

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
April 12, 2010

The Board convened in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building at 4:30 p.m. President Debbie Wolfmeyer called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Gorenz, Parker, Petelle, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting March 22, 2010 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 – Mrs. Wolfmeyer 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, Petelle, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

MINUTES – Minutes from March 22, 2010 were corrected on page 245 to show that the Manual High School information had come as an information item not an action item. There were no other additions or corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Stowell reminded all that the "Spring Arts Celebration" at the Court House has begun. Mrs. Parker reminded parents that Kindergarten registration at the primary schools is April 29, but registration can occur at the schools anytime until school is out. Mrs. Wolfmeyer thanked the community for their many e-mails and letters Board members received about the grant-funded programs. She urged all to contact their state legislators with their funding concerns.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – President Wolfmeyer introduced the 2010 Don Phares Award Winner, Woodruff High School Special Education Teacher Nardica Buckner.

PFT Representative Lille Foreman introduced Palm representative Angie Ludwig who noted the runner-up winners of the 2010 MoonWalk t-shirt contest. Chantel Parish from Peoria High School was announced as the grand prize winner.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Gary Skinner, 4301 W. Rockwell Dr., spoke to his concern with the reduction of one on one attendants. Mrs. Wolfmeyer asked administration to speak with Mr. Skinner.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, thanked the Board members that voted to keep the public speaking times at two – he stated the others should be ashamed of themselves. Mr. Sierra stated that the District should eliminate the funding to the Edison Corporation and run the program themselves.

James Crowley, 2005 W. Rohmann Ave., spoke to his concerns with students' IEPs and the requirement for special education/behavioral attendants in those IEPs. He reminded all that the District must follow strict protocol according to the student IEP. He emphasized that attendants are crucial to Jamieson School.

Sharon Crews, 2215 W. Callender, asked how the district can afford to fund the Edison Program and the John Hopkins program when they are eliminating summer school for high school students. She cited statistics for those failing English in previous years and asked where the district would find seats in classrooms for all those needing to repeat a class.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., donated the book "The Death and Life of the Great American School System" by Diane Ravitch to Board members and asked them to read it. He also noted other materials he submitted to Board members.

Mary Keltner, 5626 N. Monterey Ct., spoke on behalf of the District Pre-K programs emphasizing the early literacy skills learned in those programs. She invited all to the "Trike-A-Thon" on April 23.

Karen Adkins-Dutro, 2610 W. Barker, asked that the Board reconsider the requirement to turn in the Request to Speak cards before a Board meeting.

Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point Rd., stated his surprise that one principal was dismissed with a 7-0 vote and one retained with a 3-4 vote – why did the Board vote against the Superintendent's recommendation. He stated the union supports keeping the current Lindbergh Middle School principal. He urged everyone to attend the April 21, 2010 rally in Springfield in support of funding for public schools. He stated his concern with the City and Mayor possibly taking over control of the Public Schools in the future.

Tom McLaughlin, 7720 W. Bryce Ct., Mapleton, spoke to the April 21, 2010 rally in Springfield. He urged all to participate. IFT hopes to have 10, 000 to 15,000 participants at the rally.

Hedy Elliott-Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood, spoke to the alternative programs offered for over 20 years at the Peoria Alternative High School and Adult Education Center. She noted that a survey conducted by PHA showed that there are still many people in need of a GED.

Donna Crowder, 2515 W. Westport, spoke to keeping the Adult Education program – she stressed that the program gives people hope. She urged the Board to keep Adult Ed.

Dr. Durflinger provided an update on the one-on-one attendants. He emphasized that if a student IEP indicates a need for an attendant, the IEP will be followed. He noted that Human Resources staff informed administration that notice needed to be given to each individual that we may not have a position for them next year. We wanted to make sure the letter of the law was followed. The second part is that the District needs to look at these positions; currently there is no requirement for any college education credits. He noted that what we are doing is allowing some of the least educated employees to be with our most vulnerable students, the ones with the greatest needs. Now we are evaluating the attendant job description and what we may want to do for next year

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY -Finance Reports – Mrs. Schau presented this report for the Board's information and review.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Mrs. Schau presented this report for the Board's review. Questions were asked and answered regarding the report.

President Wolfmeyer stated that the Board of Education and Administration have been trying to find ways to cut costs in our District that have the least impact on children. A couple of meetings ago some Board members asked about the possibility of changing how we televise Board meetings. When looking into the possibility, the Board of Education has found that they can save money by only televising the business portion of the meeting and showing it at a different time. The District would save \$4,200 in employee expenses per year and possibly \$5,000 for each new camera as well as \$8,000 for replacement of a video board and the cost of new microphones. This change would also allow the Board of Education to hold meetings at alternate locations to make it easier for community members to attend. Beginning with the first meeting in May, 2010, the business portion of the Board of Education meeting will be aired the Monday following the meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Public Access channel 17. President Wolfmeyer noted that televising of school board meetings is not governed by School Code or Board Policy, but she has talked with all Board members and a majority favors the change.

- 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 – Dr. Durlinger reported that since our last Board meeting report, we have received seven new Freedom of Information Act requests. Of those new requests, five were filled and two are pending. Of the three pending requests noted on the March 22, 2010 Board Report, one is still in pending status and two were filled. We have received forty-five total requests for the calendar year.

CONSENT AGENDA –

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

- 80 Avanti's Pizza Boxes for stepping stones for new school, valued by the donor at \$80.00, donated by Avanti's Pizza to Glen Oak Primary School
- 12 pizzas, valued by the donor at \$56.82, donated by Hilano Hernandez to Von Steuben Middle School Boys Basketball team
- \$400.00 to purchase library books, donated by the Rotary Club of Peoria North Foundation to Hines Primary School
- \$5,000.00 grant to increase literacy, with a focus on a variety of genres, donated by Kroger to Glen Oak Primary School
- Miscellaneous office supplies, valued by the donor at \$300.00, donated by LexisNexis to Kellar Primary School
- \$250.00 toward the cost of yearbooks, donated by Grace Presbyterian Church to Glen Oak Primary School
- \$250.00 to support the PTO thru the Annette Coombs Volunteer Appreciation Program, donated by Wal-Mart Supercenter to Glen Oak Primary School
- LCD projector, valued by the donor at \$450.00, donated by Peoria North Rotary to Peoria Alternative High School
- \$150.00 for classroom materials, testing snacks and incentives donated by Optimist Club of Peoria to the Woodrow Wilson Primary School Deaf and Hard of Hearing program
- 6 Nintendo DS games for needy students valued by the donor at \$982.67, donated by Janelle Summers to Von Steuben Middle School

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$22,077.51		\$944,805.26	\$966,882.77
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$264,117.40	\$264,117.40
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$52,057.54	\$52,057.54
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS			\$231,561.28	\$231,561.28
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$409,701.94	\$409,701.94
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$0.00	\$0.00
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$0.00	\$0.00
				\$1,902,243.42	\$1,924,320.93

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Office & Classroom Supplies – Multipurpose copy paper - Request for bid was sent to nineteen (19) vendors. Three vendors returned "No bid". Bids were received from six (6) vendors as follows:

	<u>White</u>	<u>Pastel colors</u>
J. P. Gasway	\$ 142,500.00	\$ 5,840.00
Office Depot	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,912.00
Quill	\$ 0.00	\$ 5,584.00
RIS Paper	\$ 126,850.00	\$ 4,939.20
Unisource	\$ 142,500.00	\$ 5,840.00
W. M. Putnam	\$ 164,500.00	\$ 5,952.00

The above bids were opened on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, at 1:30 pm by Julie Cramer and Debbie Brown. It is recommended to award the lowest bids of \$126,850.00 and \$4,939.20 to RIS Paper. This bid will be charged to Education Fund.

Masonry Repairs and Tuckpointing work at Trewyn

Request for bid was sent to seven (7) vendors by Kenyon & Associates. Five vendors returned bids as follows:

Otto Baum & Co.	\$29,895.00
J.J. Braker & Sons	\$33,640.00
Dennis Construction	\$47,981.00
Evans-Mason, Inc.	\$23,130.00
The Western Group	\$26,350.00

The above bids were opened on Thursday, March 25, 2010, at 1:30 pm by Julie Cramer and Debbie Brown. It is recommended to award the low bid of \$23,130.00 to Evans-Mason, Inc. This bid will be charged to Buildings & Grounds.

Exterior EIFS Renovation at Franklin

Request for bid was sent to eight (8) vendors by Kenyon & Associates. Six vendors returned bids as follows:

First Build Associates	\$153,800.00
T. Haefli & Sons	\$148,396.00
Hein Construction	\$175,700.00
Houlihan Construction	\$132,620.00
Mid-Illinois Companies	\$150,510.00
Snyder Construction	\$155,000.00

The above bids were opened on Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 1:30 pm by Julie Cramer, Dave Ryon and Debbie Brown. It is recommended to award the low bid of \$132,620.00 to Houlihan Construction. This bid will be charged to Buildings & Grounds.

Mrs. Parker reminded all that we need to be reaching out to minority and women-owned businesses. Ms. Schau reported that we are investigating software that will allow us to further reach out to minority and women-owned businesses.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT -- Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell approval of the following human resource report as amended.

Certified Personnel

Effective Date

Administrators Non-Tenured / Non-Renewal Rescinded

Swanson, Mervyn – Richwoods High / Dean	06/30/10
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AppointmentsAdministrators - Certified

Chumbley, Bryan – Director of Accountability & Research	07/01/10
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Summer School Teachers – Part Time

Bain, Leeann – Von Steuben / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Combs, Stacey – Von Steuben / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Davis, Shanica – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Davison, Peggy – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Duncan, Matt – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Fairfield, Kelly – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Garman, Natasha – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Hinrichsen, Jaclyn – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Khoury, Lamia – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Lawless, Mary – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Mathis, Robin – Von Steuben / Current Teacher	06/14/10
McGreal, Amy – Von Steuben / Current Teacher	06/14/10
McNamara, Joan – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Meneses, Mariela – Von Steuben / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Musgrove, Rena – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10
O'Neil, Kelly – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Orton, Pamela – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Ovsienko, Tetyana – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Scott, Emily – Von Steuben / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Scott, Moiria – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Seelye, Mary – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Varda, Jacqueline – Franklin Edison / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Vogel, Danielle – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Zevnik, Bradford – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10

Summer School – Part Time Rescinded

Banister, Caitlin – Von Steuben / Bilingual	06/14/10
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LeavesTeachers

Withrow, Margaret – Woodruff High / Parental Leave	08/30/10
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RetirementsAdministrators – Full Time

Montgomery, Scott – Mark Bills / Principal	06/30/14
Santen, Patricia – Thomas Jefferson / Principal	06/30/13

Psychologist – Full Time

Markillie, Jual – Blaine Sumner	06/30/12
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Speech Pathologist – Full Time

Ferguson, Elizabeth – Charter Oak	06/30/14
Higgins, Nancy – Valeska	06/30/14

Teachers – Full Time

Adams, Denise – Woodruff	06/30/14
Barnett, Joanne – Hines	06/30/14
Darling, Robert – Richwoods	06/30/14
Engel, Karen – Trewyn	06/30/13
Epstein, Marianne – Lincoln	06/30/13
Gottman, Christine – Jamieson	06/30/13

Hendricksen, Carl – Calvin Coolidge	06/30/13
Hobin, Carol – Franklin Edison	06/30/11
Johnson, Janetta – Rolling Acres	06/30/14
Kelly, Martha – Woodruff	06/30/14
Lee, Roberta – Developmental Center	06/30/13
Lippert, Pamela – Irving	06/30/14
Lofgren, Renee – Northmoor Edison	07/04/14
Miller, Lana – Kellar	06/04/10
Powell, Agertha – Richwoods	06/30/11
Rauhaus, Cheryl – Lindbergh	06/30/14
Reidy, Patricia – Whittier	07/30/13
Rex, Linda – Garfield	07/07/14
Rodgers, Barbara – Trewyn	06/30/12
Ryon, Michael – Alternative High School	06/30/14
Snider, Sheryl – Garfield	06/30/14
Tomko, Roseann – Peoria High	06/30/10
Turner, Barbara – Mark Bills	06/30/12
<u>Resignation</u>	
<u>Teacher – Full Time</u>	
Shernak, Michael – Valeska	03/23/10

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Administrators – Non Certified

Arcaute, Otto – Federal/State & Special Projects Compliance Facilitator	07/01/10
Hammer, Geri – Assistant Director for Human Resources	07/01/10
Shangraw, Stacey – Director of Marketing & Public Relations	07/01/10

Custodian – New Hire

Hunke, Ronald – Charter Oak / 2 nd Shift (Interim Custodian now)	04/13/10
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Para Professional

Barnett, Holly – Harrison / Sign Language Interpreter	04/13/10
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Summer School Clerks

Jones, Tracey – Trewyn	06/21/10
Schmitt, Mary – Franklin Edison	06/21/10

Summer School Teacher Aides

Baldwin, Annie – Franklin Edison	06/21/10
Corpuz, Allan – Von Steuben	06/21/10
Diaz, Maria – Von Steuben	06/21/10

Tutors – Part Time

Cagle, Judith – PAS Program	04/13/10
Gordon, Gail – PAS Program	04/13/10
Winkler, Mary – Rolling Acres Edison	04/13/10

21st Century Group Leaders – Part Time

Kellerstrass, James – Glen Oak	04/13/10
Pflederer, Kaitlin – Glen Oak	04/13/10
Taico, Piero – Glen Oak	04/13/10
Thomas, Jerrica – Glen Oak	04/13/10
Walker, Joanne – Glen Oak	04/13/10

Transportation

Jones, Josilynn – Monitor / Part Time	04/13/10
Summerville, Antonio – Driver / Part Time	04/01/10
Thomas, Serrano – Bus Driver / Part Time	03/24/10

Return to WorkTeacher Aides

Haynes, Denise – Thomas Jefferson / From Medical Leave	03/22/10
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LeavesClerical

Kuhlman, Mindy – Developmental Center / Maternity	04/08/10
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Linthicum, Paula – Blaine Sumner / Medical	03/22/10
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Permanent Medical Disability

Rhoades, Shawna – Cafeteria	04/05/10
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RetirementsCustodians – Full Time

Knollenberg, Floyd – Manual	12/31/10
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Shadid, Mark – Richwoods	05/31/11
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Shadid, Phillip – Roosevelt	05/31/11
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Para Professional – Full Time

Rushing, Paula – Richwoods	05/27/11
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ResignationsPara Professional – Full Time

Phelps, Thomas – Peoria High / JROTC Instructor	03/23/10
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Temporary Positions – Eliminated

Aldeen, Sarah – Woodrow Wilson / Tutor	06/11/10
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TerminationsTransportation

Allen, Justin – Monitor / Job Abandonment	03/24/10
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Broomfield, Brandon – Monitor / Job Abandonment	03/24/10
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Lowe, Pamela – Monitor / Job Abandonment	03/31/10
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Certified Substitutes**Appointments**Teachers

Demanes, Elisa	04/13/10
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Kelley, Elizabeth	04/13/10
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ResignationsTeachers

Gill, Joyce – Relocating	03/26/10
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TerminationsTeachers

Duncan, Jennifer – Job Abandonment	04/07/10
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Lobdell, Felix – Unpaid Debt to District	04/07/10
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Non-Certified Substitutes**Appointments**Student Workers

Halvorson, Emery – Richwoods / Swim School	04/13/10
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Maclin, Kadeem – Whittier / Custodian	04/13/10
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Reardon, Eric – Richwoods / Swim School	04/13/10
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ResignationsBehavioral Attendants

Randall, Sonya – Personal Reasons	03/29/10
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Teacher Aides

Nevins, Barbara – Relocating	03/18/10
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TerminationsNurses

Schierl, Brenda – Job Abandonment

04/01/10

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell approval of the travel requests as presented by the administration. (Copy is on file in the board secretary's office.)

Mr. Stowell stated that administrators are attending the Bradley Institute for Principled Leadership for Public Service event on "Transforming Public Education" and asked how the District has been approached – what message are we carrying to the Secretary of Education – or is this out of our hands and without our prevue. Dr. Durlinger stated that he is a part of a panel discussion on charters, but knows of no other administrative people being contacted for input. He feels this is more of a broad Bradley educational program, but we were not asked for input. Mr. Stowell stated his concern that the District was not asked to be a part of the message presented. Dr. Durlinger feels it is important for our administration, with the current movement for takeover of urban schools, to attend to hear what is being said on how districts can improve and to receive information and respond if the information is not correct.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING DATES Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell that the meeting dates for the Board of Education for the School Year 2010 - 2011 be approved.

	2010			2011		
July 12	Monday	6:30 p.m.	January 10	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
July 26	Monday	6:30 p.m.	January 24	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
August 9	Monday	6:30 p.m.	February 14	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
August 23	Monday	6:30 p.m.	February 28	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
September 13	Monday	6:30 p.m.	March 14	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
September 27	Monday	6:30 p.m.	March 28	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
October 12	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	April 11	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
October 25	Monday	6:30 p.m.	April 25	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
November 8	Monday	6:30 p.m.	May 9	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
November 22	Monday	6:30 p.m.	May 23	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
December 13	Monday	6:30 p.m.	June 13	Monday	6:30 p.m.	
December 27	Monday	6:30 p.m.	June 27	Monday	6:30 p.m.	

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education approves the school improvement plans for Mark Bills Middle School and Rolling Acres Edison Jr. Academy.

Mr. Stowell would like to know the number of students that home schools are losing to the gifted school. He noted that a school improvement plan used that as a primary factor that the school did not succeed. Dr. Durlinger stated that he considers that an excuse, schools take the students they have and look for improvement. Mr. Stowell also noted the difference in the achievement levels when students moved up a grade. Mrs. Ross stated her concern that the plans were put on the shelf and did not achieve their set goals.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISPOSITION OF TEXTBOOKS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education approves the disposition of 60 Biology and 50 American Nation (8th grade Social Studies) textbooks that are no longer needed for school purposes to a charitable or governmental organization.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA - .

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Petelle seconded by Butler that the Review of Suspensions listed on the Report dated April 12, 2010 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Revocation of Board Probation – Moved by Petelle seconded by Butler that the Expulsions list on the Revocation of Board Probation Report dated April 12, 2010 be approved as presented.

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

Expulsions – Moved by Petelle seconded by Butler that the Expulsions listed on the report dated April 12, 2010 be approved as presented.

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

SUMMER SCHOOL CURRICULUM MATERIALS – Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler that the Board of Education approves the purchase of curriculum materials for Title 1 Summer School.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Butler that the Contract with LeAnn Piano for the workshop “Handling Hard to Handle People” be approved.

Mr. Stowell asked that Ms. Gersich look into the possibility of taping this professional development session and having it available for others in the district.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOLWIDE PLAN – Moved by Parker, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education approves the Title 1 Schoolwide Plan prepared and submitted by Von Steuben Middle School.

Dr. Durflinger noted that when a school reaches 40% low income it can move into Title 1 “targeted” status, which means that only certain students are eligible for services. After a certain amount of time, then the school could move to “schoolwide” status and be able to offer services to all students.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

FINAL READING OF CHANGES TO BOARD POLICIES - Moved by Ross, seconded by Stowell that the first reading for changes to Board policy 7:80 - Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance and Board Policy 7:190 – Students – Prohibited Student Conduct be waived and that this be the final reading for changes to the policies.

7:190 - Students - Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance

Religious Observance

A student shall be released from school, as an excused absence, for the purpose of observing a religious holiday or for religious instruction. The parent(s)/guardian(s) must give written notice to the District 5 days before the student's anticipated absence.

The parent(s)/guardian(s)'s written notification of the student's anticipated absence shall satisfy the District's requirement for a written excuse when the student returns to school.

The Superintendent shall develop and distribute to teachers appropriate procedures regarding student absences for a religious holiday which include a list of religious holidays on which students shall be excused from attendance, how teachers are notified of a student's impending absence, and the State law requirement that teachers provide the student an equivalent opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirement.

Religious Instruction

A student shall be released from school for a day or portion of a day for the purpose of religious instruction. A letter, requesting the student's absence and written by the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), must be given to the Building Principal at least 5 days before the day the student is to be absent.

LEGAL REF.: Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 775 ILCS 35/5.

105 ILCS 5/26-1 and 5/26-2b.

CROSS REF.: 7:70 (Attendance and Truancy)

ADOPTED: July 18, 2005

REVISED: April 12, 2010

7:190 – Students - Prohibited Student Conduct

This was the only section to policy 7:190 that was changed.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures may include:

1. Removal from classroom.
2. Notifying parent/guardians.
3. Disciplinary conference.
4. Withholding of privileges.
5. In-school intervention to suspension for a period not to exceed 5 school days. The Building Principal or designee shall ensure that the student is properly supervised.
6. After-school intervention or Saturday intervention provided the student's parent/guardian(s) have been notified. The student must be supervised by the detaining teacher, Building Principal or designee.
7. Community service with local public and nonprofit agencies that enhance community efforts to meet human, educational, environmental, or public safety needs. The District will not provide transportation. School administration shall use this option only as an alternative to another disciplinary measure giving the student and/or parent/guardian(s) the choice.
8. Seizure of contraband, electronic device or any other items in violation of Board Policy.
9. Students who are under the influence of alcohol or any prohibited substances are not permitted to attend school or school functions and are treated as though they had the alcohol or prohibited substance in their possession.
10. Suspension from school and all school activities for up to 10 days, provided that appropriate procedures are followed. A suspended student is prohibited from being on school grounds or attending school activities. Students enrolled in the Respite Program at the Knoxville Center for Student Success will be allowed only on the Knoxville campus during the suspension, they are prohibited from being on any other school grounds or attending any school activity without prior approval.
11. Suspension of bus riding privileges, provided that appropriate procedures are followed.
12. Alternative Probation Agreement (at the school level).

13. Board Probation Agreement.
14. Administrative transfer.
15. Participation in the PACES Abeyance Program.
16. Expulsion from school and all school-sponsored activities and events for a definite time period not to exceed 2 calendar years, provided that the appropriate procedures are followed. An expelled student is prohibited from being on school grounds.
17. Notifying juvenile authorities or other law enforcement, whenever the conduct involves illegal drugs (controlled substances), look-alikes, alcohol, or weapons, or any other violation(s) of the law.

A student who is subject to suspension or expulsion may be eligible for an alternative school program. Parent/guardian(s) have a right to a suspension review hearing.

Corporal punishment shall not be used. Corporal punishment is defined as slapping, paddling, or prolonged maintenance of students in physically painful positions, or intentional infliction of bodily harm. Corporal punishment does not include reasonable force as needed to maintain safety for students, staff, or other persons, or for the purpose of self-defense or defense of property.

Amended: April 12, 2010

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH APEX LEARNING – Moved by Parker, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education approves a contract with Apex Learning for use in summer school, credit recovery and advanced learning opportunities for high school students.

Mrs. Ross asked how high school students were identified. Ms. Grzanich explained that Title 1 and Summer School work with school counselors to identify those in need of English or math classes and they are issued an invitation to use the program. The program will be offered at Manual High School for the summer and in the fall at all high schools, TAP and the Adult Ed. Center. In addition the program can be used wherever else it is needed because we own the seats.

Ms. Grzanich reported that the program will be used with the Title 1 high school students this summer who are in need of credit recovery classes. She noted that Apex has expanded into a remedial program that can be used with middle and high school students. Mr. Stowell asked about the competitiveness of this program with the ROE Virtual Education program. Ms. Grzanich noted that the Apex program has much more rigor than the Plato program. Teachers felt that Apex was much more on level and not watered down. Ms. Grzanich explained that the ROE program sells their classes per seat and we would own the Apex seats – this is more economical for our District.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Ross that the Amendment to the Superintendents contract be approved as presented.

The contract was amended by adding language that if Dr. Lathan was available for employment before June 1, 2010 that she should be paid at the per diem salary rate and receive the full benefits as provided by the Contract.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – Mrs. Ross asked for a moment of silence for Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat's mother who passed away last week. Mr. Stowell reminded all that the Building Committee meeting would be next week and that the PBC and the architect would be there to talk about PHS remodeling and a change of focus for the Lincoln Middle School project. Mrs. Ross noted that the Parent Committee meeting scheduled for April 21 has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board President