

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
September 15, 2008

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 Butler seconded by Parker to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting September 2, 2008 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 5:45 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 September 2, 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Superintendent Hinton congratulated the staff, students and parents of Northmoor Edison Primary School for being chosen as a Blue Ribbon School.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – Security Chief Ron Scales recognized officers Demario Boone and Ryan Schubert for receiving the 2007-2008 Distinguished Service Award.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – None

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire, addressed the issues of teacher evaluations and removal of teachers for not doing their job. He stressed that the language for evaluations and removal is specified in the teacher contract and state code.

Barbara Riggerbach, 521 Stonegate Rd. invited all to attend the September 29, 2008 "Moms in Touch International" meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Dream Center.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that he is against the Irving Primary School being sold. He noted that a few schools have received improvements, but many more are needed. He stressed that the District needs to maintain buildings.

CONSENT AGENDA –

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$300.00, donated to Calvin Coolidge Middle School by OSF Medical Group CBO

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$850.00, donated to Irving Primary School by Penny Post-Freeman Smith Barney Citigroup

\$250.00 donated to the Can Do 4:13 Scholarship Fund by Tom Broderick
 Wheelchair, valued by the donor at \$800.00, donated to Peoria High School by Rick Crandell
 Baseballs, valued by the donor at \$100.00, donated to Von Steuben Middle School by Mic Donahue
 \$50.00 savings bond, donated to the District Open House by Central Illinois Bank
 Two tickets to Phoenix/Mesa on Allegiant Air, donated to the District Open House by the Greater Peoria Airport Authority
 3 cases of water bottles donated to the District Open House by Illinois American Water Company

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REVENUE	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$38,635.13		\$445,275.14	\$483,910.27
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$197,175.40	\$197,175.40
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$30,531.52	\$30,531.52
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$191,735.07	\$191,735.07
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$998.00	\$998.00
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$3,009.96	\$3,009.96
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$10,664.44	\$10,664.44
				\$879,389.53	\$918,024.66

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Certified Personnel

Administrative Appointments

Burke, Sandra 09-08-08

Teachers – Full Time

Burdette-Steele, Marcy 08-25-08

Meyer, Kurt 09-04-08

Mulcahey, Mary 09-04-08

Rhodes, Guinivere 09-09-08

Leave of Absence - Expired Certification

Teachers – Full Time

Jones, Richard 08-25-08

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Accompanist – Part Time

Slymaker, Carma 09-08-08

Cafeteria – Full Time

Fowler, Jesse 09-04-08

Wooley, Cortina 08-27-08

Cafeteria Concession Stand – Part Time

Cook, Shawna	07-26-08
<u>Cafeteria – Part Time</u>	
Scott, Tosha	08-27-08
<u>Clerical – Full Time</u>	
Kaufmann, Amy	09-16-08
<u>Clerical – Part Time</u>	
Burks, Michelle	09-16-08
<u>Clerical – Part Time – Two Hour Helper</u>	
Bridgeman, Patricia	08-27-08
Faught, Kaitlyn	08-16-08
Mahan, Kelly	08-16-08
Rula, Barbara	08-25-08
Rusk, Nicole	09-16-08
Russell, Deloise	09-16-08
Schlafley, Bridget	09-03-08
Stephens, Angela	09-16-08
Taylor, Mary Jane	09-03-08
Thomas, Belinda	09-03-08
Torres, Evynette	09-16-08
<u>Extended School Program – Part Time</u>	
Brown, Mary	08-29-08
Davis, Florangel	09-16-08
Gasper, Crystal	08-29-08
Manewatchararangsri, Mireya	08-25-08
Nunn, Erica	08-26-08
Rayford, Paige	08-29-08
Rayford, Patricia	08-29-08
Reash, Amanda	08-25-08
Soliday, Megan	08-25-08
Thompson, Shaletha	08-25-08
Wright, Monica	08-25-08
<u>Health Nurse Practitioner – Part Time</u>	
Kinsey, Monica	09-03-08
<u>Home School Facilitators – Full Time</u>	
Taylor, Dramane	09-16-08
<u>Paraprofessionals – Full Time</u>	
Booker, Nichola	09-03-08
Edwards, Quentin	09-16-08
Masonholder, Tabitha	09-03-08
McDermott, Sara	09-03-08
Nash, Latonya	09-03-08
<u>Student Workers – Part Time</u>	
Templeton, Emily	09-03-08
Washer, Benjamin	08-27-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Bell, Doris A.	08-08-08
Bohls, Angela	09-04-08
Dixson, Fred	08-15-08
Hearn, Courtney	09-01-08
Hobson, Dan	07-29-08
Humes, Arminta	08-16-08
Kirby, Shamika L.	09-16-08
Prieto, Jessica	09-01-08

Rolan, Felix	07-31-08
Smith, Alicia	09-03-08
Young, Evelyn	09-03-08
<u>Leave of Absence - Family Leave</u>	
<u>Cafeteria – Full time</u>	
Fraze, Tara	September 2008 – February 2009
<u>Nurse – Full Time</u>	
Albritton, Mary	9-08-08 to 9-19-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Accompanist – Part Time</u>	
Richardson, Marcia	06-30-08
<u>Cafeteria – Part Time</u>	
Mallett, Matrisse	08-27-08
Scott, Wilma	08-27-08
Shird-Tucker, Naomi	09-03-08
West, Gail	07-27-08
<u>Clerical – Part Time – Two Hour Helper</u>	
Scogin, Jacqueline	05-30-08
<u>Custodian – Interim – Full Time</u>	
Williams, Donald	09-16-08
<u>Paraprofessionals – Part Time</u>	
O'Neill, Kelly	06-30-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Anderson, LaShantae	05-15-08
Cook, Nicole	05-13-08
Dalton, Doris K.	06-01-08
Doss, Lonnetta	04-18-08
Kidd, Jimmy D.	07-17-08
Terrell, Brandy	07-04-08
Washington, Shaun	05-30-08
<u>Cafeteria – Part Time</u>	
Russell, LaCroya,	09-03-08
<u>Clerk – Full Time</u>	
Crawford, Jessica	08-01-08

Substitutes

<u>Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Study Hall Supervisor – Part Time</u>	
Maier, Joseph	09-02-08
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Bonds, Kathy	08-28-08
Carter, Taneshia	08-02-08
Copeland, Rachel	09-09-08
Dobrik, Bryan	09-04-08
Escalante, Ladislado	09-03-08
Fehr, Thomas	09-10-08
Gesford, Tad	09-02-08
Glover, Molly	09-02-08
Grecksch, Megan	09-05-08
Groessman, Douglas	09-02-08
Hayes, Ann	09-03-08
Johnson, Klynton	09-05-08

Koszut, Mary Beth	09-09-08
Livengood, Susan	09-11-08
Nathan, Stacey	09-02-08
Quillen, Alexandra	09-09-08
Rice, Christan	08-29-08
Riebel, Jenny	09-10-08
Siwicke, Catherine	09-10-08
Timerman, Jason	09-02-08
Torres, Eynette	09-09-08
Wiltz, Bonnie	09-02-08
Yunis, Omar	09-09-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Anzaldua, Jennifer	09-02-08
Benedict, Ellen	09-09-08
Ragsdale, Herbert	09-02-08
Timerman, Jason	09-06-08
<u>Non-Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Franklin, Konjit	09-04-08
Gerlach, Lynn	09-11-08
Jackson, Angela	08-27-08
Pannell, Annette	08-27-08
Perry, James Washington	08-27-08
Raines, Helen	08-27-08
Rebollar, Satina	09-11-08
Rolan, Cynthia	09-09-08
Russell, Brooke	08-08-08
Simons, Linda D.	08-27-08
Sturdivant, Patricia	08-27-08
Thompson, Roxetta	08-27-08
<u>Clerical</u>	
Anderson, Kimberly	09-09-08
Joseph, Jean	08-28-08
<u>Job Coach</u>	
Smith, Christi Jo	09-02-08
<u>Paraprofessional</u>	
Anderson, Kimberly	09-09-08
Fayal, Natalie	09-09-08
Moye, Michael	09-02-08
Russell, Maurice	08-29-08
Siwicke, Catherine	09-10-08
Tipton, Hallicia	09-02-08
Troyan, Linda	09-10-08
Webster, Rebecca	08-21-08
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Anderson, Kimberly	09-09-08
Cornish, Tristyn	09-02-08
Edwards, Kristin	08-29-08
Hand, Janet	09-10-08
Jackson, Amanda	09-09-08
Nevins, Barbara	08-29-08

Nichols, Tanya	09-03-08
Polnitz, Casey	09-03-08
Shelby, Yolanda	09-10-08
Thomas, Cynthia	08-29-08
Unger, La-Tavia	09-03-08
Williams, Eleanor	08-29-08
<u>Transportation</u>	
Higgins, Larry	09-16-08
Johnson, Pearl	09-16-08
Johnson, Quinton	09-16-08
Smith, Gloria	09-16-08
Washington, Linda	09-16-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Miller, Patrina	08-27-08
Terrell, Vatonya	08-27-08
<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	
Britter, Daphne	09-03-08
Curtis, Christina	09-04-08
Heffner, Roslyn	09-02-08

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Spangler, 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, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ISU FOR COURSE WORK - Moved by Spangler, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education authorize the Director of Title 1 to enter into a contract with Illinois State University for Course C&I 409.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS - Moved by Spangler, seconded by Parker that the 2008-2009 Application for Recognition of Schools be approved for each of the schools of the District.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA -

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Ross seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 1 dated September 15, 2008 be approved as amended.

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

Revocation of Board Probation – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Expulsions listed on the Revocation of Board Probation Report No. 1 be approved as presented.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008-2009 MEDICAID FEE FOR SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OUR REACH AND MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (MCA) BUDGETS – There were no speakers.

ADOPTION OF THE 2008-2009 MEDICAID FEE FOR SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATIVE OUT REACH AND MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION (MCA) BUDGETS – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Stowell that the resolution approving the Medicaid Fee for Service and Administrative Out Reach and Mid Central Association (MCA) budgets be approved.

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Peoria School District 150, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form budgets, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held as to such budgets on the 15th day of September, 2008, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of said district as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be July 1, 2008, and ending of June 30, 2009.

Section 2: That the Tentative Budgets containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and of expenditures from each, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budgets of Medicaid Fee for Service and Administrative Out Reach and Mid Central Association for the said fiscal year.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2008-2009 BUDGET – There were no speakers.

ADOPTION OF THE 2008-2009 DISTRICT BUDGET - Moved by Spangler, seconded by Stowell that the resolution to adopt the budget for the 2008-2009 school year be adopted:

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Peoria School District 150, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held as to such budget on the 15th day of September, 2008, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of said district as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be July 1, 2008, and ending of June 30, 2009.

Section 2: That the Tentative Budget, as revised, containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and of expenditures from each, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this school district for the said fiscal year.

Dr. Gorenz reported that the budget had been reviewed and discussed at Board and Committee of the Whole meetings. Superintendent Hinton thanked Mr. Cahill for his leadership to the Board and administration and preparing a balanced budget. Dr. Gorenz noted that the District has come from budgets with \$-14 million to \$-8 million to \$-4 million and now two balanced years in a row. He also thanked Mr. Cahill.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CHANGES TO BOARD POLICY – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that the first reading be waived and that Policy 6:30 Organization of Instruction and Policy 7:100 Students, Health, Eye and Dental Examination, Immunizations and Exclusion of Students be adopted as revised.

Organization of Instruction

The School District has instructional levels for grades Pre-kindergarten through twelve. The grouping and housing of instructional levels in school facilities shall be according to plans developed by the Superintendent and approved by the Board of Education.

The plans will:

1. Support the District's educational program,
2. Maximize facility usage without undue overcrowding, and
3. Provide substantially comparable instructional programs across the District.

CROSS REF. 7:30 (Student Assignment)

ADOPTED: July 18, 2005

REVISED: September 15, 2008

Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunizations and Exclusion of Students

Required Health Examinations and Immunizations

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student received a health examination and the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, within one year prior to:

1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade; (if the student didn't attend kindergarten)
2. Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
3. Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the student's grade (including nursery school, special education, headstart programs operated by elementary or secondary schools, and students transferring into Illinois from out-of-state or out-of-country).

As required by State Law

1. The required health examinations must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician authorizing the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the performance of health examinations by a supervising physician.
2. A diabetes screening must be included as a required part of each health examination: diabetes testing is not required.
3. Before admission and in conjunction with required physical examinations, parents/guardians of children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years must provide a statement from a physician that their child was risk-assessed or screened for lead poisoning.
4. The Department of Public Health will provide all female students entering sixth grade and their parents/guardians information about the link between human papilloma virus (HPV) and cervical cancer and the availability of the HPV vaccine.

Unless the student is homeless, failure to comply with the above requirements by the first day of school of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. New students who are first-time registrants shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations. If a medical reason

prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by the first day of school, the student must present, by the first day of school, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by the physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations

Eye Examination

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo an eye examination whenever health examinations are required.

Parents/guardians of students entering kindergarten or an Illinois school for the first time shall present proof before the first day of attendance of the current school year that the students received an eye examination within one year prior to entry of kindergarten or the school. A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed optometrist must perform the required eye examination.

If a student fails to present proof by the first day of attendance, the school may hold the student's report card until the student presents proof: (1) of a completed eye examination, or (2) that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after the first day of attendance. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this eye examination requirement in compliance with the rules of the Department of Public Health. Schools shall not exclude a student from attending school due to failure to obtain an eye examination.

Dental Examination

All children in kindergarten and the second and sixth grades must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist within the last 18 months before May 15 of the current school year in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. The examination must have taken place within 18 months prior to May 15 of the school year.

If a child in the second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the child present proof: (1) of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this dental examination requirement at least 60 days before May 15 of each school year.

Exemptions

In accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a student will be exempted from:

This policy's requirement for:

1. Religious or medical grounds if the student's parents/guardians present to the Superintendent or designee a signed statement explaining the objection,
2. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification, or
3. Eye examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist: or
4. Dental examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

Homeless Child

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce immunization and health records normally required for enrollment. Board policy 6:140, Education of Homeless Children, governs the enrollment of homeless children.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.
105 ILCS 5/27-8.1.410 ILCS 45/7.1. and 315/2e 77 Ill. Admin. Code Part 665.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (organization of Instruction) 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs) 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

ADOPTED: July 18, 2005

REVISED: April 3, 2006 September 15, 2008

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS FOR PRINCIPALS AND DISTRICT PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY LIAISON/ COORDINATOR –

Moved by Butler, seconded by Spangler that the contracts for Thomas Blumer, Jane Cushing, Valda Shipp, Michael Kohlman, Julie McArdle, Magnolia Branscumb, Renee Andrews and Sandra Burke be approved.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

REAL ESTATE BROKER AGREEMENT – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that an agreement for Real Estate Broker's Services by and between the Board of Education, City of Peoria School District 150, Peoria, Illinois ("School District") and Keller Williams Premier Realty ("Keller Williams"), is hereby approved and adopted. Further, the President of the Board of Education of the School District, the Superintendent of Schools of the School District, and the District's Lawyers are given authority to define and carry out any necessary terms; and, they are also authorized to execute any and all necessary documents.

Mr. Stowell noted that the Building Committee has been favorably impressed with the Keller Williams real estate work.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

SALE OF WHITE SCHOOL – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that the White School building and property located at 304 E. Illinois Street be declared no longer necessary or suitable for school purposes, and the Administration be directed to offer the Property for public sale by auction sale with a minimum sales price of \$750,000. A three percent (3%) commission will be paid on any successful bid of \$772,500 or greater, to any realtor that procures the successful bid.

Dr. Gorenz noted that this sale has been discussed and evaluated at the Building Committee meetings.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

SALE OF IRVING SCHOOL – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler that the Irving School building and 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 \$750,000. The sale shall provide for a lease back of the property to the School District until September 1, 2011 for the annual rental price of \$1.00 per year and payment of all utilities, insurance and normal maintenance. A three percent (3%) commission will be paid on any successful bid of \$772,500 or greater, to any realtor that procures the successful bid.

Mr. Cahill clarified that the sale of Irving Primary School differs from White School because this building will need to be used until the new school is completed.

The approximate time line for the sale will be that a notice will appear in about three weeks, with the auction following. The entire process should be completed in two months.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND DISTRICT – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler that the Administration request the City of Peoria to agree to an Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Board of Education, City of Peoria School District No. 150, Peoria, Illinois and the City of Peoria regarding the new Glen Oak School executed on April 8, 2008, to include the site for the new Birth through Fourth Grade Primary School to be built on the new Lincoln South School Site. Such Amendment shall be on essentially the same terms and conditions as were provided for in the original Agreement regarding the new Glen Oak School. The President of the Board of Education and the Secretary of the Board of Education are authorized to execute the Amendment to said Agreement.

Mr. Cahill presented background information noting that the city must approve the vacating of the streets before construction of the building can begin.

Mr. Stowell noted that the Building Committee had looked at different configurations and smaller size, but is recommending the current configuration. Mr. Cahill reported that architects from the Farnsworth Group and PSA Dewberry both approved the proposed configuration.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – AYP REPORT – Mr. Chumbley presented information on the results of the 2008 ISAT tests.

Highlights of the presentation on the 2008 AYP Report:

- The AYP goal is a moving target – from 62.5% this year increasing to 70% in 2009 and 77.5% in 2010.
- The district did not meet AYP for the 5th consecutive year.
- 4 of 8 subgroups in reading and 5 of 8 in math made AYP with increases in 5 subgroups in reading and 6 subgroups in math. Of the 162 subgroups, 72.6% demonstrated improvement and 46.9 of those were 5% or greater.
- Challenge for this year – elimination of the IMAGE test (given to ELL students).
- 13 schools made AYP, 17 schools did not meet the goal.
- The State is working on a test that would recognize growth in students from year to year.
- The District emphasis has been on reading and we are seeing positive growth in that area. Teachers are doing their very best, but an increase each year of 7.5% is hard to achieve.
- Special education students must take the test at the grade level they would normally be in, not their academic level.

Dr. Gorenz stressed that as a whole 10 of 14 primary schools improved in reading and 12 of 14 in math. At the middle school level 12 of 12 improved in reading and 10 of 12 in math. He stated that AYP does not tell the entire story and noted that the main value is not judgment, but how are we going to use the information for improvement. He would like a presentation on “what does this tell us – what are we going to focus on.”

Mr. Chumbley reported that considerable work has been done on a “growth model” that can be used to provide help to schools to show the growth each student is making.

2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - FINANCE REPORTS – Mr. Cahill presented this report for the Board's information and review. Mr. Stowell asked about the possibility of securing the short term loans needed each spring by the district earlier than usual in the event that interest rates would rise.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Mr. Cahill 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- EARLY RELEASE DAYS – Superintendent Hinton reported that the first early release day for primary schools will be September 24, 2008. Plans are being made by the schools and community partners for activities for students. Many venues are being used to ensure that parents are aware of the change in time for school.

Mr. Stowell would like to see ways, going forward, to engage students on SIP days.

5. GOAL 5 – CULTURE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE - Report of Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests. Mrs. Shangraw reported the following requests.

Date	Name	Action
August 28, 2008	Sharon Crews	filled
September 2, 2008	Illinois Policy Institute	filled
September 2, 2008	Sharon Crews	filled
September 3, 2008	Patricia Schmidt & Tammy Williams	pending
September 3, 2008	Patricia Schmidt & Tammy Williams	pending
September 3, 2008	Patricia Schmidt & Tammy Williams	pending
September 3, 2008	Patricia Schmidt & Tammy Williams	pending
September 4, 2008	Sharon Crews	pending
September 8, 2008	multiple Trewyn teachers	pending
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REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – Mrs. Butler asked that Superintendent Hinton address classroom issues. Mr. Hinton reported that some classrooms have reached limits that are over those set in the contract. Changes will be made in the middle of September when enrollments have stabilized.

Dr. Gorenz reported that there will be a special meeting Monday, September 22, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz
Board President