

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
June 1, 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, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- Moved by Wolfmeyer seconded by Parker to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting May 18, 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 6:15 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, Gorenz, Parker, Ross, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

**MINUTES** – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2009

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mr. Stowell congratulated Washington Gifted School students for their achievement on the National Science League Test. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State of Illinois and 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation out of 212 schools, 6<sup>th</sup> grade placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state of Illinois and 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation out of 217 schools; 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade combined Team – 1<sup>st</sup> in Illinois and 15<sup>th</sup> in the Nation out of 144 schools.

Mrs. Butler announced Kingman Primary School and Tyng Primary School final open houses.

Mrs. Ross congratulated Manual High School for their increase in the graduating class.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer congratulated all high school graduates and the Knoxville Center for Student Success for their promotion ceremonies.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION** – Mr. Bryan Devine presented medals to the spring chess tournament winners. 80 students participated and grade level winners were awarded.

Mrs. Mary Yates congratulated the Destination ImagiNation Team from Washington Gifted School that advanced to the Global competition. The team introduced themselves and gave an explanation of Destination ImagiNation competition.

Mrs. Mary Camp presented Bosses Nigh Awards. Special Ed Teacher of the Year was Audry Hayes, winner of the Donna Mae Schwab award was Woodruff student Paul Heger and Boss of the Year was awarded to Dr. Cindy Janovetz.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS** – The following individuals spoke in favor of the proposed Math, Science and Technology Academy:

Mac Pogue, 3223 N. Harvard, Academy Committee

Jim Montelongo, City Council Representative and CEO of ACCS Engineering

Will Ball, Caterpillar Foundation and Manager of Social Responsibility for Caterpillar

Michael Bryant, Methodist Hospital, CEO Roundtable

McFarland Bragg, President of PCCEO

Charles Purcell – G&D Integrated and current Chamber of Commerce President

Wyane Nolan, Renaissance Commission

Linda Sahn, President District 150 Educational Foundation

Ed Barry, Architect, Farnsworth  
Donna Haerr, District 150 Foundation Board of Education  
Kyle Ham, President, Peoria Next  
Ken Brooke, Academy Committee

The above individuals gave the following reasons for their support of the project: Increasing math and science scores, engagement of students, allows for project based learning, professional development for staff and the entire district staff, opportunity for choice, atmosphere of the school, opportunity to excel, opportunity to make our community attractive, opportunity to increase skill level of those that will become workers, supported by CEO Roundtable, opportunity to elevate school environment, opportunity for partnerships, opportunity to improve our school system, business and community will support the schools, opportunity to identify the type of mind the school wants to produce, opportunity to keep students in the district, compliments the mission and vision of the Educational Foundation, will encourage students to try professions in these areas, will offer support for teachers and families.

Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point, PFT President  
Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr.  
Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley,

Spoke in opposition to charter schools and their design. Their concerns were: this is not the type of charter school the district needs – there needs to be a charter school for inner city students or a vocational charter, the need to improve existing programs before starting new programs.

Josh Engelbrecht, 2716 W. Bacon Dr.  
Matthew Kerolus, 5405 W. Teal Wood Ct.

Stated that they felt Richwoods High School football coach should be retained.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – Hedy Elliott Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood, spoke to the tennis program offered by the Peoria Park District and stated her hope that the Board would recognize the importance of minor sports.

Students Alexis Mixon, Diamond Matthew and their mother Neidre Tate, 2215 N. Wisconsin, all stated the need to attend other schools than those in their enrollment districts. Ms. Tate also favors opening a Jr. High and offering vocational courses.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. spoke to the need of teachers to be certified in their field. He stated that he feels the Math, Science and Technology Charter School is a classic union busting technique. He also stated that Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center is taking money from other schools.

Bob Darling, 230 E. Highpoint, stated that he was concerned the Math, Science and Technology Charter School would become a gifted school and will not address inner city schools.

Bryan Devine, 1917 E. Knox Street, stated that he wanted to remind Board of Education members of their roll – they were not to be a “rubber stamp” for the Superintendent.

Karen Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, stated her concern with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation time and would like an evaluation of the change.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that the District is neglecting its physical plants.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA –**

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

- Rocking Chair, valued by the donor at \$25.00, donated by Bill Turner to the Developmental Center
- \$50.00 to support the Student Business Fair, donated by Grace Presbyterian Church to Glen Oak Primary School
- \$100.00 to support the Student Business Fair, donated by Demanes Animal Hospital to Glen Oak Primary School
- \$75.00 for PBIS incentives, donated by Joesph & Barbara Emanuel to Harrison Primary School
- \$1,231.00 for a laptop and video recorder, donated by Rotary Club of Peoria North Foundation to Kingman Primary School
- Violin, bow and case, valued by the donor at \$1,187.00, donated to Peoria High School by the Peoria Symphony Guild
- 5 laptop computers, valued by the donor at \$1,000.00, donated by Bradley University to Richwoods High School TV Studio
- 3 tablecloths, valued by the donor at \$30.27, donated by Melinda lund to Washington Gifted School
- Wildcat Mascot Costume, valued by the donor at \$375.28, donated by the WGS Bowling League to Washington Gifted School
- \$25.00 donated by Steve & Donna Gerber to the Peoria Jazz AllStars operating expenses fund
- Audio visual posters, books CD's and office supplies, valued by the donor at \$9,499.00 donated by Thomas S. Klise Co. to Peoria Public Schools

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$9,473.15		\$531,056.17	\$540,529.32
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT				\$171,084.61
40	TRANSPORTATION				\$0.00
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS				\$21,779.42
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS				\$29,119.58
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION				\$0.00
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG				\$503.36
				\$531,056.17	\$763,016.29

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

**Certified Personnel**

Appointments

Summer School

Summer School - Teachers

Fleming, Benita

Summer School - Speech Pathologists

Austin, Thea  
Sturm, Whitney

Extended School YearTeachers

Casterline, Mary	Karen Kenny
Cohen, Dan	Tina Maxwell
Crimm, Lori	Betsy McCray
Emken, Carly	Meinders, Michelle
Fabish, Gerald	Miller, Sherilyn
Hawk, Devon	Salazar, Michelle
Hayes, Audra	Schaub, Jamie

AdministrativeRetirements

Simmons, Randy	06-30-13
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Leave of Absence – Without PayTeachers – Full Time

Marchan, Francisco	05-29-09 – 10-11-09
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ResignationsTeachers – Full Time

Schwartz, Michelle	06-30-09
Shirey, Marjorie	05-19-09

RetirementsTeachers

Applegate, Lisle	06-30-12
Beauclaire, Patricia	06-30-13
Bonner, Peggy	06-30-13
Farkash, Carolyn	06-30-13
McMahon, Jerome	06-30-13
Nunn, Carolyn	06-30-13
Spayer, Carol	06-30-13
Stombaugh, Denise	06-30-13

**Non-Certified Personnel**AppointmentsClerical Pink Slip Recall – Full Time

Barker, Virginia	Phipps, Kelly
Brooks, Gina	Quin, Paula
Edwards, Felicia	Sanders-Smith, Patricia
Gibbons, Joylyn	Swisher, Pamela
Hidden, Suzanne	Thompson, Micca
Holford, Arlissa	Young, Jacinta
McNulty, Janice	

Extended School Year Para-professionals

Haim, Cheryl	Rodden, Julie
Jackson, Shauntez	Skinner, Orville
Lyons, Don	Smith, Shariece
Neesman, Gerald	Wilson, Linda

Student Workers – Part Time

McCall, Ted	05-04-09
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Summer Work PersonnelTextbooks

Gould, Richard

Resignations

Cafeteria – Part Time

Grandson, Jerry	05-26-09
Rhodes, Shirley	06-08-09
Weller, Scott	05-14-09

Para-professional – Full Time

Purifoy, Richard	06-30-09
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Summer Work Personnel

Textbooks

Weinrich, Robert	06-30-09
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Retirements

Custodians

Shelton, Lewis	07-31-09
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Library Manager – Full Time

Sell, Jeannette	06-30-09
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Maintenance – Full Time

Devine, John	06-30-10
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Terminations

Transportation – Part Time

Anderson, Jennifer	05-14-09
Eckardt, Aaron	05-22-09
Weaver, Nita	05-22-09
White, Woody	05-18-09

**Substitutes**

Certified

Appointments

Teacher

Oronsaye, Iyare	10-14-08
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Truancy Alternative Program - Hourly

Baer, Nicole	05-19-09
Krause, Mika	05-19-09
Purifoy, Richard	05-11-09

Resignations

Teacher

Azbell, Prima	05-26-09
Beutler, Katherine	05-26-09
Bolla, Terese	05-26-09
Esarey, Kate	05-26-09
Hillis, Abby	05-26-09

Non-Certified Substitute

Terminations

Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants

Vargas, Santana	06-02-09
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On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**DELIBERATION AGENDA -**

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 18 dated June 1, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 6 ayes. Butler, Parker, Spangler, Stowell, Wolfmeyer, Gorenz  
1 nay. Ross. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY – Moved by Butler, seconded by Spangler that this be the first reading of the following new Board Policies:

- 5:65 General Personnel, Peoria Public Schools District 150 Wireless/Cell Communication Policy
- 6:236 Instruction, Acceptable Use Policy for Members of the Community/Public
- 6:237 Instruction, Acceptable Use Policy for Students Using District Technology
- 6:238 Instruction, Acceptable Use Policy for Employees Using District Technology

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CHARTER SCHOOLS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker, that the Board of Education approve the proposed charter school authorizing process, the focused Elements of Design and Key Characteristics for the Math Science and Technology Charter School, and the June 2, 2009 release of the Math, Science and Technology Charter School Proposal.

Dr. Gorenz began the discussion noting that the Board has had numerous discussions on charter schools over the past year at Board meetings and Committee of the Whole meetings. Mr. Hinton continued stating that he feels a charter school will be very good for our district. He thanked the community people who have been engaged in the process.

Dr. Fischer stated that she feels the committee has “done their homework” by visiting existing charter schools. She clarified that:

- This charter school will have open enrollment and if more students apply than there are openings, students will be selected on a lottery basis,
- Senate bill 612 has passed and 75% of the teachers must hold teaching certificates and the other 25% must have a bachelor’s degree and pass the necessary teacher skills tests,
- The number of allowable charter schools has been increased to 120, 45 for downstate Illinois,
- Funding for charter schools is on a “per tuition rate” of 75% to 125%. The committee is considering an 80% rate which would equate in the first year to \$2 million for the district (grades 5-8), but the school would be eligible for funding from the State to cut the cost to \$748,266. In the fifth year for 576 student the District would allocate \$4.442 million with a net cost of \$3 million – 53% less than a regular school. This cost will not make the deficit worse for the District,
- The issue of extra curricular activities will be addressed by the proposal,
- The application will be posted on the district web site with the initial design framework due August 1, 2009
- There will be a campaign to let parents know about the school and the application process,
- This process could also be used for other charter school applications – the focus page would be changed to reflect the different charter school concept,
- The committee, district, community and state will review the proposal with a rubric and the proposal must meet the identified qualifications or the application will not move forward - ISBE makes the final award

Mrs. Spangler stated that she believes in choice and does not feel that we celebrate choice enough in our district and that we need to show people that we do have choice. She also thanked Dr. Fischer for having a focus on community buy-in and allowing the community a way to help educations and kids.

Mr. Stowell stated that he appreciated all the work the committee did and he would like to think that as we go forward we would involve the teachers union – he would like to see a longer day and year. He would also like to see all children have an opportunity for a learning environment before entering kindergarten. He stated that he does have some serious reservations and stressed that the district needs to make sure that this school would provide more opportunities for students.

Dr. Gorenz stated that this is the beginning of the process and he cannot think of a proposal that has had this much community support. He stated that he feels that the question is “how many charter schools do we need- a career-technical school is something we need to look at.”

There was no further discussion.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

SALE OF IRVING PRIMARY SCHOOL – Moved by Parker, seconded by Stowell that the Irving School building and property (hereinafter referred to as the “Property”) located at 519 NE Glendale Avenue be sold to OSF Healthcare System for the gross sales price of \$566,500 and that the Superintendent and Board Secretary are authorized to execute all necessary sales documents including a special warranty deed.

Attorney Walvoord clarified that the closing date would be no earlier than June 15, 2010, and we can also have up to an additional year or part of a year to give OSF possession.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ENTERPRISE ZONE – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Butler to participate in the Peoria Enterprise Zone in the West Main Street Corridor/Renaissance Park area. The Resolution and Order of Abatement set forth the conditions for the School District’s participation.

Dr. Butts stated that our district attorneys have worked on the agreement and with this agreement the district will not be losing any tax dollars because of the Enterprise Zone. He noted that the limitations include the geographic limitation and that only projects greater than \$7 million are eligible. Attorney Walvoord noted that this agreement also provides for an abatement schedule. He also stated that he has been in contact with the City’s legal department and they are comfortable with these conditions. He also explained that if in the future the owner of this property transferred it to a non-for-profit group that group would have to pay a payment in lieu of and equivalent to property tax.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

REMOVAL OF HEAD FOOTBALL COACH – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that David A. Long be removed as head football coach for unprofessional conduct, effective immediately.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – Mrs. Randle presented an update to the “Promoting Academic Success in Young Boys of Color” initiative and five year study funded by The W. Kellogg Foundation and lead nationally by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. The study intends to promote and ensure a positive experience for a greater number of young boys of African-American, Latino and Native American descents ages 3 through 8. Participating School are Harrison, Garfield, Tyng and Roosevelt. Control Schools are Glen Oak, Kingman, Irving and Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center.

## 2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

## 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
April 20, 2009	Sara Barwacz	Pending
April 29, 2009	Beth McDaniels	Pending
May 8, 2009	Sharon Crews	Filled
May 11, 2009	Debbie Chavez	Filled
May 12, 2009	Ernestine Jackson, NAACP	Filled
May 18, 2009	Sharon Crews	Filled
May 18, 2009	Sharon Crews	Filled
May 20, 2009	Tom McLaughlin	Filled
Ma 21, 2009	Tori Turner, ACLU	Filled
May 21, 2009	Lucille Melchert	Pending

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS** – Mr. Stowell requested that the administration and Board of Education look at what they want to set for policy in terms of operating environment – especially the area of having the buildings take control of their own budgets.

Mrs. Ross asked for an update on the “responsibility factor” for high school students. Dr. Hannah reported that the District is looking to imbed that as part of the virtual learning experience. She also asked about mentoring and professional development, possibly in conjunction with Bradley University. Mr. Hinton reported that there was a proposal with ISBE on mentoring, but the funding was cut.

ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz  
Board President