

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
October 6, 2008

The Board convened in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building at 4:45 p.m. President David Gorenz called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Gorenz, Ross, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board member Parker arrived at 5:00p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- Moved by Butler seconded by Ross to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting September 15, 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 6:05 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 15, 2008 and special meetings of September 22, 2008 and September 30, 2008.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mr. Stowell thanked all the volunteers at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Irving Scholarship 4:13 Can Do Walk. He highlighted the Career Fair held at Expo Gardens by the skilled trades unions. He also noted that District enrollment was up 215 students which reflects the District's dynamic programming.

Board member Butler noted that she attended the "Moms in Touch" prayer meeting and that it was very uplifting.

Dr. Gorenz highlighted that Board member Spangler is being recognized as a "Master Board Member" by the state. He noted that in achieving that recognition a board member must attend regional and national meetings and take part in professional development activities.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS** – Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., spoke to the action item on school uniforms and stated that he attended the forum at Woodruff High School and asked if the district had research on uniforms and they did not have research to present. He stated that research is very important when making a decision on an issue.

Jeff Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker Ave., spoke to the action item on uniforms, stating that the classroom should be considered a place for learning and that one of our high schools could be converted to an alternative school for students that need interventions. He noted that something must be done besides making uniforms a requirement.

Beth Crider-Olcott, 4516 W. Cedar Hills Dr., spoke to consideration of bids, insurance. She represented the teachers union on the insurance committee and urged the Board of Education to approve the new insurance bid.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, spoke in favor of uniforms for students. He feels it will create pride in their schools and themselves. Mr. Sierra was against using outside groups for the SES tutoring.

Daniel Hampton – spoke requesting information on if buses would take home children after the activities on shortened days. Dr. Gorenz referred her to Dr. Davis.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wishire Dr., stated that he wanted to correct the record, a school board member had stated that Loucks School made AYP and they did not. He also spoke to the issue of charter schools stating that he has read that public schools do better than charter schools. He noted that charter schools are run by a

separate board and do not have to have any certified teachers and that they need to be run with transparency and take the same tests other schools take.

Jeff Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker Ave., stated that he would like to see the District brag about the Skyward program and its success. He thanked District personnel for their help with the program and the quick response he received. He asked that the District remember the importance of building morale. He noted that building principals are the links that lead to teachers and students and they should be bringing out the best in teachers.

Trewyn Teacher – read a prepared statement from the Trewyn staff that spoke to the loss of one teacher and how that affected their schedule. The teachers feel they were promised that while they were in restructuring the staff would not be changed.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that he feels the Trewyn situation is terrible. He stated that they need more teachers and the staff should not be reduced.

#### CONSENT AGENDA –

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$50.00 donated to Manual High School by OSF Homecare

Rooms for Professional Development training, valued by the donor at \$2,400.00, donated to Manual High School by AMT

Use of Dogwood Hall and auditorium for professional development training, valued by the donor at \$900.00, donated to Manual High School by ICC North

Staff appreciation luncheon, valued by the donor at \$543.41, donated to Manual High School by Dan O'Day

\$200.00 for baseball equipment, donated to Sterling Middle School by Mr. and Mrs. Honings

Items for Jazz AllStar picnic, valued by the donor at \$65.00, donated by Marcia Merriman

\$600.00 for the Needy Kids Fund, donated to Peoria Alternative High School by Salem Lutheran Church

\$1,200.00 donated to Thomas Jefferson Primary School for "21 Keys" food and student assistance by Salem Lutheran Church

Breakfast for students, valued by the donor at \$750.00, donated to Trewyn Middle School by First Federated Church and Southwest Kiwanis

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$200.00, donated to Hines Primary School by Schnucks of Pekin, IL

\$35.00 donated to Von Steuben Middle School by Margaret Stubblefield

Blankets for students, donated to Harrison Primary School by Velma Schearer

\$100.00, donated to Hines Primary School PTO by Marcia Frakes

\$500.00 donated to Woodruff High School to purchase supplies for football team dinners on September 5 and 19, by First United Methodist Church

\$150.00 donated to Roosevelt Magnet School for Accelerated Reader Incentives

PE equipment, valued by the donor at \$350.00, donated to Irving Primary School by OSF Corporate Office Employees

\$200.00 donated to Peoria Public Schools District 150 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for t-shirts for orchestra students for the Mark Wood Concert by Kidder Music Service

\$250.00 donated to Peoria Public Schools District 150 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for t-shirts for orchestra students for the Mark Wood Concert by Peoria Symphony Guild

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REVENUE	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$38,481.22		\$731,944.47	\$770,425.69
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$196,959.25	\$196,959.25
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$6,868.81	\$6,868.81
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$212,578.57	\$212,578.57
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$1,887.49	\$1,887.49
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$23,031.03	\$23,031.03
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$5,254.87	\$5,254.87
				\$1,178,524.49	\$1,217,005.71

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE - Moved by Spangler, seconded by Stowell approval of the following Request to Purchase.

Change order No. 1 Manual High School Corridor Doors, requested by David A. Ryon – Purpose: provide additional material to facilitate existing raceway conditions at the ceilings of the hallways. Move door location, provide panic device hardware or existing stairway doors.

Original Contract Amount	\$ 56,266.00
Increase Change Order #1	<u>3,213.45</u>
	\$ 59,479.45

Final change order for Knoxville Center for Student Success:

1. Extra cost for unanticipated existing concrete floor preparation (due to unevenness of existing floor)	\$ 5,693.93
2. Exterior signage, (both large signage on masonry wall and Small signage at each of two double doors)	\$ 4,863.10
3. Addition of rain drips at both pairs of vestibule doors	\$ 210.00
4. New in-ground lighting for new large wall-mounted sign	<u>\$ 1,512.50</u>
TOTAL	\$ 12,279.63

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Repair of Boiler at Roosevelt - Request for bid was sent to nine (9) vendors. One returned "no bid". Two vendors returned bids:

Jarvis Welding	\$42,920.00
Ruyle Corporation	\$48,560.00

The above bids were opened on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 1:30 pm by Debbie Sullivan, Pat Carrigan and Debbie Brown. It is recommended to award the lowest bid in the amount of \$42,920.00 to Jarvis Welding. This bid will be charged to Buildings & Grounds.

Lobby Partitioning for Jr. High and 9th grade Academies at Manual - Request for bid was sent by Lontai Design to two (2) vendors. Bids were returned:

Rump Construction	\$22,077.00
Peoria Construction	\$22,850.00

The above bids were opened on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 1:30 pm by Debbie Sullivan, Debbie Brown and Bruce Witzig. It is recommended to award the lowest bid in the amount of \$22,077.00 to Rump Construction. This bid will be charged to Buildings & Grounds.

Manual Campus Facility Site Improvements - Request for bid was sent by Edward J. Barry to eight (8) vendors. Four vendors returned bids:

	<u>Base bid</u>	<u>Alternate bid</u>
Wm. Aupperle	\$239,397.00	\$50,107.00
R. A. Cullinan	\$241,764.31	\$45,300.92
N. E. Finch	\$321,000.00	\$56,000.00
Illinois Civil Contractors	\$259,006.55	\$37,979.05

The above bids were opened on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 1:30 pm by Debbie Sullivan, Debbie Brown and Dave Ryon. It is recommended to include the alternate bid and award the lowest combined bid in the amount of \$287,065.23 to R. A. Cullinan. This bid will be charged to Transportation.

School Buses - Request for bid was sent to three (3) vendors. Two vendors returned bids:

Central States Bus Sales	\$65,372.00 per unit less trade-in
Midwest Bus Sales	\$80,461.43 per unit less trade-in

The above bids were opened on Thursday, July 31, 2008, at 1:30 pm by Julie Cramer, Debbie Brown and Mike Sullivan. It is recommended to award the lowest bid in the amount of \$65,372.00 per unit for 19 units (\$1,242,068) to Central States Bus Sales. This bid will be charged to Transportation.

Major Medical Insurance, prescription drugs, COBRA notification and FLEX Benefit administration for January 1, 2009 thru December 31, 2009 for all employees with the exception of those covered by the Maintenance agreement and Administrators, including those that are off schedule.

Bids were sent to ten (10) vendors. Five vendors returned bids. The bids were opened on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 by Geri Hammer and Debbie Brown.

Modified A	BCBS	Humana	Personal Care	UHCRV	Health Alliance
EE Rate	\$404.74	\$414.75	\$476.72	\$475.24	\$477.00
ES Rate	\$807.65	\$827.62	\$951.29	\$963.26	\$951.00
EC Rate	\$727.08	\$745.05	\$856.37	\$865.67	\$856.00
Family Rate	\$1,089.72	\$1,116.68	\$1,283.51	\$1,304.92	\$1,284.00
Total Premium	\$982,969.79	\$1,007,281.75	\$1,157,779.07	\$1,170,352.79	\$1,158,027.00
Annual Premium	\$11,795,637.48	\$12,087,381.00	\$13,893,348.84	\$14,044,233.48	\$13,896,324.00

Mr. Cahill noted that the insurance committee met several times to review the bids. They are in agreement that the bid be awarded to Humana. He also noted that for the second year of the Humana bid the maximum increase will not exceed 8%.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

### Certified Personnel

#### Appointments

##### Speech Pathologist – Full Time

Venegoni, Mary 10-07-08

##### Teachers – Full Time

Bielenberg, Jane 10-07-08

Gasford, Tad 10-06-08

LaBounty, Susanne 10-07-08

##### Teachers – Part Time

Bauman, Christine 09-23-08

Coates, Nichole 10-07-08

Long, Carolyn 10-06-08

##### Leave of Absence - Parental

##### Teacher – Full Time

Russell, Kristie 11-17-08 – 06-04-09

#### Resignations

##### Administrators

Culbertson, Janet (JB) 10-31-08

##### Teachers – Full Time

Owens-Mooney, Constance 10-03-08

Walker, Rhoda 09-19-08

### Non-Certified Personnel

#### Appointments

##### Accompanist – Part Time

Price, Anna 09-08-08

##### Cafeteria – Part Time

Priest, Carla 09-05-08

Simons, Linda 10-06-08

##### Clerical – Full Time

Buckley, Lauri 10-07-08

Colwell, Phyllis 10-07-08

Guse, Sarah 09-23-08

Munstedt, Lisa 09-15-08

Peterson, Teresa 10-07-08

##### Clerical – Part Time

Nofsinger, Sharlena 10-07-08

Schlafley, Bridget 10-07-08

##### Clerical – Part Time – Two Hour Helper

Brown, Felicha 10-07-08

##### Custodian – Full Time

Shumate, Cedric 10-07-08

##### Extended School Program – Part Time

Cornish, Kayla 10-07-08

Seckler, Brian 09-01-08

##### Early Childhood Program – Part Time

Baskin-Ingram, Ruth 08-26-08

Fulton, Jody 08-27-08

Hardimon, Michelle	08-29-08
Messmore, Jane	09-01-08
Roberts, Marsha	09-08-08
Schmidgall, Libby	09-15-08
<u>Health Nurse Technician – Full Time</u>	
Schwartz, Wendy	10-07-08
<u>JROTC – Full Time</u>	
Ortwig, Chris	10-07-08
<u>Paraprofessionals – Full Time</u>	
Hines, Diane	10-07-08
Wolter, Gloria	10-07-08
<u>Student Workers – Part Time</u>	
Binion Josiah	09-08-08
Burnside, James	09-30-08
Campbell, Kaili	09-08-08
Dunigan, Jamel	09-23-08
Hedge, Tanisha	09-30-08
May, Angela	09-03-08
Montford, Maurice	09-17-08
Jackson, Moriah	09-30-08
Jones, Shaquilla	09-30-08
Risby, Devauntez	09-30-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Harris, Maurice	09-12-08
Williams, Cleveland	10-07-08
<u>Tutors – Part Time</u>	
Kaufman, Clair	10-01-08
Shadid, Jane	10-01-08
Todd, Kim	10-01-08
<u>Leave of Absence – Military</u>	
<u>Security – Full Time</u>	
Meridian, Paul	90 Days
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Administrative</u>	
Davis, Charles	10-10-08
<u>Cafeteria – Part Time</u>	
Cotton, Veronica	06-30-08
Messmore, Jane	09-24-08
<u>Clerical – Full Time</u>	
Crowley, Pennie	09-26-08
Jackson-Casey, Jennifer	09-25-08
<u>Co-Op Tutor – Part Time</u>	
Betz, Michelle	06-30-08
Burmeister, Jennifer	06-30-08
Canino, Sarah	06-30-08
Davis, Catherine	06-30-08
Fountain, Denise	06-30-08
<u>Paraprofessionals – Full Time</u>	
DeSoto, Kari	10-02-08
<u>Student Workers – Part Time</u>	
Johnson, Ashley	09-25-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Beneventi, Ruth	05-30-08

Carey, Rashonda	09-26-08
Foster, Gail	08-25-08
Gibson, Martha	09-23-08
Griffin, Sandra	08-25-08
Land, Roger	05-30-08
Lemon, Shameika	08-22-08
Miller, Patrina	05-30-08
Moushon, Gary	08-29-08
Slaughter, Patricia	08-25-08
Sutton-Turner, Rosalie	09-26-08
Wells, Tracie	07-30-08

RetirementBuilding and Grounds

Thornton, Roger	06-30-09
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Return from Leave of AbsenceOccupational Therapist Assistant – Full Time

Stimeling, Joni	09-15-08
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TerminationsCafeteria – Part Time

Eichhorn, Linda	07-31-08
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**Substitutes**CertifiedAppointmentsSubstitute Teachers

Armmer, Mavis	09-17-08
Bailey, Ericka	09-17-08
Beeman, Lori	10-01-08
Brija, James	09-24-08
Esarey, Kate	09-18-08
Foote, Gretchen	09-26-08
Jackson, David	09-24-08
Jones, Brent	09-29-08
Jones, Brett	09-29-08
Juerjens, Sarah	09-17-08
Krampitz, Cindi	09-17-08
Livingston, Tammy	09-18-08
Lyles, Telekia	09-24-08
Mayo, Susan	09-18-08
McLemore, Calvin	09-23-08
Olson, Michael	09-23-08
Pogioli, Giordan	09-18-08
Pringle, Torri	09-18-08
Ross, Kaliph	09-30-08
Schultz, Thomas	09-16-08
Smith, Vernon	09-18-08
Sparling, Skip	09-25-08
Sullivan, Jessica	09-24-08
Tuerk, Rose	09-17-08
Vanderburg, Jody	09-29-08
Walther, Molly	09-18-08
Wells, Tyishia	09-18-08

ResignationsSubstitute Teachers

Bouris, Kelly	09-25-08
Graves, Rita	09-17-08
Sparling, Ralph	09-17-08

Non-CertifiedAppointmentsCafeteria

Albright, Lisa	09-16-08
Black, Linda	09-01-08
Flemming, Jenell	09-29-08
Gerlach, Lynn	09-22-08
Gibson, Martha	09-21-08
Nelson, Angela Jo	09-22-08
Phipps, Juanita	09-26-08
Tracy, Shenice	09-09-08

Child Care Provider

Brooks-Miller, Audrey	09-18-08
Cornish, Tristyn	09-18-08

Clerical

Fidler, Marni	09-17-08
Welch-Farrell, Jennifer	09-17-08

Health Nurse Technician

Wells, Tyishia	09-24-08
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Job Coach

Smith, Christi Jo	09-02-08
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Paraprofessional

Brooks-Miller, Audrey	09-18-08
Holley, Beverly	09-24-08
Lambert, Mary	09-17-08
McKenzie, Cynthia	09-25-08
Riebel, Jenny	09-25-08
Shelby, Yolanda	09-16-08
Welch-Farrell, Jennifer	09-17-08

Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants

Braison, Alicia	09-17-08
Brooks-Miller, Audrey	09-23-08
Broussard, Tranessa	09-23-08
Burch, Shawnese	09-29-08
Jackson, Ayanna	09-26-08
Mason, Latoria	10-01-08
Pickett, Amber	09-17-08
Polk, Kanisha	09-24-08
Schwab, Antoinette	09-24-08
Smith, Sherika	09-29-08
Woods, Archie	09-24-08

ResignationsClerical

Arvizu, Lisa	09-25-08
Bailey, Nilija	09-25-08
Bell, Sheri	09-25-08
Burch, Angela	09-25-08
Cagle, Letha	09-25-08



Eisfelder, Audrey	09-25-08
Hagaman, Pamela	09-25-08
Johnson, Ashley	09-25-08
Robinson, Katrina	09-25-08
Snyder, Samantha	09-25-08
Svymbersky, Melissa	09-25-08
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Miller, Patrina	09-25-08
Rolan, Cynthia	09-22-08
<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	
Bouris, Kelly	09-25-08
Szilveszter, Lindsay	09-17-08
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Johnson, Ashley	09-25-08
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Allred, Arvey	09-05-08
Pannell, Annette	09-26-08
Watkins, Felicia	09-05-08

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Spangler, seconded by Stowell 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.

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education authorize the Title 1 Director to enter into contracts with the following Supplemental Education Service Providers as required by ISBE. Babbage Net School, Brilliance Academy, Inc., Consortium for Educational Change, Homework Mastery Center, JRM Educational Systems, d/b/a Sylvan Learning, Prime Time Computers Services, Inc.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION PEORIA REPRESENTATIVE – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Stowell that Representative David R. Leitch be appointed as a Commissioner of the Public Building Commission of Peoria on behalf of the School District for the term commencing on October 1, 2008 and ending on September 30, 2013.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY RESOLUTION – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Stowell that the Health/Life Safety Emergency Resolution be approved.

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. 10 dated October 6, 2008 be approved as amended.

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

Expulsions – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Expulsions listed on the report dated October 6, 2008 be approved as presented.

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

FIRST READING FOR CHANGES TO BOARD POLICY 7:165 – SCHOOL UNIFORMS – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Spangler that the first reading for changes to Policy 7:165 – School Uniforms be approved.

Mrs. Spangler stated that currently 13 primary and middle schools have uniforms. She noted that she would be happy to share the research she has compiled (contact the Board Secretary for more information), but as with so many other initiatives, they are not done in isolation and you cannot pinpoint that uniforms made a difference. She noted that with the mobility the district faces, having a district wide policy would be beneficial to parents. The Parent Advisory Committee will work with administration to develop the best plan.

Mrs. Butler asked about the time frame for implementation. Mrs. Spangler noted that would be covered in Administrative Procedure and her hope that schools would have a supply of extra uniforms.

Mrs. Parker noted that she spoke as a former PTO president and parent when uniforms were initiated at her child's school. At first her family was not in favor, but as time went on she changed her mind because of the difference the uniforms made. She feels it would be beneficial to have uniforms as a district wide policy.

Mrs. Ross stated that she has been talking about uniforms for a long time. She feels that uniforms will cut down on the competition among students. Parents have told her that they like uniforms because it saves money. She does not want uniforms to add to administrative responsibilities but feels that if the culture is set up properly that parents and students will respond and there will be less problems with students coming to schools without uniforms.

Mr. Stowell stated that this is an exciting time for our community with the new facilities being built and new educational opportunities and the chance to get kids involved in the opportunities. He does not want this initiative to be punitive to parents and feels it will help parents that are struggling. He feels it will also enhance the learning environment because kids will not be worried about what they are wearing. He stated that this will help carry the message that we expect parents to have students ready to learn and that we are willing to help.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer reported that in talking with principals and teachers she has heard how uniforms have helped with safety, who should be in the buildings and who shouldn't. She would also like to see the district move toward a dress code for the high schools. She would appreciate any feedback.

Dr. Gorenz noted that this is the first reading for changes and the final will come for a vote at the next Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Spangler addressed the dress code for high schools, currently each high school has a different dress code. Mrs. Spangler would like administration to update the dress code for approval district wide.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COORDINATION COUNCIL FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS EMPLOYEES AND DISTRICT 150. Moved by Parker, seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Contract between the Board of Education, City of Peoria School District 150 and The Coordinating Council for Maintenance and Operations Employees covering the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2013 be approved and the President is authorized to execute the contract document.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Board member Spangler left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

1. **GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – UPDATE ON HIGH SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING** – Dr. Hannah introduced Dr. Sally Weber from 2 Rivers and Mary McDonald from the Consortium for Educational Change (CEC) who have worked and provided valuable resources in working with three middle schools that are undergoing restructuring. Now the CEC and 2 Rivers are providing leadership and support to high schools in their restructuring effort.

Dr. Weber noted that RESPRO, the funded portion of the No Child Left Behind Program, has been working with our schools for the past six years in the student achievement process. The middle schools that were being restructured have completed a self assessment. Their leadership teams met together and then did self assessment in each building. The middle schools decided that they needed help with the standards aligned classrooms project. Dr. Weber reported that 230 English and Math teachers attended standards aligned classroom training. The same process will occur in the high schools being restructured.

Mary McDonald from CEC will be assisting with the self assessment at Peoria and Woodruff High Schools. She discussed what that assessment process will look like at those high schools. The assessment will look at “how the parts are doing in the whole.” They will look at seven components including the shared leadership concept – how the decisions made by the leadership affect the whole school. They will also look at strategic planning – how they will be putting together a strategic plan that will touch the classrooms and the students. Also addressed will be the role of parents and community members. Another section will include data assessment; data will be collected, analyzed and used to make decisions on student achievement and professional development - what support to staff members need. Finally they will look at how the staff is using assessment to monitor progress. A report should be ready by the end of November that will outline what supports need to be provided. An executive summary will be provided to Board members.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> Patrick Dolan will be here to work with the personnel.

Mr. Hinton stated that the CEC will be working with the District on the Charter School initiative. They are sponsoring the trip to Los Angeles and the visit to the Green Dot Schools.

**NEW 7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM** – Director of Teaching and Learning Susan Grzanich, Jan Leonard from 2 Rivers, Kathy Burke, Reading Coordinator and English Department Chairs Tracy Riebel and Carol Maier spoke to the proposed new curriculum. Mrs. Burke reported that the committee of 14 teachers joined the vertical team last December to work on the process for a new curriculum. The goal was to devise a streamlined 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum that is based on the Illinois Learning Standards and eliminate gaps and duplications in the curriculum. This curriculum is designed to be a “map” that is constantly discussed at grade level meetings and continually revised. They noted that the curriculum is still a “work in progress” with essay requirements, course requirements, resources, vocabulary lists and content sequencing still being worked on. Also still to be developed is the curriculum for IB and AP courses and those assessments. The curriculum will be presented to teachers as soon as it receives Board approval. Teachers will then provide feedback to the team. Vertical teams will meet monthly and grade level teams will meet quarterly to provide feedback.

**Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500** – Mr. Cahill presented this report for the Board's review. Questions were asked and answered regarding the report.

2. **GOAL 3 – QUALITY STAFF**
3. **GOAL 4 – SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENTS**

4. 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
09/03/08	Patricia Schmidt & Tammy Williams	filled
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09/04/08	Sharon Crews	pending
09/08/08	Trewyn teachers	filled
09/08/08	Trewyn teachers	filled
09/08/08	Trewyn teachers	filled
09/22/08	Sharon Crews	filled
10/02/08	Debbie Chavez	pending

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS** – Dr. Gorenz asked for input on the two discussion periods for public comment at the beginning of the meeting. He asked if there was any point in having the two discussion periods – or should they be merged together. Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that there are two at the beginning because one was moved from the end of the meeting to allow the community to speak to action items before the vote. Mrs. Wolfmeyer did not feel it was necessary to have two separate times at the beginning, but did not want to limit the time for discussion or take time away. Mrs. Ross noted that if there is one speaking time the community would only be allowed five minutes, not ten. Mr. Hinton noted that many boards across the state offer one comment time. Mrs. Butler emphasized that the community is asking to be involved and we need to have an appropriate time to hear from them and she would not favor cutting anything out. Dr. Gorenz stated that with no consensus, there is no need to take the issue to the policy committee. Attorney Walvoord noted that finding out how many people speak at meetings, how many are “regulars”, would give the Board an indication of the community involvement. Mrs. Parker suggested that all those interested in speaking have an opportunity before someone could speak twice. Mr. Hinton suggested a “trial period” before changing the policy. Dr. Gorenz stated his view is that when the Board is getting input from the community on issues that affect the teachers, students and parents the time is extended and he does not think having one speaking time would limit the community’s time. He asked if there was value to having two separate times. He asked that we look at the speakers and discuss the issue further.

Dr. Gorenz stated that there have been changes within the Edison organization, and he is directing administration to look into our relationship going forward with that organization. He would like a report back.

Mr. Stowell noted that the enrollment at Trewyn Middle School fell by 70 students and asked how that decline played into the staffing decision. Mr. Hinton reported that he did have the opportunity to speak this evening with the Trewyn Middle School teachers after their presentation and they did talk about the promise that no changes would be made to the staff. He stated that when he talked with them it was the “assumption” that no changes would be made.

Mrs. Parker asked about the Food Services re-bid. Dr. Gorenz noted that would be on the next Committee of the Whole agenda. Mr. Cahill reported that students and parents are being surveyed on their satisfaction with food services and the results will come to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz  
Board President

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