

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
May 4, 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: Parker, Ross, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board members Butler and Gorenz were absent.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- Moved by Stowell seconded by Spangler to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meetings of April 20 and April 27, 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: Parker, Ross, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board members Butler and Gorenz were absent.

**MINUTES** – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2009 and special meeting of April 27, 2009.

**BINA HEARING – 6:30 P.M.** - Vice President Wolfmeyer called the hearing to order. Dr. Butts gave an explanation of working cash bonds. Dr. Butts stated that he and Dr. Durflinger proposed the issuance of the bonds to assist the District in its financial condition at the present time. He noted that this year the District has had to issue \$30 million in Tax Anticipation Warrants. Those borrowed dollars are required to be paid back with the first tax dollars which would mean that the District would start the year using \$30 million that will be needed to pay expenses for 2010. There is also the need to have cash to pay the bills for the rest of the current financial year – especially considering the late payments of categoricals from the State. He continued stating that Teachers Orders could be used or Working Cash Bonds and they chose the Working Cash Bonds because it solves two problems, helps pay off Tax Anticipation Warrants and gives the District a long term cash reserve to help avert a cash crisis. He stressed that the working cash fund will be used only as a cash reserve and will not be used for operating funds. Dr. Butts explained that the TAWs from this year have cost the district between \$400,000 and \$500,000 in interest and closing costs. Based on the interest rates from last week the Working Cash Bonds will increase the tax rate an estimated 23 cents. The payoff time would be fifteen years.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS** – Dr. Bernie Goitein 1625 W. Columbia Terrace, stated that there are important decisions to be made in converting short term borrowing to long term borrowing and the District is talking about a tax rate increase of 5%. He stated that high tax rate decreases the value of homes. He asked if there were another tax that could be reduced to offset this increase and noted that the Transportation Fund had a surplus this year and plans a surplus for next year. He also stated that on the other side we will need more value and he feels increasing class size does not provide value but compared to high schools keeping the class size for kindergarten and first grade average would be valuable. Dr. Goitein stated that stimulus funding could help offset the cost of lower class size in kindergarten and first grade.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., stated that the transportation fund should be reduced and that the Edison program should be eliminated. He stated that he feels the 23 cent increase is fiscally irresponsible.

Savino Sierra, 1728 S. Stanley, stated that the Board should listen to Mr. Knapp. He stated that board members need to get on the ball and do their homework and get rid of Edison.

Vice President Wolfmeyer closed the hearing at 6:50 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mr. Stowell stated that the Irving Primary School Can Do 4:13 Scholarship fundraiser was successful and thanked all those that contributed. Mrs. Parker reported that Thomas Jefferson Primary School was sponsoring a blood drive on Thursday.

Mr. Mike Rhoads, Woodruff High School teacher, presented that a Woodruff High School student participated in the Skills USA competition in the technology area and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the state competition. He also noted that Peoria High School and Peoria Alternative High School have received their charters for Skills USA.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION** – Mrs. Kathy Burke, Reading Coordinator, presented Young Author Awards to the 23 students with winning manuscripts in the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Young Authors contest. These students represented the 2,085 manuscripts submitted by 19 primary and middle schools.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS** – Karen Adkins Dutro asked that a plan be presented for the closing of Tyng and Kingman schools.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – Vanessa Gardner stated her concern for the closing of a high schools with a daughter who is currently ranked first at Woodruff High School and would have to move to another high school. She stated that she knows the struggles of students.

Stacey Fischer, 510 Camplin, stated that she is worried where students will go when schools are closed.

Karen Adkins Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, read a statement from Hedy Elliott-Gardner.

Colleen Tomias, 1115 E. Wilcox, stated that the Board of Education ignored suggestions for cuts and voted to close schools and now Kingman parents do not know where their children will be attending.

Stephanie Stapleton, 912 S. Manual stated her concern with her son's education at Manual High School and the NCLB process for students in non-achieving schools to be transferred.

Linda Millen, 5508 S. Stephen Dr., agreed that the District needs to downsize, but feels the issue is how it is communicated to the community and the students. She stated that there is a need for students and parents to visit the schools their children will be attending. She also stated that fifth grade students attending primary schools receive a different education than those attending middle schools. She thanked the teachers from Kingman Primary School and Tyng Primary Schools who have served those neighborhoods.

Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point Rd. asked for the plan to be presented in closing a high school.

Matthew Merza, former District 150 student stated his concern with the direction the district is headed.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., stated that the District should hire an in-house attorney. He also stated that at bargaining the District has two attorneys and the teachers union have none. He stated that he told the District that charges would be filed regarding the class size change and that it should have been bargained.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that the District does not respect people when they do not give out information and the public is not getting their money's worth.

Nicole Price, 1011 E. Melbourne, stated her concern with closing a high school with her son being a sophomore at Woodruff High School.

Mike Rhodes, 7110 N. Teakwood, teacher at Woodruff High School, stated that he was speaking only for himself, but he is concerned with the plan for closing a high school – he would like more information. He has been working on the ninth grade academy for Woodruff High School and would like to know what will happen with the ninth grade academies.

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.

Kleenex and hand sanitizer, valued by the donor at \$100.00, donated by Zion Baptist Church to Rolling Acres Edison Jr. Academy

\$226.00 received from individuals to support the end-of-the-year field trip donated to Washington Gifted School

\$1,000.00 to support baseball and softball donated by Col. J.E. Bauwens to Woodruff High School

Cricut cartridges for cricut machine, valued by the donor at \$125.00, donated by Sue Hughes to Whittier Primary School

Spanish books and cassettes, valued by the donor at \$200.00, donated by Peoria Public Library to the ELL Program

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	\$22,290.26	\$705,728.18	\$728,018.44
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT		\$218,456.34	\$218,456.34
40	TRANSPORTATION		\$28,393.34	\$28,393.34
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT		\$59,983.83	\$59,983.83
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS		\$22,910.63	\$22,910.63
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION		\$12,391.70	\$12,391.70
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG		\$5,470.69	\$5,470.69
			\$1,053,334.71	\$1,075,624.97

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

Summer School - Teachers

- Brewer, Larry
- Schmidtnecht, Sara
- Shotick, Claire

Summer School – Testers

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|-------------------|----------------------|
| Burton, Becky     | Scheirer, Antoinette |
| Hovey, Jill       | Windsor, Amy         |
| Jackson, Patricia | Wing, Nancy          |
| Peters, Judy      | Woods, Hortense      |

ResignationsTeacher – Full Time

Bixby, Betsy	06-30-09
McCormick, Michael	06-30-09

Speech Pathologist – Full Time

Giltner, Amanda	06-30-09
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RetirementsTeachers

Berardi, Karen	06-30-09
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**Non-Certified Personnel**AppointmentsStudent Workers – Part Time

Harris, Denise	04-28-09
Morris, Charles	04-14-09
Morse, Jonathan	04-21-09
Simmons, Kati	01-12-09
Wills, Justin	04-14-09

Tutor Assistant - Part Time Hourly

Green, Angela Wanjiru	04-14-09
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Summer School – Testers

Kinas, Aundrea  
 Pearson, Alexandria  
 Rodgers, Marilyn  
 Snyder, Vickie

Summer Work PersonnelCertified Occupational Therapist Assistant

Pennington, Lori

Instructional Materials Workers

Turner, Steve

Maintenance Workers

Banks, Kenneth	Linwood, Clifton
Carpenter, Jim	O'Malley, Kevin
Donald, James	Rewerts, Brian
Harper, Steve	Risby, Leroy
Holland, Michael	Serrano, Frank
Ingram, Ron	Vallianatos, Angelo
Johnson, Lamont	Wright, Shawn

Physical Therapist Assistant

Monckton, Jackie

Textbooks

Brown, Christopher	Gillette, Grant
Craig, Sam	Little, Mary
Englebrecht, Doug	Weinrich, Robert

Honorable DismissalsClerical – 2 Hour Helper

Taylor, Mary	Vogelsang, Karen
Thomas, Belinda	White, Sandra
Tritsch, Sherry	Young, Andrea
Turner, Lori	

Clerical - Part Time

Boudreaux-Harris, Riccarda

Clerical -10 Month

Edwards, Felicia  
Phipps, Kelly  
Young, Jacinta  
Sanders-Smith, Patricia

Thompson, Micca  
McNulty, Janice  
Hitpas, Tami

Health Nurse Practioner – Part Time

Berres, Margaret  
Gould, Diane  
Kinsey, Monica  
San German, Susan

Off Schedule – Full Time

Buckley, Lauri  
Woods, Hortense

Paraprofessional – Full Time

Butler, Melinda  
Couri, Grace  
Daniels, Chris  
Diodoardo, Linda  
Dooley, Kendall

Jongorius, Sandra  
Martha, Christine  
Pearson, Stephanie  
Powell, Eric

Resignations

Adopt a School Coordinator

Carter, Barbara 04-22-09

Cafeteria – Part Time

Bush, Sandra 04-20-09

Health Nurse Practioner – Part Time

Curtis, Courtney L. 06-30-09

Paraprofessional – Full Time

Drummond, Antonio 04-21-09

Transportation – Part Time

DeBoer, Linda 04-17-09  
Payne, Susan 04-24-09  
Plain, Crystal 04-17-09

Retirements

Clerical – Full Time

Berardi, Barbara 6-15-09

Custodian – Full Time

Spence, Shirley 06-22-09  
Sturdivant, Floyd 07-31-09

Security – Full Time

Figaro, Sandra 05-20-09

Terminations

Transportation – Part Time

Amos, Ebony 04-30-09  
Clack, Mitchell 04-30-09  
Harrison, Jennifer 04-23-09  
Moody, Samuel 04-23-09  
Scoville, Dennis 04-17-09  
Tahawkmana, KeShiva Rasha 04-23-09

**Substitutes**

Non-Certified Substitute

Appointments

Clerical

McCabe, Eileen	04-20-09
<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	
DeDecker, Denise	04-27-09

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.

IHSA MEMBERSHIP – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve the renewal of membership in the Illinois High School Association for Manual High School, Peoria High School, Richwoods High School, and Woodruff High School and agree to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the Illinois High School Association for the year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Dr. Davis noted that the District is looking at different conferences for the 2010-2011 season if there are only 3 high schools in the district.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

#### DELIBERATION AGENDA -

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Stowell seconded by Parker that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 16 dated May 4, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

Expulsions – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that the Expulsions listed on the report dated May 4, 2009 be approved as presented.

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

Revocation of Board Probation – Moved by Stowell seconded by Parker that the Expulsions listed on the Revocation of Board Probation Report dated May 4, 2009 be approved as presented.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURN** – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Ross that the canvass of votes for one member to the Board of Education from District Three, as presented by the Election Commissions for the election held on April 7, 2009, be accepted.

Laura Petelle will join the Board on July 6, 2009.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**CHANGE TO BOARD POLICY** – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Parker that this be the first reading of changes to Board of Education Policy 7:50 Students, School Admissions and Student Transfers and Policy 8:22 Community Relations, Building Rental Philosophy.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**IRVING PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING AND PROPERTY** – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler that the Irving School building and property (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”) located at 519 N.E. Glendale Street be declared no longer necessary or suitable for school purposes, and that the Administration be directed to offer the Property for public auction sale with a minimum sales price of \$566,500. The closing date, delivery of possession to the successful bidder, and related sale terms shall be determined by the Administration.

Discussion was held on the wording of the action item with Attorney Walvoord clarifying that the wording is from the School Code. He also noted that the State has been contacted about the closing time and we have put in an application to them to extend the closing time by one year. He also noted that the building has been inspected and is safe for students. Mr. Stowell noted that the sale price is above the appraised price.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

**SECURITY UNION CONTRACT** – Moved by Parker, seconded by Spangler that the Agreement reached between the Board of Education, City of Peoria, School District No. 150 and the Peoria Federation of Support Staff – Security/Policeman’s Benevolent and Protective Association Unit #114 be approved.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. **GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – DATA WAREHOUSING** – Bryan Chumbley – Mr. Chumbley gave an overview of the new School Inoperability Framework (SIF) software that allows different components with different program languages to communicate between each other. This software will have a dedicated server that will allow the programs to “talk” to one another through SIF agents. Those that could be used would be financial, student management, transportation and library systems. This would increase efficiency, reduce error and allow teachers quicker access to data. The first step would be to add Versatran (busing) and Skyward.
2. **Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – PRESENTATION FOR ENTERPRISE ABATEMENT** – Craig Hullinger, Director of Economic Development City of Peoria, Susan Schloop, Economic Development Office & Shawn Luesse, Director of Development for the Devonshire Group presented information on the project being considered and the Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise zone allows for a developer to abate property taxes for five years (this project would begin in year two and would have four years remaining). The city is asking that the District join the Enterprise Zone with the rest of the taxing bodies. This project would convert the property where the old Walgreen’s Store is located into student housing for Bradley University students and retail space. Mr. Hullinger stated that the District could join the Enterprise Zone for this project and then back out at a later date.

**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. Mrs. Shangraw gave the following report:

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
April 20, 2009	Dave Haney	Filled
April 20, 2009	Sara Barwacz	Pending
April 21, 2009	Elaine Hopkins	Filled
April 23, 2009	Dave Haney	Filled
April 27, 2009	Tom McIntyre	Filled
April 27, 2009	Gary Childs	Filled

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS** – Mr. Stowell would like an update on the Title 1 funding for next year and what it will be funding (teachers, programs). Mrs. Parker asked for more information on the transportation tax and how that translates into funding and how savings can occur. Mr. Stowell would like information on how the numbers of administrators for the district can be brought in line with state averages.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer  
Board Vice President