

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
December 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 Spangler seconded by Butler to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting December 1, 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 6:15 p.m.

The Board convened in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Diagnostic Learning Center. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Gorenz, Parker, Ross, Spangler, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Board member Wolfmeyer asked that Woodruff High School wrestler Brian Sanders be kept in everyone's thoughts after an injury suffered during a meet.

Board member Spangler highlighted the Penguin Project "Beauty and the Beast" that will be at the Eastlight Theater January 9 -11, 2009.

Board member Parker highlighted the Lego League Annual Tournament held at Bradley University. District 150 was represented with three teams - Lindbergh Middle School won first place.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION** – R. A. Jamieson Principal Karen Orendorff introduced students who then sang Christmas carols for the Board.

Woodruff High School Teacher and Chess Coach Bryan Devine introduced the winners from the Fall 2008 Chess Tournament. 71 students from District schools participated in the tournament. District high school chess teams will be competing in the annual IHSA Tournament in February at the Peoria Civic Center.

Whittier Primary School Principal Renee Andrews recognized and thanked Mr. Andrew Rand for the \$10,000 donation to the Whittier Primary School Extended Day Tutoring Program.

Lana Myers, representing the PFT, presented information on the ER&D Program for Professional Development. Three classes will be offered beginning in February through the Teacher Academy.

**TAX LEVY HEARING** – Dr. Gorenz called the hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. There were no speakers. Dr. Gorenz adjourned the hearing at 7:02 p.m.

**MINUTES** – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 2008.

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

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – Denise Cook, 816 W. Meadows spoke to the need to keep children in families together in safe schools. She asked that Thomas Jefferson Primary School be extended to include grades 6, 7, & 8.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire, stated his concern that the Board of Education members were bargaining in the media. Mr. Knapp stated that the Edison program has spent needed funds and should be discontinued.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that he feels the biggest problem with the District is discipline and that issue needs to be addressed before anything else. He stated that there is a need for an alternative school for students being disruptive in the regular classroom. Mr. Sierra stated that he is against the proposed tax increase.

Robert Johnson, 1522 S. Stanley spoke regarding his concern with the timeline for the building of the new Harrison School. He asked for clarification on the timeline.

Mr. Cahill clarified that the current plan is for the ground breaking for the new Harrison School to occur in March of 2009. The ground breaking for the new Glen Oak School should also occur in March of 2009. The bonds for the projects in the Richwoods High School area have been sold and the bids returned. The Harrison project will be out for bid in February with the bond sale, bid opening and PBC approval in March. The Glen Oak project was sent out for bid December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the bid opening, bond sale and PBC approval will be in January 2009. The Glen Oak and Richwoods area projects have already seen the bids go out because the architects had the projects ready – architects are still working to get the Harrison project ready. Mr. Cahill emphasized that the District has already received a commitment from the PBC for all three projects.

Mr. Hinton commented on the K-8 configuration for schools. He noted that the District is looking into the K-8 configuration for Thomas Jefferson and 1 to 2 other schools.

#### CONSENT AGENDA –

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Microwave oven, valued by the donor at \$45.00, donated to Charter Oak Primary School by Chad Fidler

\$1,000.00 donated to Day Treatment to provide needed materials to enhance student social skills development by Glen and Mary Forck

Breakfast for students and grandparents, valued by the donor at \$207.80, donated to Hines Primary School by First Baptist Church

School supplies and cash, valued by the donor at \$1,800.00, donated by Bradley University to Irving Primary School to replace stolen/damaged items

\$840.00 donated to Irving Primary School for shoes for students by Kramer Chiropractic

Computers for classrooms, valued by the donor at \$7,000.00, donated to Irving Primary School by OSF Health Care System

Hats, gloves and school supplies, valued by the donor at \$150.00, donated to Irving Primary School by Altrusa International

\$25.00 donated to R. A. Jamieson School for student activities by Meyer and Zilla families

\$3,000.00 donated to Manual High School for student needs by AmerenCilco

Pizza, valued by the donor at \$150.00, donated to Manual High School Honor Roll students as a reward by Papa John's Pizza #205

5 Apple I-Book laptops, valued by the donor at \$1,000.00, donated to Richwoods High School by Bradley University

Office desk, valued by the donor at \$200.00, donated by Bill and Cindy Fischer to Thomas Jefferson Primary School

\$10.00 gift certificate for Grandparents' Day donated by Chili's Bar & Grill to Washington Gifted School

\$20.00 gift certificate for Grandparents' Day donated by Prospect Florist to Washington Gifted School

Wind chime for Grandparents' Day gift, valued by the donor at \$17.95, donated by Gregg Florist to Washington Gifted School

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REVENUE	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$19,410.25		\$782,049.20	\$801,459.45
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT				\$311,022.51
40	TRANSPORTATION				\$97,844.01
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT				\$461,089.79
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS				\$52,653.72
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION				\$9,171.85
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG				\$1,200.00
				\$782,049.20	\$1,734,441.33

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried

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

**Certified Personnel**

Appointments

Teachers – Full Time

DenBraber, Monica	12-12-08
Flores, Jackie	01-05-09
Hodge, Helen	12-09-08

Tutors - Hourly

Sangster, Candice	12-16-08
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Deceased

Teachers – Full Time

Blair, Michael	12-02-08
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**Non-Certified Personnel**

Appointments

Cafeteria – Part Time

Young, Annette	12-05-08
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Extended School Program – Part Time

Couri, Grace	12-09-08
Norman, Christine	12-09-08

Pearson, Stephanie	11-19-08
Reynolds, Lashauna	12-10-08
Wineland, Frances	12-09-08
<u>Job Coach – Part Time</u>	
Daugherty, Judith	12-03-08
<u>Paraprofessionals – Full Time</u>	
Edwards, Betty	12-09-08
<u>Student Workers – Part Time</u>	
Casey, Taylor	12-01-08
Ruff, Joseph	12-08-08
<u>Security – Full Time</u>	
Skibinski, James	12-02-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Burkett, Gleda	12-16-08
Dixon, Cassandra	12-16-08
Facker, Becky	12-16-08
Hicks, Steven	12-05-08
Moushon, Gary	11-17-08
Rose, Kevin	12-09-08
Williams, Timothy	12-01-08
<u>Tutor – Part Time</u>	
Beck, Ericson	11-18-08
Coleman, Oszie	11-04-08
Edwards, Spanky	12-01-08
<u>Leave of Absence</u>	
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
DeBoer, Linda	11-26-08
Terrell, Twila	12-02-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Clerical – Full Time</u>	
Brown, Felicha	11-20-08
Burnside, Mary	12-12-08
DeWeese, Paula	12-05-08
<u>Student Workers – Part Time</u>	
Adams, Richard	12-10-08
Blough, Trevor	12-01-08
Calbow, William	12-01-08
Campbell, Jatonea	12-10-08
Chambers, Matthew	12-01-08
Clemons, Charles	12-01-08
Cockroft, Willie	11-25-08
Delorme, Jace	12-10-08
Dodge, Anthony	12-01-08
Dunigan, Jamel	12-10-08
Durkins, Latrell	11-25-08
Fenderson, Felicia	12-10-08
Fite, Nathaniel	12-10-08
Garrett, Corey	11-25-08
Gilliland, Connor	12-01-08
Granderson, James	11-25-08
Heger, Paul	12-10-08
Hippler, Phillip	11-25-08
Hollaway, Antonio	12-01-08

Janovetz, Jared	12-01-08
Johnson, Shanta	11-25-08
Johnston, Katherine	11-25-08
Jones, Bianca	11-25-08
Jowers, Jasmine	12-10-08
Kerolus, Mena	11-25-08
Lindsey, Robert	12-01-08
Lewis, George	11-25-08
Locke, Kristin	11-25-08
Mahrt, Jacob	12-01-08
McCall, Qurshay	11-25-08
McCormick, Michael	12-11-08
Machacek, June	11-25-08
Marshall, Timothy	11-25-08
Ng, Joshua	11-25-08
Payne, Charles	12-10-08
Perry, Devon	11-25-08
Reardon, Monica	11-25-08
Reuter, Sequoia	12-10-08
Schoch, Matt	11-25-08
Scott, Andrew	11-10-08
Simkins, Robert	12-08-08
Simmons, Audrey	11-25-08
Sous, Rema	11-25-08
Taylor, Crystal	11-25-08
Thomas, Joy	11-25-08
Vidas, Devyn	12-01-08
Wegner, Paul	11-25-08
West, Leestefevon	11-25-08
Westerdale, Rebecca	11-25-08
Williams, Ashley	11-25-08
Williams, Hattie	11-25-08
Williams, Theodore	12-01-08
Wyatt, Tavaréz	12-10-08
Yu, Wendy	11-25-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Bush, Larry	12-09-08
Davis, Stephanie	12-15-08
Higgins, Larry	10-29-08
Jones, Rosie	06-30-08
Malone, Mia	11-21-08
Rowe, Charlene	11-24-08
Smith, Tracy	11-14-08
Williams, Betty	12-09-08
Young, Evelyn	12-09-08
<b>Substitutes</b>	
<u>Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Azbell, Prima	11-26-08
Bixby, James	12-08-08
Bousky, Cynthia	12-01-08

Clemmer, Phillip	12-03-08
Davis, Glenn	12-03-08
Denbraber, Monica	12-01-08
Fawcett, Casey	12-03-08
Fisher, Ben	12-03-08
Flanigon, Helene	12-10-08
Gober, Nicholas	12-05-08
Hillis, Abby	12-03-08
Kalmbach, Elizabeth	12-01-08
McDaniel, Beth	11-17-08
Reese, Bryson	12-02-08
Schneider, Raymond	12-03-08
Zedric, Ching	12-03-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Lovse, Donald	12-01-08
<u>Non-Certified Substitute</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Brown, Demita	12-08-08
Veazy, Nisa	11-24-08
<u>Paraprofessional</u>	
Beeney, Timothy	12-09-08
Davis, Glenn	12-03-08
Davis, Rosemary	12-08-08
Gutierrez, Adelina	12-01-08
Mathews, Andrew	12-04-08
Stenger, Cathy	12-08-08
<u>Special Ed Attendants/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Beeney, Timothy	12-09-08
Heffner, Shadai	11-25-08
Winters, Gena	11-25-08

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Wolfmeyer, 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.

MOU WITH PCCEO FOR HEADSTART PROGRAM – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Spangler that the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150, authorize the Administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Peoria Citizens Committee of Economic Opportunity, Inc., Head Start, in order to promote a comprehensive child development program, in conjunction with other community based organizations, for the District's 3-5 year olds.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

#### DELIBERATION AGENDA -

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Spangler seconded by Parker that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 7 dated December 15, 2008 be approved as presented.

7 ayes, motion carried.

Expulsions – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Parker that the Expulsions listed on the report dated December 15, 2008 be approved as presented.

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

Revocation of Board Probation – Moved by Spangler, seconded by Parker that the Expulsions listed on the December 15, 2008 Revocation of Board Probation Report be approved as presented.

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

**TAX LEVY** – Moved by Parker, seconded by Spangler that the resolution setting the 2008 tax levies be approved.

Mr. Cahill reported that the levy was placed before the Board in November and was discussed at a Committee of the Whole meeting. A Truth in Taxation notice has been published in the local newspaper as required. He explained that included is an increase to the tort levy to cover Workman's Compensation claims. That increase is 5.6% for a total levy of \$63,852,145 (after abatement). The District share of a property tax bill would be \$1,519.55 for an assessed \$100,000 homeowner – a \$33 change.

Mr. Cahill reviewed that the Tort Fund covers Workman's Compensation claims, payments for property casualty insurance, security services, risk management employees and unemployment insurance. Mr. Cahill noted that effort is being made this year to reduce the number of backlogged claims. This increase could be for only one year. If the increase does not pass the \$750,000 in lost funding will come from the Education Fund.

Mr. Stowell stated his concern regarding the amount charged to the tax payer. Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated her concern that no plan was offered going forward to reduce workers compensations costs.

On roll call 3 ayes. Spangler, Butler, Gorenz  
4 nays. Stowell, Wolfmeyer, Parker, Ross. Motion failed.

The tax levy will need to be addressed at a special board meeting before December 30, 2008.

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

1. **GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - EDISON PROGRAM DISCUSSION** – Mr. Hinton reported that Edison Learning currently has a contract for Franklin Edison Primary School, Northmoor Edison Primary School and Rolling Acres Edison Jr. Academy. Parent surveys find these schools to have positive results. Edison will next year provide the benchmarking system for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students. They also have offered to have the District pilot their Provost System Virtual High School. Edison has also agreed to bring their professional development program to partner in training. Mr. Hinton is also looking into their new design – what the new model would mean for our District.

Discussion was held on the ongoing cost of a pilot program, the ability to offer AP classes through a virtual learning program, the ability to use the virtual learning program for alternative education, the Edison professional development program with on-going support for teachers and the updating by Edison of the benchmarking system. Members would like to have more information on other companies offering virtual high schools before making any decisions and information on the cost and effectiveness of other on-going programs such as Read 180.

Mr. Hinton emphasized that the District is trying to find time for professional development for all the teachers – student achievement and fiscal responsibility are the goals.

Dr. Gorenz stated that the current Edison Learning contract is \$887,000 and the question is – is the benefit to these schools worth the cost. Dr. Gorenz stated that Choice programs do provide for parents and if this Choice program is renewed, there will be no complaints from parents. If the program is removed, the question is - will the families stay in the District. He did note that the Edison schools have been successful in closing the achievement gap. Regarding the pilot program, Dr. Gorenz feels that if the District cannot continue the program we should not use the pilot.

Dr. Gorenz asked that members talk with administration to get information to make an informed decision.

2. **Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – CURRENT YEAR BUDGET RESCISSION RECOMMENDATIONS** – Dr. Gorenz introduced the topic noting that after last year's balanced budget we are now faced with declining revenues and expenses will need to be reduced. Cuts will need to be made this year and more extensive cuts will need to be made in future years. Dr. Gorenz emphasized that the struggle will be to make cuts that do not affect student achievement.

Mr. Cahill emphasized that the recommendations made have been to keep student achievement first and put fiscal responsibility second. The hope is that the programs that have the greatest impact on student achievement can be maintained.

Board members discussed the draft administrative recommendations for cuts of \$2.8 million for this year. They included recommendations that would only be applicable to the current year and those that would carry over into future years.

**FINANCE REPORTS** – Mr. Cahill presented this report for the Board's information and review. Mr. Cahill noted that categorical reimbursements are \$3.8 million in arrears. The corporate tax through last week is \$800,000 less than anticipated.

**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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Requestor</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
Nov. 3, 2008	Dave Hanry	Filled
Nov 10, 2008	Jeff Adkins-Dutro	Filled
Nov 13, 2008	Karen Calder	Filled
Dec 1, 2008	General Parker	Filled
Dec 5, 2008	Cynthia Thaler	Pending
Dec 5, 2008	Lori Turner	Pending

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS** – Mrs. Spangler would like an update on the new uniforms. Mr. Hinton replied that plans are being finalized and we will move forward shortly. She also asked the more research be done by Board members on the IASB Superintendent evaluation tool.



ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz  
Board President

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