butts emphasized that all the figures used in the projections tonight were budget assumptions and we are also assuming that the State and Federal governments would "make us whole" and the figures could change if the District does not receive all of their projected revenue. He also noted that this projection is for a "snapshot in time" – June 30, 2009, and does not show daily cash flow situations. He stressed that as of today the current revenue projections show that the District will only be able to pay salaries through May 10, 2009. He noted that action tonight will help the financial situation down the road.

Dr. Butts also stressed that the District has already borrowed \$30 million in Tax Anticipation Warrants (bonds against next year's tax revenue). That figure does not show on the end of year balance sheets.

The PMA Finance Specialists, Mr. Miller and Mr. Crouse, from PMA Financial Network, Inc and PMA Securities presented to the Board information on their financial planning program. Mr. Crouse stressed that the District is in a financial crisis – by 2012 if no changes are made the District could need to borrow more than they would receive the next year. They outlined the process and how the District can use the plan to develop budgets, see trend analysis, set fiscal policies and carry out scenario analysis. PMA used five years of District data to develop the history. Mr. Miller presented the information on the current adjusted revenues for fiscal year 2009, noting the loss of Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes and the assumption that the State would pay the district monies due. They also showed an analysis of expenditures for the current year and assumptions for year 2009-2010 & 2010-2011 along with enrollment history and projections and certified FTE projections. They stressed that the model did not include any future reductions or school closings. They next presented three scenarios for 2010 for review (all included proposed reductions) – 1) excluding school closings, 2) including closing

two primary schools in the fall of 2009, 3) including closing two primary schools plus closing of one middle school and one high school in the fall of 2010.

Dr. Butts stated that what the District is trying to do with Working Cash Bonds is to try to change the trend line in the financial numbers so that in three to five years the District can get away from the "crisis mode" and not rely on early taxes. He stressed that for the last few years the District has relied on early tax dollars (usually \$17 million) to pay the current year bills. He noted that Tax Anticipation Warrants have interest charges – almost \$500,000 for the borrowing this year.

Dr. Gorenz summarized that 1) Revenues for the next few years are going to decrease, 2) If we do nothing, we will continue to have more expenses than revenue, have to borrow more money and stay in crisis times 3) If the District goes with Scenario #1, we do not have fund balances and would have to continue to borrow, 4) Scenarios #2 and #3 will try to restore fund balances and get away from borrowing.

Budget and Planning Chairperson Erik Bush reported that a public forum would be held April 16, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Neighborhood House to allow for public input.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr, stated his concern with borrowing money and still having the Edison program and keeping Blaine Sumner open.

Diane Vespa, 2318 W. Imperial Dr., spoke to Item #6, Petitions to Intervene Before Property Tax Appeal Board, stated her concern that there would be more attorney billable hours than the savings on the appeals.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Rufus Messenger, Kingman parent, asked if the district had saved any money with Early Release Days.

Susan McCabe, 1407 Glendale, Pekin, IL - Tyng Teacher, spoke for the faculty and parents from Tyng School and stated they are all dedicated to Tyng School, but if keeping the school is not feasible, there is no other choice but to move forward. She asked that all families know where their children will be attending in the fall before schools are dismissed for the summer. She also stated that the staff feels uncertain and asked that teacher assignments be made as quickly as possible.

Joan McNamara, 202 E. Embert, teacher from Whittier School, read a statement prepared by Scott Donahue asking that administration and consultants be cut and the Edison contract pulled before schools are closed.

Rosalie Walker, 622 Vine St., President of the Averyville Neighborhood Association, stated that she is concerned with the stability of the neighborhood if Kingman Primary School is closed. She asked that the school remain open and become a K-8 school.

Jeff Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, stated that he feels that school closures would bring about lower enrollments. He stated that the District is a "laughing-stock" now. He feels that money in the District has been squandered and stated that the District needs a new Superintendent that will bring vision and money to the District. He asked that the teacher's union be represented on the Superintendent Search Committee and Budget and Planning committee. He stated that the administration building needs to be closed down as does Blaine Sumner – he would like all buildings closed that do not benefit students.

Hedy Elliott Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood, would like to address the situation of first year teachers receiving unsatisfactory evaluations. She feels that money has been squandered and that there is a lack of leadership in the closing of Kingman Primary School, Tyng Primary School and Woodruff High School. She feels that students are not put first. She would like to see the Edison Contract stopped, Blaine Sumner closed, Wisconsin office closed, property sold, early release days stopped, PBIS stopped and administration cut.

Kim Still, 525 Boston Ct., Bartonville, IL, teacher at Woodruff High School. Asked that Edison be eliminated. She asked that Woodruff High School not be closed because that would lead to a racially segregated district and parents would move. She asked that student achievement and stability be considered.

Lee Ann Blair, 1947 NE Glendale, stated that she has held meetings and always given Superintendent Hinton the benefit of the doubt. She stated that she not heard which schools students would attend when they are disbursed. She asked that administration and Edison be cut.

Nicole Price, 1011 E. Melbourne, stated that the financial tool is late. She would like an update on the Six Sigma program. She questioned the need for the Director of Strategic Planning. She asked that Board Member Spangler, who has been absent, not be allowed to vote.

Judy McDowell, 2627 N. Wisconsin, asked that the Board of Education reconsider closing a high school. She felt the repercussions would be: decrease in student achievement, concerns with safety, drop in property values, drop in community involvement, loss of alumni support, increase in class size, increase in drop-out rate, increase in segregation, increase in crime.

Karen Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, stated that the District closed Blaine Sumner and White and moved students and the result was discipline problems, attendance issues and safety issues. She asked that Blaine Sumner be closed, administration cut, Edison discontinued and the administration building closed. She asked that cuts not involving students be made.

Jamie Quinn, 5806 N. Keenland, Kingman Primary School teacher, asked to see the savings from the schools previously closed. She asked that the combined schools discipline and test scores be looked at. She stated that she thought the teachers and students from Kingman Primary School would move together. She asked that Kingman Primary School remain open one more year and then move with Irving Primary School into another facility. She stated that 7th & 8th grades from Lincoln Middle School could move to Woodruff High School and Kingman Primary School and Irving Primary School could move into Lincoln Middle School. Or, they could move to Loucks Schools. She asked that Edison, PBIS and CSS be cut. She asked that Kingman Primary School teachers remain with their students.

Mary Ballowe-Hill, 2137 N. Flora, Kingman Primary School teacher, asked that Kingman Primary School students and teachers should move together to Lincoln Middle School and form a K-6 school.

Bobbie Shultz, 4127 N. Harvard, Kingman Primary School teacher, asked that the best decisions be made for students and staff. She stated that moving Kingman Primary School students and staff to Lincoln Middle School would be best. She stated her concern for the students, parents and neighborhood if the school is closed. She asked how this move would meet the District's mission statement. She asked how much it would cost to bus all the students. She stated that a solution would be to make Woodruff High School 7-12 and have Irving Primary School and Kingman Primary School move to Lincoln Middle School. Or, an addition could be made for the current Lincoln Middle School.

Daniel Hiles, 116 Douglas Rd. Marquette Heights, IL, music teacher at Kingman Primary School, stated that he spoke for the parents and staff. He stated that Kingman Primary School has unselfish teachers that work hard for the students and put students first. He stated that he expected Kingman Primary School to move with Irving Primary School to Lincoln Middle School. He does not feel that dispersing students to 2-4 schools will work.

Mary Ann Boyd, asked where the children would go. She stated that the DLC staff could go back to the DLC. She asked that the District think about kids and not money.

Kim McDowell, 628 Alexander, stated that she is the mother of students at Kingman Primary School. She asked that children and their safety be put first. She asked that administration be cut and that administration has put the district in the negative.

Steve Katlack, 709 E. Frye, asked that the District sell the properties on Prospect. He stated that the District spend \$877,500 on the properties and they should be sold before schools are closed. He stated that the District would probably not get back the money they paid for the properties, but they would get something.

Stacey Fisher, stated that she is the mother of a special needs student at Kingman and that if the school closes she will home school her student.

Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point Rd. stated that he heard good ideas from the Kingman Primary School staff. He stated that he thinks administration should ask the teachers, we do not ask for their help enough. He asked what the old Controller/Treasurer was doing and asked who the old one answered to.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. asked that the Board look at the sheet he passed out regarding safety of students and staff. He asked that more than 3 scenarios be reviewed with the software. He stated his concern with gangs, bullying, guns, fights and safety if schools are consolidated.

Beth Akeson, 4207 N. Grandview Dr. Stated that she supported the students and families. She stated that she is running for City Council because of the issues raised with the Glen Oak School issue. She urged current Board of Education members to ask questions about the SBI report. She feels that the buildings were not evaluated correctly and they can be restored. She feels that closing neighborhood schools is not in the best interest of students. She stated that there is a direct correlation between blight and civic buildings.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that he is proud of the people that spoke. He stated that the Board of Education needs to listen more and vote the way people say. He stated that Harrison Primary School could have been repaired. He stated that the District is still not taking care of the buildings it has. He stated that the biggest problem for the District right now is discipline.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR -- Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker adoption of the consent calendar with the exception of Action Item #6, Petitions to Intervene Before Property Tax Appeal Board.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

300 binders, valued by the donor at \$300.00, donated by Jupiter Images to Calvin Coolidge Middle School

\$1,500.00 for a new sign donated to Calvin Coolidge Middle School by their PTO

\$1,000.00 for a new sign donated by Jaycees to Calvin Coolidge Middle School

\$500.00 and marquee letters valued by the donor at \$100.00 donated by Hardin Signs to Calvin Coolidge Middle School

\$2,000.00 for supplies and activities donated by Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council to Developmental Center

\$100.00 for general school needs donated by Dennis and Cindy Weger and Family to Irving Primary School

\$2,000 for supplies and activities donated by Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council to R. A. Jamieson School

Volleyballs and cart, valued by the donor at \$349.00, donated by Eastside Volleyball Club to Lincoln Middle School

\$50.00 to sponsor a field trip donated by Fritch Heating and Cooling to Peoria Alternative High School

\$100.00 to sponsor a field trip donated by David & Joan Donahue to Peoria Alternative High School

- \$25.00 for technology use donated by Pat Hampton to Von Steuben Middle School
- \$50.00 for materials for a bench in front of the school donated by the Student Council to Whittier Primary School
- Building of a bench for the front of the school donated by Mr. Tom Ibler to Whittier Primary School
- \$40.00 for materials to build a bench for the school and the building of the bench donated by Allen Winters to Whittier Primary School
- Office chairs, valued by the donor at \$170.00, donated to Peoria Public Schools District 150 by the Social Security Office
- Copy paper, valued by the donor at \$300.00, donated to Peoria Public Schools District 150 by Joanne McPhee

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$28,896.89		\$890,898.56	\$919,795.45
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$373,954.23	\$373,954.23
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$140,409.22	\$140,409.22
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$10,660.21	\$10,660.21
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$33,987.40	\$33,987.40
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$16,284.17	\$16,284.17
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$2,257.11	\$2,257.11
				\$1,468,450.90	\$1,497,347.79

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Certified Personnel

Appointments

Administrative

Summer School – PDP (Professional Development Providers)

Spayer, Terry

Summer School - Teachers

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| Anderson, Stephanie | Grys, Josh |
| Andris, Genae | Hancock, Julie |
| Baumgardner, Joseph | Hernandez, Maria |
| Black, Samantha | James, Natalie |
| Boseo, Loryl | Johnson, Michael |
| Boucher, Sandra | Katolick, Julie |
| Cohen, Daniel | Kilmaszewski, Patrick |
| Connelley, Caitlin | Nace, Nicole |
| Curtin, MacKenzie | Nichols, Brianne |
| Dawson, Mary | Ovsienko, Tetyana |
| Donnell, Samantha | Powers, Erin |
| Douglas, Amy | Rizzo, Jamie |
| Evans, Pamela | Russell, William |
| Fandel, Kelly | Seelye, Mary |
| Garrison, Tabytha | Seiberling, Ellen |
| Goessman, Douglas | Wood Kellie |
| Gremminger, Kerri | |

Coaching – Part Time

Armstrong, Vanessa	03-11-09
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Tutors – Part Time

Stear, Susie	03-30-09
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Psychologist – Full Time

McReynolds, Brandi	08-17-09
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Leave of AbsenceAdministrative

Hubbard, Kristie	08-25-09 – 06-30-10
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ResignationsTeachers – Full Time

Perez, Jennifer	06-30-09
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Qiu, Joy	03-19-09
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Non-Certified PersonnelAppointmentsSummer School – Clerical

Gum, Kathryn	
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Summer School - Home School Facilitators

Snyder, Anne	
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Williams, David	
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Summer School - Paraprofessionals

Banister, Caitlin	
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Bucio, Yolanda	
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Diaz, Maria E	
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Gutierrez, Adelina	
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Hucal, Pam	
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Jorden, Cassandra	
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Kruse, Jennifer	
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Rich, Debbie	
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Student Workers – Part Time

Clemons, Anne	03-14-09
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Gamble, Katherine	03-14-09
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Hermann, William	03-14-09
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Hockaday, William	03-16-09
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Lee, Anna	03-14-09
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Moore, Tymarksu	03-24-09
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McHenry, Kaitlin	03-14-09
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Stovall, Lauren	03-14-09
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Transportation – Part Time

Amos, Ebony	03-23-09
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Gillespie, Allison	04-07-09
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Kellems, Randy	03-23-09
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Pate, Karen	04-07-09
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Pates, Stanley	04-07-09
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Riezinger, David	03-23-09
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Stephens, William	03-23-09
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Stewart, Gary	03-23-09
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White, Woody	04-07-09
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Tutor Assistant Part Time Hourly

Quinn, Candace	02-02-09
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Schultz, Thomas	03-23-09
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Paid Leave – Administrative

Security – Full Time

Groenewold, Kasey	03-30-09
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Return to Work – Family LeaveParaprofessional – Full Time

Kuhlman, Mindy	03-18-09
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ResignationsCafeteria – Part Time

Smith, Michael	03-16-09
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Paraprofessional – Full Time

Caldwell, Grace	06-30-09
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TerminationsStudent Workers – Part Time

Jones, Shaquilla	03-13-09
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Transportation – Part Time

Barnett, KoJuan	03-31-09
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Harris, Maurice	03-25-09
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Harris, Tishawna	03-31-09
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Hines, Robert	03-31-09
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Hullinger, Bret	03-31-09
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Humes, Araminta	03-24-09
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Jackson, Sirena	03-18-09
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Lilly, Harry	03-31-09
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Monroe, Monica	12-11-08
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Nwani, Charlene	03-18-09
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Scott, Kenneth	03-31-09
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Tinsley, Larry	03-31-09
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Vargas, Ramiro	03-31-09
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Williams, Timothy	04-03-09
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SubstitutesCertifiedAppointmentsSubstitute Teachers

Blank, Jon	03-25-09
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Genzel, Joseph	03-30-09
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Geyer, Christina	03-23-09
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Peterson, H. Justin	03-13-09
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ResignationsSubstitute Teachers

Adams, Joyce	04-02-09
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Cooper, Mary	04-02-09
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Gebhards, William	04-02-09
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Graham, Michael	03-26-09
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Kittendorf, Charles	03-13-09
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Meeks, Patricia	03-25-09
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Rosenberg, Bradley	04-02-09
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Non-Certified SubstituteAppointmentsClerical

Bastian, Nancy	03-30-09
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Burks, Michelle	03-30-09
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Paraprofessionals

Genzel, Joseph	03-23-09
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Geyer, Christina	03-23-09
Sparling, Ralph	03-06-09
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Young, Andrea	03-30-09
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Reynolds, Lashauna	03-23-09
Veazy, Nisa	03-20-09

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.)

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

DECLARE SURPLUS PROPERTY & AUTHORIZE DISPOSITION – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve the declaration of surplus property and authorize its disposition through action or other means.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS TO INTERVENE BEFORE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the District's general counsel, Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick, Attorneys Robert C. Gates, David J. Walvoord, Suite 700, 301 SW Adams St., Peoria, IL 61602, are authorized to intervene and may retain such experts as approved by the District Treasurer in any property tax appeal requesting a change in assessed valuation of \$100,000 or more, arising from property located in Peoria County, Illinois before the Peoria County Board of Review and the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board.

Attorney Walvoord explained that seven large properties are contesting their appraisals. He is suggesting that the District protest the changes. Any expenses would have to be cleared with the District Treasurer. He also noted that they are talking with the City, Park District and County to ask that they pay an equitable share of the attorney fees. The changes could amount to a loss of over \$100,000 in tax revenue for the District, with attorney fees thought not to exceed \$20,000. He noted that a notice must be filed by the District by April 21, 2009 and that an appraisal of property might be needed in some cases.

On roll call 6 ayes. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR LEE WAREHOUSE – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education accept the bid of the Sovereign Grace M. B. Church in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of the Lee Warehouse property. Further, that the President of the Board of Education and the Secretary of the Board of Education are authorized to sign all documents for the sale of the property.

On roll call 6 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA - .

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 14 dated April 6, 2009 be approved as presented.

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

Expulsions – Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler that the Expulsions listed on the report dated April 6, 2009 be approved as presented.

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

RESOLUTION TO SELL WORKING BONDS - Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler that the Board of Education approve the Consideration on a Resolution Concerning the Intent of the Board to sell Working Cast Fund Bonds for the District.

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the "Code"), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the "Fund") may be created, maintained, administered and operated in and for the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois (the "District"), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the "Bonds") for the purpose of creating the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be created and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in the amount of \$38,000,000 for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$38,000,000 for the purpose of creating the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of creating the Fund shall be given by publication of such notice at least once in the *Peoria Journal Star*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

Notice of Intention of
City of Peoria, School District Number 150
Peoria County, Illinois
to Issue \$38,000,000
Working Cash Fund Bonds

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 6th day of April, 2009, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois (the "District"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$38,000,000 for the purpose of creating the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of creating said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained, administered and

operated in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for ordinary and necessary expenditures for corporate purposes. Said Working Cash Fund is to be used to provide moneys with which to meet ordinary and necessary disbursements for salaries and other school purposes in anticipation of the collection of taxes lawfully levied for any and all purposes and said Working Cash Fund is to be reimbursed to the extent of funds so advanced when such taxes shall have been collected.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "*Secretary*") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 6,355 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten per cent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 2nd day of February, 2010. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois.

DATED this 6th day of April, 2009.

Julia A. Cramer
Secretary, Board of Education,
City of Peoria, School District Number 150,
Peoria County, Illinois

David L. Gorenz
President, Board of Education,
City of Peoria, School District Number 150,
Peoria County, Illinois

Dr. Butts explained that over the course of the last months this District has issued \$30 million in Tax Anticipation Warrants. Those warrants will need to be paid back with monies received at the beginning of next year, and essentially by the end of October the District will have paid out one-half of that current fiscal year property-tax revenue. The District this year borrowed the maximum it could from the Education fund (\$25 million) and had to borrow the other \$5 million from the Tort Fund. He noted that the Working Cash Bonds would move the District from short term debt to long term debt. This would move the District from the current "crisis" mode to having cash to pay the bills and not having to use short term borrowing. He strongly recommended that the working cash be used to borrow from when there is a need (when the money would come in it would be paid back) and not for operational costs. He stressed that issuing the \$38 million in working cash bonds would allow the district to pay back the \$30 million and as the District moves to a better position over a period of years, the money would be paid back to the Working Cash Fund to allow the District to borrow from itself.

Superintendent Hinton stated that administration is working to "right size" the District with changes that least affect the students. Currently we are not generating enough revenue to operate our facilities. When the District loses students, we must reduce staff. He noted that to right-size the district he originally had stated that three primaries and one high school were slated to close; now he is looking at adding a middle school and another school.

Dr. Butts noted that with the last issuance of bonds Standard and Poor stated that for the next bonds they would require a site visit – they want to talk to the District personally about our long term plan for this District and if we do not have a long term plan for financial security the A+ rating that we presently have will not hold. He also noted that currently the District's cash will run out on May 10th and there will be no money for salaries.

Dr. Durlinger stated that in his view, if there were no cuts for this year or next year and the working cash bonds are not acted upon the District would run out of money next December and would have no warrants to access. Basically, after half the year the District would have no money and could not borrow.

Superintendent Hinton listed his cost reduction items:

1. At the end of this school year, close Tyng and Kingman Primary Schools
2. At the end of the 09-10 school year close Irving Primary School
3. At the end of the 09-10 school year close one high school (the school has not been identified at this time)

4. At the end of this year reduce certified staff by 79 positions (63 teacher 8 administrators) and non-certified staff by 16
5. Delay major purchases and expenses for the upcoming school year
6. Continue in the 09-10 school year the soft hiring freeze
7. Eliminate high school department chairpersons
8. A temporary end to the Mandarin program (Superintendent Hinton is still trying to keep some form of the program)
9. In order to achieve the certified reduction in staff, increase class size by 3 students. (this does not mean that all classes will increase by 3 students)

Those nine items will be brought to the Board for a vote on April 20, 2009. Superintendent Hinton noted that he does not recommend making these cuts lightly, but he has no recourse but to make these recommendations and do what is right to make the District financially stable and not have to worry about making our financial obligations.

Board member Parker asked the factors involved in Mr. Hinton's decisions. He stated that the Master Facility Plan was used to determine the closing of buildings. The staff cuts were made to enable the District to be more efficient.

Mr. Stowell would like to see a Building Committee up and running. Mrs. Ross would like to see justifications for the reductions. Dr. Gorenz noted that the District may have to go through short term pain to see long term gains – if we cannot reduce our expenses and improve our fund balances we will never be in a spot for new teachers or alternative schools. He also stressed that the Board needs to look at what is best for the entire student population - all 13,000 students.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEARING - Moved by Parker, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education approve the Consideration of a Resolution for the District Calling a Hearing Regarding the Sale of Working Cash Fund Bonds to Comply With the Public Notice Requirements of the Illinois Bond Issue Notification Act.

RESOLUTION calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois, to sell \$38,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds.

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Whereas, the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois (the "District"), is a duly organized and existing school district created pursuant to a special charter (the "Charter"), and is now operating under the provisions of the Charter and the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, including the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended; and

Whereas, the Board of Education of the District (the "Board") intends to sell bonds in the amount of \$38,000,000 for the purpose of creating the working cash fund of the District (the "Bonds"); and

Whereas, the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, requires the Board to hold a public hearing concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds before adopting a resolution providing for the sale of the Bonds:

Now, Therefore, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by reference.

Section 2. Public Hearing. The Board hereby calls a public hearing to be held at 6:30 o'clock P.M. on the 4th day of May, 2009, in the Superintendent's Conference Room in the Administration Building, 3202 North Wisconsin Avenue, Peoria, Illinois, in the District, concerning the Board's intent to sell the Bonds and to receive public comments regarding the proposal to sell the Bonds (the "Hearing").

Section 3. Notice. The Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") shall (i) publish notice of the Hearing at least once in the Peoria Journal Star, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District, not less

than 7 nor more than 30 days before the date of the Hearing and (ii) post at least 48 hours before the Hearing a copy of said notice at the principal office of the Board.

Section 4. Form of Notice. Notice of the Hearing shall appear above the name of the Secretary and shall be in substantially the following form:

Notice of Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of
the Board of Education of the City of Peoria,
School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois
to Sell \$38,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds

Public Notice is Hereby Given that the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois (the "District"), will hold a public hearing on the 4th day of May, 2009, at 6:30 o'clock P.M. The hearing will be held in the Superintendent's Conference Room in the Administration Building, 3202 North Wisconsin Avenue, Peoria, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount of \$38,000,000 for the purpose of creating the working cash fund of the District.

By order of the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois.
Dated the 6th day of April, 2009.

Julia A. Cramer

Secretary, Board of Education, City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - – The Superintendent's financial recommendations were made under the action item for approving the Working Cash Bonds.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Dr. Butts 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 – Mrs. Shangraw presented the following list of FOIA's.

Date	Requestor	Disposition
Feb. 19, 2009	Illinois Policy Institute	Filled
Feb. 27, 2009	Julie McArdle	Filled
March 12, 2009	Debbie Chavez	Filled
March 13, 2009	ACLU	Filled
March 27, 2009	Mardona Shay	Pending
March 27, 2009	Jeffrey Adkins-Dutro	Withdrawn
March 30, 2009	Jeffrey Adkins-Dutro	Pending
March 30, 2009	Mardona Shay	Pending

March 31, 2009	Mardona Shay	Pending
April 3, 2009	Steve Katlack	Pending

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – Dr. Gorenz reported that the Ground Breaking for the new Glen Oak School will be Wednesday, April 15, 2009 and the Ground Breaking for the new Harrison Primary School will be Thursday, April 16, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Ross, seconded by Parker to adjourn. Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 10:40 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz
Board President

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