

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
November 17, 2008

The Board convened in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building at 4:35 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 arrived at 4:40 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Spangler to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting November 3, 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.

**LEASE AGREEMENT HEARING** – Dr. Gorenz called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. The hearing is required by the Public Building Commission Act of the State of Illinois, for public comment on proposed Leases to be entered into between the Public Building Commission of Peoria, as lessor, and the District, as lessee.

There were no speakers. Dr. Gorenz adjourned the hearing at 6:35 p.m.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION** – Heather Close, Peoria Journal Star NIE Coordinator, introduced the winners of the 24<sup>th</sup> annual NIE writing contest. Students represented grades 1-8 and the theme for this year was "If visitors were to come to my classroom for a day, this is what they would experience." Winners will have their stories printed in the Journal Star on Thanksgiving Day and ride in the float at the Santa Klaus Parade.

**MINUTES** – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 2008

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Board member Stowell congratulated Mr. Mike Barber, Irving Primary School Principal, for being selected to the "40 under 40" winners. He also recognized Kingman Primary School student TreaVion Baker for his leadership in the "Picking Up for Dream Team" project.

Board member Parker reminded all of the upcoming "Trot for Tots" race being held before the Santa Claus Parade. The proceeds will benefit the Toys for Tots program

Superintendent Hinton noted that November 15, 2008 was "National School Board Members Day" and recognized and thanked our Board members for their dedication to the District and the Peoria community.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS** – none

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – The following Thomas Jefferson Primary School teachers spoke for the teachers regarding their concerns with receiving their personal belongings from the school after the fire: Margaret Madalozzo, 1212 W. Cayman Cove, Julie Nelson, 2004 W. Ayres, Chris Rivan, 918 W. Florence Ave., and Kathleen Kilpatrick, 2116 S. Second Avenue, Morton, IL. Superintendent Hinton stated that he will meet with the teachers tomorrow morning.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. stated his concerns with Board members accompanying the CEC to visit a Green Dot School when the CEC will possibly apply for a charter with the District.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, agreed that the Thomas Jefferson Primary School teachers were treated shabbily when trying to retrieve their possessions.

#### CONSENT AGENDA –

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

School uniforms (shirts, pants, sweatshirts), valued by the donor at \$300.00, donated to Rolling Acres Edison by Ken and Theresa Johnson

\$25.00 to support fund raiser, donated to Washington Gifted by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Terry

\$25.00 to support fund raiser, donated to Washington Gifted by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Arvin

Dual Power Calculators, valued by the donor at \$130.00, donated to Trewyn Middle School by Mr. Dale May

Deskjet 682C Printer, valued by the donor at \$50.00, donated to Woodruff High School football by Andrew Symmonds

Brother Fax Machine, valued by the donor at \$150.00, donated to Woodruff High School by Andrew Symmonds

2 cars, valued by the donor at \$4,000, donated to Campus Police by the Peoria Police Department

\$200.00 donated to Hines Primary School by Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Laughlin

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV.	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$15,034.11		\$241,254.75	\$256,288.86
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$324,753.79	\$324,753.79
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$89,813.71	\$89,813.71
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$28,967.99	\$28,967.99
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$8,215.10	\$8,215.10
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$36,821.30	\$36,821.30
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$3,145.01	\$3,145.01
				<u>\$732,971.65</u>	<u>\$748,005.76</u>

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

#### Certified Personnel

##### Appointments

##### Tutors - Hourly

Coleman, Oszie	11-18-08
Edmonds, Wilma	11-18-08
Moulton, Joyce	11-10-08

Leave of Absence – Family Leave

Seguin, Amanda	11-17-08
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**Non-Certified Personnel**AppointmentsCafeteria – Part Time

Edwards, Rosalie A.	11-07-08
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Jackson, Maggie	11-10-08
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Clerical – Full Time

Rice, Rebecca	11-18-08
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Tyler, Andrea	11-04-08
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Early Childhood Program – Part Time

Alexander, Caroline	11-13-08
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Parker, Angelo	10-10-08
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Extended School Program – Part Time

Lawless, Katherine	11-03-08
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Johnson, Camille	11-03-08
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Paraprofessionals – Full Time

Herrick, Susan	11-04-08
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Student Workers – Part Time

Perrin, Christopher	11-10-08
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Young, Chatauqua	11-10-08
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Transportation – Part Time

Broomfield, Brandis	11-18-08
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Harrison, Jennifer	11-18-08
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Reed, Alaria	11-17-08
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Stubbs, Norma	11-18-08
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Trevino, Daniel	11-18-08
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Wright, Winona	11-18-08
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ResignationsClerical – Full Time

Bastian, Nancy	11-14-08
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Early Childhood Program – Part Time

Dorney, Victoria	06-30-08
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TerminationsStudent Workers – Part Time

Hufeld, Darren	10-31-08
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Transportation – Part Time

Faulkner, Robin	11-17-08
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**Substitutes**CertifiedAppointmentsSubstitute Teachers

Deluhery, Jennifer	11-13-08
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Eddington, Tiffanie	11-13-08
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Enders, Michele	11-05-08
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Evans, Paula	10-31-08
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Franks, Angela	11-12-08
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Hughbanks, Sherry	11-05-08
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Lamb, Angela	11-03-08
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Martey, Terence	11-13-08
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Rose, Cody	11-13-08
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Tucker, Ryan	11-05-08
Stephens, Alex	11-05-08
Warfield, Dustin	11-05-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Bailey, Erika	11-07-08
Jones, Adrian	10-31-08
Jones, Amy	10-31-08
Jones, Justin	10-31-08
Jones, Shaka	10-31-08
Jordan, Kayla	10-31-08
Jyothiswara, Rakhika	10-31-08
Kinsella, JoAnn	10-31-08
Kolditz , Brett	10-31-08
Lehman, Linda	10-31-08
Lock, Brooke	10-31-08
Lower, Patrick	10-31-08
Phelps, Karen	11-05-08
<u>Non-Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Hill, Emily	11-12-08
McGhee, Venessia	11-05-08
Young, Annette	11-12-08
<u>Child Care Giver Provider</u>	
Sutton, Sara	10-28-08
<u>Paraprofessional</u>	
Edwards, Kristin	11-06-08
Frank, Angela	11-12-08
Herrick, Susan	11-03-08
Jones, Shaka	10-31-08
Lehman, Linda	10-31-08
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Armstrong, Kevin	10-20-08
Jefferson, Brandi	10-20-08
Jones, Shaka	10-31-08
Jordan, Kayla	10-31-08
Jyothiswara, Rakhika	10-31-08
Lee, Dorothy	11-06-08
Morris, Raquetta	11-06-08
Scott, Kellisa	11-10-08
Smith, Bryanna	11-10-08
Smith, Karen	11-06-08
Smith, Marques	10-20-08
Ware, Teonna	11-10-08
White, Cindy	10-21-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	
Whitehead, Sandra	11-03-08
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Davis, Rosemary	11-04-08

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Parker, 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.

**PURCHASE OF DIESEL FUEL** - Moved by Parker, seconded by Spangler that the Board of Education authorize the Controller/Treasurer to enter into an amended contract changing the "market-rate" pricing to a "fixed" price for diesel fuel purchases made during the balance of the remaining contract with Ag-Land, Inc.

Mr. Stowell asked if the contract could be extended for another year. Mr. Cahill reported that he will soon be meeting with Ag-Land to discuss that issue and the "fixed" price amount and then will meet with legal counsel on the time frame. He will report back to the Board of Education.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**RENEWAL OF IN-SCHOOL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER OF ILLINOIS** - Moved by Parker, seconded by Spangler that the Board of Education approve the contract for in-school health care services between Methodist Medical Center of Illinois and the Peoria Public Schools District 150.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **DELIBERATION AGENDA -**

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Ross seconded by Spangler that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 5 dated November 17, 2008 be approved as amended.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Expulsions – Moved by Ross, seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Expulsions listed on the report dated November 17, 2008 be approved as amended.

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

**FINAL READING OF POLICY 4:110** – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler that the first reading be waived and that this be the final reading for changes to Policy 4:110 – Operational Services, Transportation be approved.

#### **Operational Services - Transportation**

The District shall provide free transportation for all students in the District: (1) residing at a distance of one and one-half miles or more from their assigned schools, or (2) residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned schools where walking to school or to a pick-up point or bus stop would constitute a serious hazard due to vehicular traffic or rail crossing, and adequate public transportation is not available. The District may provide transportation for other students residing within one and one-half miles from their assigned school. A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) may file a petition with the Board of Education requesting transportation due to the existence of a serious safety hazard. Free transportation services and vehicle adaptation for special education students shall be provided if included in the students' individualized educational programs. The District may provide transportation to and from school-sponsored activities. Non-public school students shall be transported in accordance with State law. Homeless students shall be transported in accordance with the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act.

Bus schedules and routes shall be determined by the Transportation Director and shall be altered only with the Transportation Director's approval and direction. In fixing the routes, the pick-up and discharge points should be as safe and convenient for students as possible.

No school employee may transport students in school or private vehicles unless authorized by the administration.

Every vehicle regularly used for the transportation of students must pass safety inspections in accordance with State law and Illinois Department of Transportation regulations. The strobe light on a school bus may be illuminated any time a bus is bearing one or more students. The Superintendent shall implement procedures in accordance with State Law for accepting erratic driving reports.

All contracts for charter bus services must contain the clause prescribed by State law regarding criminal background checks for bus drivers.

#### Post-Trip Vehicle Inspection

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a post-trip inspection procedure to ensure that the school bus driver is the last person leaving the bus and that no passenger is left behind or remains on the vehicle at the end of a route, work shift or workday.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.  
105 ILCS 5/10-22.22 and 5/29-1 et seq. 105 ILCS 45/1-15.  
625 ILCS 5/1-182, 5/11-1414.1, 5/12-815, 5/12-816. 5/12-821, and 5/13-109.  
23 Ill. Admin. Code §§1.510a and 226.935.

CROSS REF.: 5:280 (Educational Support Personnel - Duties and Qualifications), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

ADOPTED: July 18, 2005

REVISED: November 17, 2008

**RESOLUTION: PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION LEASES** – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker that the Board of Education approve a Resolution providing for the levy and collection of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the rent payable under a Lease Agreement for the Richwoods Attendance Area Improvement Project to be entered into by and between the Public Building Commission of Peoria, Peoria County, Illinois, as lessor, and Board of Education of the City of Peoria, School District Number 150, Peoria County, Illinois, as lessee.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: PROPERTY TAX LEVY** - Moved by Spangler, seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Board of Education accept the "statement of 'need'", adopt the tentative 2008 Tax Levy, authorize the publication of a "truth in taxation" notice, and set December 15, 2008 as the date for a hearing on the same said levy, all as contained in the accompanying Exhibits "A", "B", and "C", respectively.

Mr. Cahill explained that the budget need for 2009 -2010 is \$168,605,393 – to meet this need the District must levy \$64,088,145 on a projected equalized assessed valuation of \$11,400,578,801. Discussion on the levy will be held at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION: USE OF HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY** – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Butler, that the Board of Education approve the emergency resolution providing for the (i) raising/use of health-life-safety funding for the (ii) restoration of the Thomas Jefferson Primary School damaged by fire and smoke.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. **GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – UPDATE ON MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING** - Dr. Hannah introduced Manual High School Principal Dr. Sharon Kherat, Paula Nachtrieb, Workforce Development, Carol Leach, PERFECT, Eric Thomas, Organizational Leader at Manual High School and Doug Elmer, John Hopkins TDHS. They presented to the Board of Education the “Phase Two” for the program that will begin in the fall of 2009 and include Career Clusters for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at Manual High School. They also noted the Organization of the Restructured Manual High School and Jr. Academy, the Talent Development High School Model, challenges facing the model, skills needed in the future work force and sample block scheduling for students. The recommended Career Clusters and Pathways will be:
  - The School of Health, Education and Human Services – Health Science, Education and Human Services, Business, Management and Administration
  - The School of Industrial and Sustainable Technology – Architecture and Construction, Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology and Business, Management and Administration

2. **Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE UPDATE** – Mr. Cahill presented to the Board of Education the changes in the District financial position as part of the five year projection update. He noted that with the change in the national economy the District does not expect to meet its revenue projections for property taxes or corporate taxes. He is also concerned with the state flow of dollars and Title 1 allocations. The magnitude for the decline for this year’s budget is projected to be \$2.6 million. With the decline in revenue (expenses are running on target) the District will need to make reductions for this school year.

Mr. Hinton explained that for the past three years the administration has been taking extra measures with the budget to make sure it stays balanced and it becomes very perplexing to serve the students and staff when revenues decline. Administration is looking at ways to alleviate the short-fall – including extreme measures. Recommendations for reducing expenses will be made at the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

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. There were no questions.

3. **GOAL 3 – QUALITY STAFF**
4. **GOAL 4 – SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENTS – ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** – Mr. Hinton stated that he has been charged by the Board of Education of look into a non-traditional school for students that cannot succeed in the traditional setting. He emphasized that he has looked at the current situation in the schools and is finding that a small percentage of students are in need of an alternative setting. He is asking administration to meet with him to work to address the needs of students that are disruptive in the schools. He reported that he is expediting the process of forming a new program and would like to have the process ready by January 2009. He emphasized that this will be even more of a challenge with the loss of funding, but at the same time recognizes the need to provide classrooms free from disruption.
5. **GOAL 5 – CULTURE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE**  
Report of Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests

Date	Requestor	Disposition
10/15/08	Jeff Adkins-Dutro	filled
10/29/08	Sharon Crews	filled
11/03/08	Dave Haney	pending
11/10/08	Jeff Adkins-Dutro	pending

11/13/08 Karen Calder

pending

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS** – Mrs. Spangler is looking forward to updates on the ID badges, grading committee recommendation and administrative procedure for the uniform policy.

Mrs. Butler would like to have a community forum next semester. Mrs. Ross reported that the Parent Advisory Committee would soon have a recommendation.

ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz  
Board President