

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
April 20, 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, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board member Parker arrived at 4:40 p.m. and Board member Spangler arrived at 5:30 p.m. Board member Gorenz was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Butler seconded by Stowell to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meetings April 6 and April 14, 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 6:15 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, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board member Gorenz was absent.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 2009 and special meeting April 14, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Stowell announced the 6th annual “Can Do” Art Sale and Social to benefit the Can Do 4:13 Scholarship program for Irving Primary School students. Mrs. Butler congratulated the Mark Bills students on their State Archery accomplishment, highlighted the “Kick Off to Kindergarten” program on April 30 and the “Touch a Truck” event at Peoria Stadium on Friday, May 8.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – none

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – The following spoke to Action Items #11 Closing of Tyng Primary and Kingman Primary Schools, Action Item #12 Closing of Irving Primary School and Action Item #13 Closing of One High School.

Leslie Danage, 223 #E. Gift
Jamie Quinn, 5806 N. Keenland
Mary Ballou Hill, 2137 N. Flora
Carol Walden, 214 Crescent Avenue, East Peoria
Lisle Applegate, 2521 W. Bacon
Mike Lewellen, 806 S. First, Morton
Colleen Tomias, 115 E. Wilcox
Rob Parks, Chamber of Commerce
Connie Pauli, 9919 N. Ford Road
Leanne Miller, 1947 NE Glendale
Alissa King, 1025 W. Gilbert
Mary Fran Wessler, 1204 N. Maplewood
Karen Adkins Dutro, 2610 W. Barker
Kim McNeil, 628 Alexander
Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point Road
Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr.
Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley
John Tammeus, 1115 E. Wilcox
Arsenio, 615 NE Perry

Brien Dunphy, 5506 N. Plaza Dr.
Jonathon Coulter and daughter Jessica, 3620 NE Monroe
Debbie Chave,z 3604 N. Missouri
Stephanie McClellan, 1501 NE Madison

The speakers stated their concerns regarding the closing of schools and the effect on attendance and achievement. They were also concerned with the need to increase students bused, safety of the students, moving the students and staffs as whole groups and the use of the buildings after they were closed

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Hedy Elliott Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood asked that the District consider a full time in-house attorney, why the district used an attorney at negotiations when the union doesn't and why there were no forums for parents before the schools were closed.

Diane Vespa, 2318 W. Imperial Dr., spoke to the use of Blaine Sumner and allowing Board member Spangler to vote on the closing of schools.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. spoke to the importance of not closing schools. Stated that the Edison program should be cut.

Nicole Prince, 1011 E. Melbourne, asked that the school closing vote be tabled.

Steve Katlack 709 E. Frye, spoke to the properties the district owns and asked that they be disposed of.

Lee Ann Miller, 1947 NE Glendale, stated that it was bad timing to discuss closing of schools with students taking the PSAE this week .

Alissa King, 1025 W. Gilbert, spoke in affirmation of the Performing Arts Academy at Peoria High School.

Saving Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that the District did not need all the land that it purchased for the new schools. He stated that the district does not maintain the properties it owns.

Mary Fran Wesler, 1204 N. Maplewood, spoke to the perception the public has of the district and the depth of frustration of the public.

Kim McNeil, 628 Alexander, spoke to all the changes that are happening in schools – closings and change in start times. She would like to see Blaine Sumner closed.

Karen Adkins Dutro – 2610 W. Barker, asked what the tax obligation would be for the working cash bonds.

Karen Heath, 3007 N. Wisconsin, stated that she has not received the communication she asked for. She would like to bring back K-8 schools.

Jessica Coulter, 3620 NE Monroe, stated that she was happy at Kingman Primary School

Sean Matheson, 2812 N. Linn, stated that he felt Mrs. Spangler was dedicated, knowledgeable and more than qualified to vote on the closing of schools.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR -- Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler adoption of the consent calendar with the removal of item #7 Chinese Teachers' Contract..

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

- Computer, valued by the donor at \$130.00, donated by Cathy Hamilton to Hines Primary School
- \$65.00 donated to the Irving Primary School lunch fund by First United Methodist Church
- \$265.00 donated to Kellar Primary School for technology by Culvers of Peoria
- \$1,000.00 for the Thomas Jefferson Primary School fire fund donated by Peoria Jaycees
- Trumpet, trombone, violin and clarinet, valued by the donor at \$200 each, donated by Ann Guthrie to Rolling Acres Edison Jr. Academy
- \$300.00 to purchase Monarch Award Books for the library, donated by Foster Jacob Electrical Contracting to Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center
- \$10.00 to support the sixth grade end of the year school trip donated by Dr. & Mrs. Mike Zagardo to Washington Gifted School
- \$10.00 to support the eighth grade honors day donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Reams to Washington Gifted School
- \$50.00 to support end of year field trips donated by Mr. and Mrs. Trevor lund to Washington Gifted School

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$30,212.93		\$439,589.13	\$469,802.06
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$175,682.43	\$175,682.43
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$5,913.51	\$5,913.51
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$2,316.54	\$2,316.54
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$9,235.26	\$9,235.26
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$53,717.72	\$53,717.72
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$3,608.44	\$3,608.44
				\$690,063.03	\$720,275.96

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler approval of the following bids.

Plastic Can Liners 2009-10

Request for bid was sent to 21 vendors. Two vendors returned "No bid". 13 vendors returned bids as follows:

Interboro Packaging	\$23,168.00 (D)*
	\$28,512.00 (C)*
	\$34,112.00 (B)
	\$43,168.00 (A)
Grainger	\$30,864.00*
Central Poly	\$31,840.00*
All American Poly	\$31,984.00 (\$19.99/cs.)
Professional Buyers	\$37,632.00
Liner Lady LLC c/o Jadcore, Inc.	\$37,680.00

Unipak Corp.	\$38,080.00
George Pasquel	\$45,056.00
Dyna Pak	\$50,336.00
Amsan	\$53,040.00
Standard Companies	\$54,864.00
Unisource	\$58,560.00
DST Distributing	\$59,264.00

The above bids were opened on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 1:30 pm by Debbie Sullivan and Debbie Brown. Bags were tested for durability and the four lowest bids* did not meet specifications. It is recommended to award the bid in the amount of \$31,984.00 to All American Poly.

This bid will be charged to Education Fund.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT -- Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler approval of the following human resource report as amended.

Certified Personnel

Appointments

Administrative

Summer School – Site Manager

Spragg, Danell

School Psychologist

McReynolds, Brandi

Summer School - Teachers

Evans, Jessica

Lewellyn, Gail

Schulze, Helene

Weber, Anne

Honorable Dismissals

Teachers – Full Time

Alwan, Pamela

Bessler, Jennifer

Dewalt, Dante

Franklin, Zipporah

Reash, Amanda

Scott, Moiria

White, Brittney

Resignations

Teachers – Full Time

Phelps, William

06-30-09

Retirements

Administrative

Sanfilip, Cheryl

06-30-09

Teachers

Hoffman, Linda

06-30-09

Schroff, Roberta

06-30-09

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Summer School - Paraprofessionals

Albornoz, Zully

Ashraf, Asma

Burrell, Mallory
Transportation – Part Time

Banks, James 04-06-09
Walls, Charles 04-21-09

Tutor Assistant Part Time Hourly
Green, Angela Wanjiru

04-14-09

Honorable Dismissals
Cafeteria – Part Time

Davis, Lakesha Harris-Smith, Edie
Drain, Melissa Hightower, Anita
Edwards, Rosalie Nelson, Angela
Flemming, Jenell Scott, Betty
Fortune, Cynthia Young, Annette

Clerical – 2 Hour Helper

Adams, Carol Mahan, Kelly
Bridgeman, Patricia McClain, Che'Keira
Chapai, Mary McCullum, Cora
Edwards, Whitney Rusk, Nicole
Fidler, Marni Russell, Cathy
Hanna, Sherri Russell, Deloise
Hermacinski, Tonya Scogin, Jacqueline
Jackson, Mary Southey, Andra
Krumholz, Michelle Stevens, Angela
Linman, Jane

Clerical - Part Time

Adkins, Rita Kleist, Barbara
Bell, Michelle Marin, Maria
Berardi, Barbara McClain, Brittany
Burks, Michelle Nofsinger, Sharlena
Haughney, Theresa Post, Kathy
Henley, Chanell Schlafley, Bridget

Clerical -10 Month

Adkins, Rachel Rice, Rebecca
Colwell, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer
Fuller, Perrian Todd, Gloria
Kaufmann, Amy

Clerical - 12 Month

Barker, Virginia Holford, Arlissa
Brooks, Gina Kester, Tabitha
Gibbons, Joylyn Mack, Tanya
Guse, Sarah Peterson, Teresa
Hidden, Suzanne Quin , Paula
Swisher, Pamela

Custodial - Full Time

Aguster, Delano Shumate, Cedric
Carlson, Donald Smith Darryll
Herrod, Richard Smith, Terry
Jackson, Johnny Taylor, Charles
Rainey, Tiffany Welch, Wesley
Reese, Chris Williams, Donald
Riddle, Jeffrey Young, Michael
Robinson, Dennis

Home School Facilitators - Full Time

Grantham, Emeicka	Johnson, Mauri
Hinkle, John	McCloud, Daniel
Huff, Courtney	Taylor, Dramane
<u>Community Aide – Job Coach – Part Time</u>	
Barber, Tricka	
Young, Yvette	
<u>Keys Testers - Part Time</u>	
Horsman, Lana	Wing, Nancy
<u>Paraprofessional – Full Time</u>	
Booker, Nichola	Howard, Sherri
Butler, Melinda	Malone, Tadaricka
Comiskey, Anne	Masonholder, Tabitha
Drummond, Antonio	Nash, LaTonya
Edwards, Betty	Owens, Roosevelt
Edwards, Quentin	Pickens, Cardell
Fluga, Julie	Springer, Misty
Gwillim, Kirk	Staples, Sharon
Herrick, Susan	Thornton, Sparkle
Hines, Diane	Whelan, Theresa
	Wilkerson, Tameca
	Wolters, Gloria
<u>Paraprofessional - Part Time – Hourly</u>	
Kaufman, Clair	Mason, Donald
Kneer, Michelle	Scott, Paula
<u>Accompanist – Part Time – Hourly</u>	
Clark, John	Klopfenstein, Kyra
Dillard, Crista	Slaymaker, Carma
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Cafeteria – Part Time</u>	
Hartgrave, Judy	04-27-09
Scott, Betty	04-27-09
<u>Clerical – Two Hour Helper</u>	
Gonzalez, Rosa	04-27-09
<u>Paraprofessional – Full Time</u>	
Bladel, Betsy	04-30-09
Caldwell, Grace	04-24-09
<u>Transportation</u>	
Murray, Samantha	04-03-09
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Student Workers – Part Time</u>	
Barr, David	03-26-09
Miller, Laquita	03-26-09
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Albee, Tabbatha	04-20-09
Substitutes	
<u>Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Greenberg, Walter	04-09-09
McCabe, Eileen	04-06-09
Merriman, Rachel	04-07-09
<u>Non-Certified Substitute</u>	

Appointments

Paraprofessionals

Copeland, Rachel	04-06-09
Escalante, Ladislado	04-16-09
Kellum, Yolanda	04-15-09

Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants

White, Imelda	04-09-09
Young, Tiara	04-07-09

Resignations

Paraprofessionals

Griffin, James	04-03-09
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Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants

Polk, Kanisha	04-15-09
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On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR APEX LEARNING – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that the Board of Education approves a contract with Apex Learning for use in summer school, credit recovery and advanced learning opportunities for high school students.

Mr. Stowell noted that the cost for the Apex Learning is \$133 per student as compared to \$408 with the other program. Ms. Grzanich stated that the new contract would begin with summer school.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING DATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that the Board of Education hold its regular meetings during the 2009-2010 school year on the first and third Monday of each month with the following exceptions: Sept 3, 2009, January 19 and February 16, 2010.

2009			2010		
July 6	Monday	6:30 p.m.	January 4	Monday	6:30 p.m.
July 20	Monday	6:30 p.m.	January 19	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
August 3	Monday	6:30 p.m.	February 1	Monday	6:30 p.m.
August 17	Monday	6:30 p.m.	February 16	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.
September 8	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	March 1	Monday	6:30 p.m.
September 21	Monday	6:30 p.m.	March 15	Monday	6:30 p.m.
October 5	Monday	6:30 p.m.	April 5	Monday	6:30 p.m.
October 19	Monday	6:30 p.m.	April 19	Monday	6:30 p.m.
November 2	Monday	6:30 p.m.	May 3	Monday	6:30 p.m.
November 16	Monday	6:30 p.m.	May 17	Monday	6:30 p.m.
December 7	Monday	6:30 p.m.	June 7	Monday	6:30 p.m.
December 21	Monday	6:30 p.m.	June 21	Monday	6:30 p.m.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CHINESE TEACHERS' CONTRACT – THE COLLEGE BOARD – Moved by Parker, seconded by Spangler that the contracts between the School District and the College Board effective August 12, 2007 and August 8, 2008 be terminated effective June 30, 2009 and that the College Board be given a notice of termination by the Superintendent.

Mrs. Spangler stated that she was in favor of keeping the Mandarin Language program – it offers a great opportunity for our students and is something our district offers that very few other districts offer. Mr. Stowell would also like to see the program continue, he feels it has great potential. Mr. Hinton agreed and stated that he is working to sustain the program. He has asked the College Board for a one year break in the program. He noted that we have had several offers from the public to work with our primary schools.

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

DELIBERATION AGENDA -

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 15 dated April 20, 2009 be approved as presented.

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

Expulsions – Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler that the Expulsions listed on the report dated April 20, 2009 be approved as presented.

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

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE RESOLUTION – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve the recommended resolution for an Early Retirement Incentive Program through the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF).

Dr. Butts explained that IMRF allowed for an early retirement option for support staff. Administration is recommending the adoption of the resolution. He noted that the window for early retirement would be June 1, 2010 thru May 30, 2011 and that the agreement was adopted through contractual negotiations that involve over 900 employees. The early retirement incentive will not be available for ten years because of the pay-back time. Cost to the District will be \$10.3 million – there is also a cost to each employee. District costs can be recouped by hiring staff at lower salaries or not replacing staff.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CLOSING OF TYNG AND KINGMAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell that effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year that Kingman Primary and Tyng Primary Schools be closed and administration be authorized to carry out the closures.

Mrs. Parker moved to amend the motion to separate the question. Mrs. Ross seconded.

On roll call 2 ayes. Parker, Ross.
4 nays. Butler, Spangler, Stowell, Wolfmeyer
Motion failed.

Board member Ross reminded all that there had been a plan to build a new primary school by Lincoln Middle School to make a Woodruff campus and Kingman Primary School and Irving Primary School students would be moved there. She

stated that she is not in favor of moving children out of the schools and we have veered from the plan. She stated that she realized that the district needs to be "right sized" but there could be a plan in place to not displace people and children. Mr. Hinton stated that the savings from closing a school comes from the reduction in staff. He stated that the closures being voted on tonight are not the only closings that will be necessary – more closings will be necessary to stabilize the district.

Mr. Stowell stated that these are very difficult decisions, but the district does not have the luxury of time. Revenue has fallen and we do not have any cash reserves.

Mrs. Spangler stated that she was a member of the Master Facility Plan and that team members visited each school and used data to determine the need for replacement. She also noted that financial information is only good "for the day" and things change – our revenue has declined – and there will always be changes. She stated that we cannot sustain neighborhood models and that schools in the north portion of the city have large classes and are out of classrooms. She noted that the benchmarking system is provided by Edison Learning and will soon be used up to the 10th grade level and that Edison is offering virtual learning and professional development.

Mrs. Butler stated that this is a very difficult moment, but it did not happen just tonight. She noted that these discussions and issues were taking place when she was running for school board in 2007. She noted that Board members must consider all the variables and always have the best interests of the students in their hearts. She thanked Superintendent Hinton for providing all the conversations that took place to get us where we are tonight. She also thanked the community and noted that they have been heard. She stated that this is her community and her family is here and she will render her best decision tonight.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that her thoughts have been expressed and noted that the Board's responsibility is fiscal responsibility of the whole district. She stated that you cannot disregard that it is not possible to do everything the Board wants to do. She stated that she does not want to support the closing of schools and understands how the staff and families feel, but as a fiscal officer she will have to support the recommendation.

Mr. Stowell stated that he does not feel that capital funding should be used for operational use. He noted that students from Kingman Primary School and Tyng Primary school have many issues to deal with and that they find refuge in the schools but if the district does not become prudent financial stewards we will not be able to make payrolls.

With no further discussion Vice President Wolfmeyer called for the vote.

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

CLOSING OF IRVING PRIMARY SCHOOL – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Butler that effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year that Irving Primary School be closed and administration be authorized to carry out the closure.

Mr. Hinton stated that it is his recommendation to close Irving Primary School at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. He noted that the Board of Education is well aware that the district is negotiating to sell the property.

Mrs. Ross stated that she had anticipated that as part of the plan these students would be moving into a new school. She would like the Board of Education to look at schools north of War Memorial Drive to balance it out. Low income students seem always to be affected and moving them puts them further behind.

Seeing no further discussion, Vice President Wolfmeyer called for a vote.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

CLOSING OF ONE HIGH SCHOOL – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler that effective at the end of the 2009-2010 that one district high school be closed and that the Board of Education will make the decision on which high school by July 1, 2009.

Mr. Hinton stated that it was his recommendation to close a high school for the 2010-2011 year because of the number of high school students, projected enrollment and financial restrictions. He noted that he would like to stipulate that a vocational education center be the works. He stated that he would like an amendment to the recommendation that the decision be made by September 1, 2009 to allow administration to put together the curriculum.

Mr. Stowell stated that he puts a high value on an alternative school. He feels that the alternative school would not be needed forever, but an alternative school environment is needed now. He feels that the district would be remiss if we did not take advantage of the health services area that could attract students. He stated that we need to contract with a game plan and that we could remerge as a dominant district. He also noted that the entire community needs to attack factors that effect students.

Mrs. Ross stated that she favors reconfiguring a high school, not closing a high school. She also stated that she does not want an alternative school to be a warehouse. She feels that a "school within a school" would be beneficial.

Mrs. Spangler stated that monetary situations have to be considered. She also spoke to the Birth – 8th grade or Birth – 12th grade schools and noted that we have to be careful because primary affects middle, etc. and she does not think that we can "all of a sudden" change schools. The challenge in B-8 or B-12 would be staffing and keeping qualified offerings and not have to offer self-contained rooms at the middle school level. She also feels that the use of data will rise to the high school level and the model should be to focus on the needs of the individual students. She stated that we need to look at the history of the district – in 1945 the plan was for Woodruff High School to turn into a Junior High – we need to make decisions on what is best for the future – high schools cannot soak up all the money from the primary students.

Mrs. Butler stated that she feels these decisions have to be made and there will be time to plan and prepare. She stated that she is looking for those things that will help us move forward. She would like to encourage the community to begin to plan and prepare to help the young people to understand that change does come – it has changed from when she was in school, her daughter was in school and will continue to change for her grandchildren – and we have to work with what is at hand today.

Mrs. Parker stated her appreciation that a vocation school is being planned. She feels there needs to be a different way for some students to learn. She hopes that this will provide the opportunity for a "rearranging" of high schools. She stated that she looks forward to the future plans and the input from everyone.

Mrs. Ross stated that she would like the district to build credibility. She feels that we have closed schools and we have not saved the money we were supposed to save. She feels that whatever we do needs to be done with integrity and that will allow us to gain credibility. Mrs. Ross would like to know the money we have saved from closing schools and what the impact has been on the students.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that she was glad to hear that the date had been pushed back and she understands that the plan will be different than previously presented. She stated that for her support the plan will be essential that the plan contain a vocational and alternative school.

With no further discussion Vice President Wolfmeyer asked if there was an amendment to the motion.

Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler that the motion be changed to read, "Effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year that one district high school be closed and that the Board of Education will make the decision on which high school by September 1, 2009."

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

INCREASE IN CLASS SIZE – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that effective at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year that average class size be increase by three students.

Mr. Hinton stated that he is requesting that administration be allowed to increase average class size by three students. He stated that the impact will not be as great as it might be.

Mrs. Spangler stated that we have looked at this a lot in our district and that we could say that a smaller class has higher test results or that some smaller classes have special needs students. She stated that her concern is with grade K and 1.

Mrs. Parker stated her concern with the teacher contract and how this is or is not in line.

Mr. Hinton stated that the contract reads "will attempt" to stay within given numbers. With our financial condition we now do not have the ability to add a teacher when the student count reaches the stated contract number. He also stated that he has presented the Board of Education with class enrollments showing the increase and they show the Board that we are not looking at rooms with 35 to 40 students.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer asked if these numbers reflected the closing of Tyng and Kingman. Mr. Hinton reported they do and that with the increase of 1 more student to each classroom the district saves approximately \$700,000 or \$2.3 million for three students – the savings come from a reduction in staff.

With no further discussion Vice President Wolfmeyer asked for the roll call vote.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

- 1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- 2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

FINANCE REPORTS – Mr. Stowell thanked Dr. Butts, Dr. Durlfing and Mr. McKenzie for the new financial reports.

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

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

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	Filled
March 27, 2009	Jeffrey Adkins-Dutro	Withdrawn
March 30, 2009	Jeffrey Adkins-Dutro	Pending
March 30, 2009	Mardona Shay	Filled

March 31, 2009	Mardona Shay	Filled
April 3, 2009	Steve Katlack	Pending
April 13, 2009	Diane Vespa	Filled
April 13, 2009	Diane Vespa	Pending
April 13, 2009	Diane Vespa	Pending

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS -

ADJOURNMENT – Vice President Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 10:15 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board Vice President