

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
October 20, 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, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board Member Ross was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting October 6, 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 5:30 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, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Mrs. Ross attended by telephone joining the group at 6:45 p.m.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2008

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dr. Gorenz announced that Item #7 Approval of Contract for Consulting Work was being pulled. Board Member Parker announced that the "Trot of Tots" race will be November, 28 before the Santa Claus Parade. Proceeds will go to the Toys for Tots Campaign.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION –. Cast members from the Woodruff High School Fall Musical, "Bye Bye Birdie" performed. The musical will be presented at the high school on November 5 & 6.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley spoke to the action item on school uniforms. He would like to add high schools.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Vicki Birdwell, 1507 W. Margaret, stated her concern about the behavior of students and staff at Peoria High School. She also stated her concern regarding the staff at Sterling Middle School.

Jessica Shorty, stated that she has two students at Peoria High School and asked that safety and security of the students at the school be addressed.

Jeff Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, stated that administration and teachers are sick of the fights in the schools. He does feel that only a small number of students are causing the problems – the vast majority of students do not want the fighting. He feels that an alternative school should be established.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., stated that he feels that in order to prevent FOIAs to the District, the District needs to let the public know what is happening. He stated that staff could have looked at charter schools in Illinois instead of an out of state trip. He also stated that it is important for everyone to be aware that control of charter schools comes from their own board not the local school board.

Jessica Deweese and Dennis Couri, Bradley University students, spoke to their efforts to educate students on the importance of voting and the event they will be holding on October 23, 2008.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, asked that the Board seriously listen to the things that Mr. Knapp highlighted. He feels the Board needs to inform the public more on what they are doing.

Nakita Thomas, 748 E. Arcadia, graduate of Woodruff High School and currently a senior in a nursing program, spoke to the need for teachers and staff to lift up the students and give them positive encouragement and praise.

CONSENT AGENDA –

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$100.00, donated to Calvin Coolidge Middle School by John Leachman

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$27.00, donated to Hines Primary School by Matt & Dena Kaag

Robert Jamieson School received the following donations in support of homecoming activities

\$100.00 donated by Bob and Rosemary Manning

\$100.00 donated by Commercial Irrigation & Turn, Dan and Angie Aeschliman

\$100.00 donated by Bob Manning

\$100.00 donated by Jim Manning

\$25.00 donated by Paul Manning

\$175.00 donated by Linda Manning

Walker, valued by the donor at \$150.00, donated to Robert Jamieson School by Jennifer Lee

Treadmill, valued by the donor at \$200.00, donated to Robert Jamieson School by Pam Dowds

Snare drum with stand, valued by the donor at \$150.00, donated to Lindbergh Middle School by Tara Flippen

\$640.00 to be used as attendance incentives, donated to Peoria Alternative High School by Peoria North Rotary

Lawn tractor, valued by the donor at \$1,000.00 donated to Peoria High School by Mike Olson & Family

Bust of Thomas Jefferson, valued by the donor at \$655.95, donated to Thomas Jefferson Primary School by William F. Hardin

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$10.00, donated to Von Steuben Middle School by Andrew Rosinski

\$1,124.78 in cash and school and classroom supplies donated to Von Steuben Middle School by Central School in Washington, IL

School and office supplies, valued by the donor at \$27.00, donated to Von Steuben Middle School by Matt & Dena Kaag

Washington Gifted School received the following donations in support of the school fundraiser

\$40.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Morrical

\$100.00 donated by Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Elwood

\$25.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McConnaughay

\$50.00 donated by Ms. Lestari Meier

\$50.00 donated by Mrs. Jeanne King

\$500.00 donated by Dr. Eric Elwood

\$25.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schwindenhammer

\$45.00 donated by Laura Baker

\$30.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Salim Salim

\$25.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Griffith

\$400.00 for ear molds, hearing aid batteries and classroom supplies, donated to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program and Woodrow Wilson Primary School by the Optimist Club of Peoria.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REVEN	EXPENSI	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$14,889.65		\$322,075.39	\$336,965.04
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$53,035.92	\$53,035.92
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$181,817.89	\$181,817.89
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$82,825.40	\$82,825.40
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$123,467.95	\$123,467.95
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$104.85	\$104.85
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$8,046.71	\$8,046.71
				\$771,374.11	\$786,263.76

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker approval of the following bids.

Glen Oak School Site Demolition - Request for bid was sent to six (6) vendors by Farnsworth Group. One returned "no bid"; two vendors were unable to get bonding; two vendors were subcontractors. The only successful vendor is capable of this work and bid as follows:

Otto Baum	\$485,000
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The above bids were opened on Tuesday, Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 10:00 am by Debbie Sullivan, Debbie Brown and Dave Ryon. It is recommended to award the bid in the amount of \$485,000.00 to Otto Baum. This bid will be charged to Buildings & Grounds.

Asbestos Abatement for Glen Oak School Site Demolition - Request for bid was sent to ten (10) vendors by MACTEC. Two bids were incomplete and rejected. Six vendors returned bids as follows:

Champion Environmental	\$120,000.00
Holian Industries	\$ 93,500.00
M&O Environmental	\$ 93,400.00
KAM Services	\$ 88,694.00
Luse Companies	\$ 61,400.00
Midwest Asbestos	\$ 88,800.00

The above bids were opened on Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 10:00 am by Julie Cramer, Debbie Brown and Dave Ryon. It is recommended to award the bid in the amount of \$61,400.00 to Luse Companies. This bid will be charged to Buildings & Grounds.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Certified Personnel

Appointments

Teachers – Full Time

Goessman, Douglas	10-21-08
Grecksch, Megan	10-21-08
Henry, Sherri	10-07-08
Hill, Tammara	10-16-08
Miller, Sherilyn	10-14-08

Teachers – Part Time

Armstrong, Jamie	10-16-08
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Honorable Dismissals to Reinstatement – Teachers Part Time

Speck, Anne	09-15-08
Van Houten, Marie	09-18-08

Tutors - Hourly

Adams, Carol	10-15-08
Bussone, Sheila	10-01-08
Cagle, Judy	10-01-08
Connelley, Caitlin	10-01-08
Friedman, Judith	10-01-08
Gordon, Gail	10-01-08
Keple, Louise	10-01-08
Kinas, Aundrea	10-01-08
Nordsiek, Jan	10-15-08
Risk, Richard	10-17-08
Scott, Patty	10-15-08
Smith, Sharon	10-01-08
Tillman, Izola	10-01-08
Timmes, Val	10-01-08
Trush, Karen	10-20-08
Ziegler, Amy	10-01-08

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Cafeteria – Part Time

Edwards, Rosalie	10-03-08
Jackson, Angela	10-03-08
Sturdivant, Patricia	10-03-08

Clerical – Full Time

Kester, Tabitha	10-20-08
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Clerical – Part Time

Brown, Felicia	10-07-08
Schlafley, Bridget	09-29-08

Crossing Guard – Part Time

McDonald, James	10-10-08
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Custodian – Full Time

Carlson, Donald	10-21-08
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Extended School Program – Part Time

Cornish, Kayla	10-06-08
Mahan, Kelly	10-01-08

Paraprofessionals – Full Time

Howard, Sherri	10-20-08
Wolters, Gloria	10-03-08

Student Workers – Part Time

Alexander, Laquan	10-07-08
Bratcher, Zachary	10-07-08
Gordon, Kimberly	10-07-08
Knollenberg, Amanda	10-06-08
Miller, Laquita	10-06-08
Morris, Courtney	10-06-08
Olin, Christopher	10-15-08
Lilly, Jerome	10-09-08
Rand, Manuel	10-10-08
Vincent, Darin	10-14-08
Young, Shaniqua	10-10-08
Zavala, Valerie	10-15-08

Transportation – Part Time

Allen, Justin	09-24-08
Cline, Timothy	09-24-08
Drain, Juliette	09-23-08
Jackson, Sirena	10-08-08
Mansfield, Joseph	09-29-08
Malone, Kiera	
Ortega, Arthur	09-23-08
Jackson, Stephanie	09-26-08
Kirby, Virgil	09-18-08
McCraney, Larry	09-29-08
Rutherford, Tiffany	09-22-08

ResignationsCustodian – Full Time

Moore, Larry	09-24-08
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Transportation – Part Time

Alexander, Demetra	09-05-08
Alexander, Sequoia	09-08-08
Bentley, Kimberly	05-30-08
Brandscumb, Dershonda	09-18-08
Brown, Loretta	05-30-08
Carpenter, Catrina	05-30-08
Cassidy, Pamela	08-13-08
Gaston, Lattina	06-25-08
Gatlin, Collette	05-30-08
Kaczmarek, Mary	09-30-08
Lawrence, Trina	05-30-08
LeNard, Latoya	09-05-08
Mallett, Martresse	06-06-08
Mayfield, LaShante	05-30-08
Mortimer, Kim	08-20-08
Newsom, Deloris	05-30-08
Prieto, Jessica	10-03-08
Riley, Jennifer	06-18-08
Rice, Carolyn	05-30-08
Risby, Charles	05-30-08
Roberts, Sarah	07-17-08

Scott, Rona	09-05-08
Shinkle, Anita	05-30-08
Shinkle, James Sr.	05-30-08
Smith, Dominic	05-30-08
Trowbridge, Kevin	09-05-08
Tubbs, Brenda	09-05-08

TerminationsStudent Workers – Part Time

Hodge, Tanisha	10-03-08
Jones, Shaquilla	10-03-08
Knollenberg, Amanda	10-06-08

Transportation – Part Time

Daugherty, Judith	08-20-08
Dismukes, Annie	09-05-08

SubstitutesCertifiedAppointmentsSubstitute Teachers

Beiersdorf, Paul	10-08-08
Brigham, Melissa	10-02-08
Gray, James	10-10-08
Harris, Donna	10-02-08
Henry, Sherri	10-09-08
Mischley, Brittney	10-14-08
Ross, Jamiya	10-02-08
Rutledge, Ryan	10-02-08

ResignationsSubstitute Teachers

Delinski, Judith	10-02-08
Hill, Tammara	10-08-08
Juerjens, Sarah	10-07-08
Matson, Danielle	10-10-08

Non-CertifiedAppointmentsCafeteria

Davis, Lakisha	10-08-08
Harris-Smith, Edie	10-14-08
Lewis, Hannahneen Y	10-15-08
Scott, Betty	10-06-08
Stenson, Kendrick	10-10-08
Young, Alonzo	10-14-08

Clerical

Krumholz, Michelle	10-09-08
Robinson, Jennifer	10-10-08

Health Nurse Technician

Harris, Barbara	10-06-08
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Job Coach

Boyd, Mary Ann	10-06-08
Young, Nasali	10-06-08

Paraprofessional

Contreras, Shelly	10-10-08
Jackson, Jenise	10-09-08

Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants

Armstrong, Kevin	10-14-08
Bailey, Scedric	10-15-08
Brown, Lamont	10-15-08
Burse, Paul	10-15-08
Carter, Shamese	10-06-08
Ellis, April	10-15-08
Fisher, Latoshia	10-03-08
Gaston, Rashida	10-09-08
Gillespie, Thomas	10-15-08
Johnson, Ketrina	10-15-08
King, Terry	10-15-08
Lowe, Shaleea	10-09-08
McCall, Bradford	10-15-08
Moore, Mark	10-15-08
Neal, Shunitha	10-15-08
Pickens, Cardell	10-15-08
Russell, Maurice	09-24-08
Todd, Nichelle	10-15-08
Walters, Chauncy	10-15-08
Williams, Edd	10-15-08
Williams, Shatika	10-10-08
Wilson, Donald	10-15-08

Resignations

Cafeteria

Konjit, Franklin	10-07-08
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Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants

Alexander, Brion	10-08-08
Bailey, Katina	10-08-08
Jackson, Tanisha	10-09-08
Slaughter, Julian	10-08-08

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Wolfmeyer, 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.

AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S HOME - Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the administration be authorized to enter into a contractual agreement with Children's Home to provide mental health counseling services to our students.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CONTRACT FOR NURSING SERVICES – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the administration be authorized to enter into a contract with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide one-on-one nursing services for a student with significant disabilities.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION - Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education adopt the resolution calling public hearings concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150,

Peoria County, Illinois, to enter into proposed Lease Agreements with the Public Building Commission of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois and to comply with the public notice requirements of the Illinois Bond Issue Notification Act.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

NATURAL GAS CONTRACT - Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education extend for an additional one year period the contract with ProLiance Energy for the provisioning of natural gas first authorized December 20, 2004.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

2008 – 2009 SALARIES FOR BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS - Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve that all principals will receive a 2% salary increase effective July 1, 2008, except those whose salaries were already set for the 2008-2009 school year.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CONTRACTS – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education authorize the Director of Title 1 to enter into a contract with the following Supplemental Educational Service Provider as required by ISBE: A+ Tutoring Service, Ltd.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA - .

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Wolfmeyer seconded by Spangler that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 3 dated October 20, 2008 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Butler, Spangler, Stowell, Wolfmeyer, Gorenz
2 abstentions. Parker, Ross. Motion carried.

CHANGE TO BOARD POLICY 7:165 – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that the changes to Board Policy 7:165 – Students - School Uniforms – be approved as presented.

Students - School Uniforms

As part of our safety program and to ensure a culture of excellence, all primary and middle schools in the School District will enforce a mandatory school uniform policy by School Year 2009-2010. Mandatory school uniforms shall not apply to the Adult Education Program or the Evening School Program. The purpose of this policy is to provide additional opportunities for increased school safety, to minimize disruption, to easily identify trespassers on campuses, and to promote improvement in student behavior. School uniforms also help students to experience a greater sense of school identity and belonging, along with promoting academic excellence.

Students may wear attire that is part of the student's religious practice and may wear the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization such as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts on regular meeting days. The School District shall accommodate the needs or otherwise provide appropriate resources to assist a student from an indigent family in complying with this school uniform policy.

No student shall be denied attendance at school, penalized or otherwise subjected to compliance measures for failing to wear a uniform by reason of:

1. Insufficient time in which to comply with this policy;

2. Objection by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) on religious grounds to the student's compliance with this policy, if they have provided the Board with a signed statement of objection detailing the grounds for the objection.

The Superintendent or his designee shall prepare an Administrative Procedure implementing the mandatory school uniform policy, which shall include the requirement and exceptions as provided in the School code.

LEGAL REF: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b.

Tinker v. Des Moines Independent School District, 89 S.Ct. 7 (1969).

CROSS REF: 7:160 (Student Appearance), 7:190 (Student Discipline)

ADOPTED: July 18, 2005

REVISED: October 20, 2008

Policy Committee chairperson Spangler presented background information on uniforms in District 150. She noted that Harrison Primary School started the uniform pilot over ten years ago and is has grown to 14 schools. She stated that it is time for the Board to now decide if the pilot was successful. She also noted that the Board began discussions on uniforms last spring. She would be happy if a high school would like to pilot uniforms.

Board member Parker would like to see the district have one "across the board" uniform that would be acceptable at all District schools.

Board member Stowell asked the Board if they felt the vote should be postponed so that the PTO's in the schools would have a chance to meet and be heard from. He stated his concern that the Board of Education has communicated this change as effectively as they can.

Superintendent Hinton reported that the administration is ready to move forward.

Board member Ross stated that the Board of Education has been talking about uniforms for a number of years. She feels the Board needs to adopt this policy and then continue with the education on the policy. She feels that if the parents and students are involved in the process of choosing colors, etc. for a school they will have more ownership and pride in the uniforms.

Board Member Wolfmeyer agreed with Mrs. Ross that the policy needs to be passed so the administration and Parent Teacher Advisory committee can work on the administrative procedure. She feels this policy will help with the identification of students in the schools, help students with peer pressure and help ease the cost of purchasing school clothing. She also agrees that the uniform policy needs to be in the high schools and hopes that at least the dress code will be addressed.

Board member Butler noted that Mrs. Spangler has done a lot of research and work on this issue. She feels that everything has been explored and administration is ready to move forward.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CHANGE TO BOARD POLICY 4:60 – Operational Services, Purchases – Mr. Cahill presented that effective October 3, 2008 the law changed the on the threshold school districts must use the competitive bidding process before approving business contracts. Board member Wolfmeyer asked that the report to Board members on purchase orders over \$2,500 not be changed to \$5,000. Discussion was held.

Moved by Parker, seconded by Wolfmeyer, that the Policy 4:60 be amended to change the Report on PO's to the board back to \$2,500.00

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that the first reading for changes to Board Policy 4:60 be approved as amended.

Operational Services, Purchases

Adoption of the annual budget authorizes the Comptroller-Treasurer or designee to purchase budgeted supplies, equipment, and services. Purchases of items not included in the budget require prior Board of Education approval, except in an emergency.

All contracts for supplies, materials, or work involving an expenditure in excess of ~~\$10,000~~ \$25,000 shall be made in accordance with the State law bidding procedure, unless specifically exempted. Sealed, competitive bidding, with certain statutory exceptions, is required. The Superintendent or designee shall prepare the necessary legal notices. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, considering conformity with specifications, delivery terms, quality, and serviceability. The Superintendent or designee shall report the results of the bidding to the Board of Education, together with a recommendation and supporting rationale. Contracts will be awarded by the Board of Education at an official meeting. Bid deposits of 10 percent of the bid amount, assuring good faith in bidding, and performance bonds to the extent of 100 percent of the contract amount, may be required.

Except in cases of urgent necessity, all purchases of ~~\$10,000~~ \$25,000 or less but more than ~~\$2,500~~ \$5,000 shall be made by securing sealed bids, written or oral quotations from at least three available competitors. In cases where this is not feasible, a written record shall be filed stating the reason for securing fewer than three bids or quotations. Bids and quotations secured in this manner shall be tabulated and submitted to the Board of Education for approval with recommendations from the administration.

At each Board of Education meeting, a report shall be submitted to the Board for its information, listing all purchase orders issued in excess of \$2500 for which bids or quotations were not obtained and the reason therefore.

Contracts for repair, maintenance, remodeling, renovation or construction or a single project involving an expenditure not to exceed \$50,000 and not involving a change or increase in the size, type or extend of an existing facility do not need to be submitted.

Illinois Human Rights Act - Every contract to which the school district is a party shall be conditioned upon the requirements that the supplier of the materials or services of the contractor and his subcontractors, and all labor organizations furnishing skilled, unskilled, and craft union skilled labor, or who may perform any such labor or services, as the case may be, shall not commit any civil rights violation as defined by the Human Rights Act of the State of Illinois (Ch. 68, 1-101) and Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. 2000e), and shall comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Clause promulgated by the Illinois Department of Human Rights. If federal funds are used for the purchase of any services or materials, then the contractor is also required to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. (29 U.S.C. §794), The Equal Pay Act (29 U.S.C. §206) and 18 U.S.C. §874.

The Superintendent shall develop procedures which will allow the purchase of good quality products and services at the lowest cost, with consideration for service, quality, equal opportunity and delivery promptness, and in compliance with State law.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21.

ADOPTED: July 18, 2005

REVISED: March 4, 2008 October 20, 2008

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM CHANGE FOR LANGUAGE ARTS – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler that the Board of Education approve the 7th-12th Grade English Language Arts Curriculum.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH COMMITTEE - Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that the Board of Education approve the appointment of the Community Superintendent Search Committee – Rita Ali, Glen Barton, McFarland Bragg, Carl Cannon, Andy Chiou, Linda Daley, John Erwin, Barbara Penelton, Jackie Petty, Debbie Ritschel.

Dr. Gorenz announced that with the retirement of Superintendent Hinton in July of 2010 the Board of Education has begun the process of searching for a new Superintendent. The Board of Education consensus was to establish a wide based community search committee to assist them. This committee would bring forward from two to six names for Board consideration. The Board of Education would be making the final decision.

Board member Wolfmeyer presented the time-line for the selection – in October the Board of Education will establish criteria for the new Superintendent for the committee to use in their search. A budget will be allocated to the committee and a staff member assigned to the committee. The committee will decide by January if they need a search firm to help with the process. In February screening of candidates would begin. By July background checks on candidates should be complete and the Board would make a decision by the end of August. The new Superintendent would begin full time on July 1, 2010, but there could be some transition days.

Dr. Gorenz noted that this committee brings members of the community together who have a wide variety of skills. He stressed that District 150 is one of the larger corporations in Peoria.

Mrs. Parker would like the board and committee to meet together before the process begins.

Mr. Stowell would like the committee to bring back four to six candidates. He also noted that the IASB Conference in November would be a great time to begin to let everyone know that we have an opening for Superintendent.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION FOR TRANSFERRING FUNDS – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler that the Board of Education adopt a resolution transferring interest income from the Debt Service Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund of City of Peoria, School District 150, Peoria County, Illinois.

Mr. Cahill reported that this transfer of funds had been planned for with the adoption of the 2008-2009 budget with the hope of lowering the amount the District would need to borrow. Currently the flow of monies received by the District has fallen off. Mr. Cahill is not ready to say that those monies will not be received, he feels they will be received, but not in a timely manner. Currently the District is \$5 million behind on revenues they expected to receive. He did note that this would be a one time transfer and that the accumulated funds come from at least 1997. Mr. Cahill stated that if the transfer is not made administration would need to identify drastic actions to be taken to the current budget to achieve the same result.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. **GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – Student Responsibility and Accountability** – Dr. Hannah reported that the committee had its first meeting on October 9, 2008. Members were asked to read the provided research. He noted that any recommendation will probably result in change to Board Policy. The implementation phase will occur in the 2009-2010 school year.
2. **Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - FINANCE REPORTS** – Mr. Cahill presented this report for the Board's information and review.

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
5. GOAL 5 – CULTURE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE
Report of Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests

Date	Requestor	Disposition
09/04/08	Sharon Crews	filled
10/02/08	Debbie Chavez	filled
10/15/08	Jeff Adkins-Dutro	pending
10/17/08	Karen Wales	filled
10/20/08	Jeff Adkins-Dutro	pending

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – Mrs. Wolfmeyer would like to have a discussion on whether the Board would like to make a priority program for those students that cannot function in a traditional setting. She would like to see this discussion at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mrs. Spangler asked that administration share the information they have on alternative schools. She noted that we currently have a model in the Knoxville Center for Student Success. Dr. Gorenz questioned what the financial impact would be and the legal implications if an alternative placement was not a voluntary placement.

Mrs. Parker asked for a report at a Committee of the Whole meeting on the recent trip to visit charter schools.

Mrs. Spangler asked for an update on the cost of having and wearing IDs for all high schools students and the cost for all students having and wearing IDs.

Mrs. Butler asked that the following topics be discussed at the next community forum: look at what is going on with fighting in the high schools, impact of the uniform implementation process.

ADJOURNMENT – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Spangler to adjourn. Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz
Board President