

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
April 26, 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 Stowell, seconded by Butler to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting April 12, 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 6:20 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** – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of April 12, 2010

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION** – Mrs. Kathy Burke, Reading Coordinator, introduced and recognized the 23 students who would be ambassadors at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Young Authors Reception at ISU on May 15, 2010. She noted that these winners were chosen from 2,198 students who attend 22 primary and middle schools that all worked and submitted original manuscripts.

Nominator Courtney McCaw introduced and recognized Calvin Coolidge Middle School teacher Jeanie Caskey as the April winner of the Peoria's Finest Teacher Award.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – President Wolfmeyer offered condolences to Kim Wolpert and Susan Wolpert with their loss of Rick Wolpert, retired Director of Payroll and to Jojo Simmons on the loss of her two daughters and grandson. Mrs. Wolfmeyer congratulated Northmoor Edison Primary School Principal Nicole Wood and family on the birth of a new son.

Mr. Stowell thanked and congratulated Brian Devine on the successful chess tournament. He publicized the "Look It's My Book" event at Mt. Hawley on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. and the May 6, 6:30 p.m. Hines School Duct Tape Fashion Show.

Mrs. Parker presented that a presentation of the movie "Men to Boys" will be May 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Manual High School.

Mrs. Ross thanked the Department of Transportation for giving District 150 600 trees. The trees were given in recognition of Earth Day to students at Glen Oak Primary School and Harrison Primary School. Trees were also planted at the schools.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that on May 2 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. there will be an Open House at Woodruff High School. Public is invited.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – Sharon Crews, 2215 W. Callender, spoke on summer school. She reported that high school summer school for 2009 cost the district over \$62,000 for 413 students. She shared her concern that students will have difficulty making up the classes they have failed during the school year because of enrollments in classes. She is also concerned that the lack of ability to make up classes will increase the drop out rate of students. She asked that the District offer and fund summer school on a larger scale.

Karen Adkins Dutro, 2610 W. Barker Ave. stated her concern that the Board meetings will not include televised public comments. She feels there needs to be more transparency and that the public is being excluded.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., stated that there were rumors that Human Resources Director Mrs. Dimke gave pay raised up to \$9.00 per hour or 60% increases without going to the bargaining group or without the approval of the Board of Education. He stated his concern that the district is reverting back to where the Board and Superintendent will dictate and students need to be at the top of the triangle. Mr. Knapp would like to hear Dr. Lathan speak.

Sarah Alhassan, 319 W. Columbia Terrace, stated her concern with the apathy and non-compliance of unruly and disrespectful students and the need for parents to be more effective. She would like to challenge students and demand that very best from our citizens.

Marc Porch, 206 S. Becker Lane, stated that this is the last meeting that people will be able to hear from the public. He feels that the only people with a voice are businesses and those with passion are being silenced. He asked that the Board reconsider their decision because it is not constitutional and is shameful.

Briggett Carter, 1926 W. Hudson, stated that she is a PAHS graduate and that she is in favor of keeping the school open. She emphasized that teachers believed in students and helped them succeed. She finished high school and college and is now the vice president in a bank.

Marquetta Dunigan, 723 W. Nowland, a graduate of PAHS also would like to see the program stay open. She has also graduated from college and is working on a masters degree.

Andrew Jowers, 1416 NE Madison Ave., Rev. Jowers feels the way we educate students is archaic. He would also like to see the high school students start at an earlier time and the primary students start later. He stated that he taught a class at Manual High School and there was a need for more equipment. He would like to see the community and school district work together.

Chris Notary, Richwoods High School, stated that the clerical staff is appalled with the Director of Human Resources for reclassifying ten employees to a higher paygrade level with no consideration to the contract or the effect on the remaining unit members. She feels it would be equitable for all clerical members to get the same raises that the ten have gotten for the last six months.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that he did meet Dr. Lathan at Trewyn Middle School and that the watchdog group will be watching. He stated his concern that there was not an Hispanic member of the Superintendent Search Committee.

Carly Turner, 1401 W. Parkside Dr. spoke in favor of keeping the PAHS program open. She read a letter from her mother stating the importance of the program to her family. Carly stated that she began her high school career at another facility and the environment was too disruptive. She stated that teachers at PAHS were there for the students and they were like family and that it is because of PAHS that she graduated and is now attending ICC.

Paul Peterson, 3828 N. Monroe Ave., stated that the PAHS staff and facility is wonderful and he emphasized that the program needs to stay.

Bryan Devine, 1917 E. Knox, stated that he does not make his comments just to be on TV. He suggested that the Board continue to show the public comment portion, but allow the Board of Education to respond. He stated that parents and others do have the right to know what is facing the district. He does not feel that the Board should have a choice of what to broadcast.

Charlie Thomas, 619 Forrest, stated his concern that the Woodruff High School building would be used for other purposes and there would not be the savings as estimated. He stated his concern with the placement of teachers in positions, people are saying they are not getting shots for jobs they want. He also stated his concern with grading requirements from one

school to another. He stated his hope that the Lindbergh Middle School principal would be retained. He stated that he does feel that it is important that people who cannot attend the meetings hear the public comments.

Debbie Chavez, 3604 N. Missouri, spoke on behalf of the clerical contract book. She asked that people adhere to the contract book. She emphasized that employees do have bargaining agreements and that administration needs to follow the agreement, know the articles and negotiating process – administration cannot change wages or reclassify employees without bargaining the changes with the union – or it can end up being a legal mess. She reported that in November 2009 the reclassification of 10 employees in human resources and payroll changed without any bargaining. When a job was posted because of a retirement, the union was then informed of the change, five months after it happened, a clear violation of the contract. She noted that the grievance procedure is being followed but that a grave injustice to district employees had happened. She reported that the change resulted in from \$7,664.80 to \$9,973.60 per person for 26 weeks of pay – the cost to the District for the increase for one year would be \$176,384. She feels that damage has been done by one person in not realizing what her job is and others in condoning these actions. She asked: What can the fix be? Why was it necessary to hide the increase? How can we build trust in the future?

Elaine Hopkins, 1825 Maple Ridge, stated her concern that there was no televised vote of the Board's decision to eliminate the public comment portion of the meeting from the tape delayed broadcast. She also stated her concern that there were secret raises with no vote. Mrs. Hopkins spoke to the book "Death and Life of Great American Schools" and read a quote from the books. She stated that we all support education and asked that we get District 150 back on track.

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

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – Dr. Durlinger presented the change to policy 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy - Compulsory Attendance - to align it with administrative procedure 6:280 – Instruction – Grading and Promotion.

#### 7:70 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

#### *ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY – COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE*

##### I. Excused Absences

- A. Requests by students to be absent from school shall be granted by principals or his/her designee only under the provisions provided for in *The School Code of Illinois*.
- B. A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) must authorize all absences and notify the school 48 hours in advance when situations require pre-approval notices, otherwise at the time of the student's absence.
- C. Requests by students to be absent from school to make visits to college campuses and job interviews shall be granted only in accordance with District practice (up to five days total).
- D. Requests by students to be absent from school for the following reasons will be considered excused absences:
  - illness
  - observance of religious holiday (with 48 hours notice requested)
  - death in the immediate family
  - family emergency
  - visits to college campuses and job interviews (with 48 hours notice requested)
  - situations beyond the student's control as determined by the Board of Education
  - other circumstances which cause reasonable concern to the parent for the safety or health of the student.
- E. It shall be the responsibility of the student to complete all make-up work within the time limits established by school personnel
  - Requests by students to be absent from school during the semester examinations shall be denied.

##### II. Unexcused Absences, Truancies, Suspensions

- A. Students who are absent for reasons other than listed under excused absences shall be considered unexcused.
- B. Correction responses will be made with unexcused absences:
  - Phone call to parent/guardian when student is absent.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused absence in primary and middle and 5<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence in high school, principal or designee will meet with student to discuss reasons for being absent, importance of attendance and develop a plan for possible solutions including community support services, explanation of the law concerning student attendance and responses for failure to meet the expectations of attendance plan.

- Following conference with student, principal/designee will contact parent/guardian to review all items covered in student meeting and inform them of the District's policy requiring a doctor's note after 10 absences.
  - **At the primary, middle and high schools, upon the student's 5<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence**, the principal/designee will mail or have delivered a letter requesting the parent(s)/guardian(s) to contact the school within 5 days of date of letter, to schedule a meeting to discuss child's absences and develop a targeted intervention plan. The letter will list resources for parents if they need assistance. Letter will inform parents of expectations and levels of intervention. (Note: failure of parents to attend meeting will not change the process for the parent(s)/guardian(s) or a student's targeted plan development.
  - The meeting with the family may be individual or conducted as a group meeting with several families. The meeting could occur as a building-level Targeted Team Meeting, a "Project TARGET" meeting, etc. Sign in and the development of a proposed plan will be required.
  - Connecting with the student and family for any further unexcused absences is strongly recommended.
- C. If issues continues:
- Upon **10<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence** from school, principal/designee will mail or hand-deliver a letter to parents requesting they contact the school within 5 days of date of letter to schedule an appointment. Any further absences without a doctor's note (specifically stating the child was too ill to be in school) presented to the school within 24 hours may result in further consequences.
  - A meeting with parent/guardian, student, school officials and/or community support to review the action plan that continues to identify reasons for absences and specific intervention for students and/or family to resolve issues that interfere with school attendance. The "whole child" (achievement, behavior, family issues, social/emotional development, health, etc.) will be considered when developing a targeted intervention plan. Recommendation for Summer School attendance may occur.
  - Again connecting with the student and family for any further unexcused absences is strongly recommended.
- D. If issue continues:
- Upon the 15<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence without a Doctor's note, parents will receive a hand delivered letter from the school requesting a signature and acknowledgement of consequences of 18 unexcused absences. A parent meeting is highly encouraged.
  - In addition, upon the 15<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence without a Doctor's note, all students ages 7-12 will be referred to PROJECT TARGET and placed on their caseload.
  - For the 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence, parents of students, ages 7-17, will be issued a Truancy Ticket. Students, ages 14-17, will also receive a Truancy Ticket.
  - Upon the **18<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence** ("Chronic Truant"), students, ages 7-14, Project TARGET will refer the case to the **Peoria County State's Attorney's Office** for possible violation of Illinois School code, Sec. 26-10, "Any person having custody or control of a child is subject to the provisions of this Article to whom notice has been given of the child's truancy and who knowingly and willfully permits such a child to persist in his truancy within the school year, upon conviction shall be subject to not more than 30 days imprisonment and/or a \$500 fine. The student may be removed from his/her home school and placed in an alternative site for the remainder of the year." Summer School attendance will be required.
  - On the **18<sup>th</sup> unexcused absence, students, ages 13+ and their parent(s)/guardian(s) may sign an Alternative Attendance Contract** which states if the student receives two more days of absences, they will be transferred to an alternative site.
- E. Suspended students shall be given a zero, but they should be allowed to make up the assignment(s)/test/work and shall receive a grade of 50% if the work is completed. Students with an unexcused absence shall be given a zero, but they shall be allowed to make up the work for full credit. At the high school level, after nine (9) unexcused absences, the student automatically fails the course for that grading period. (see 6:280AP)

These students shall be permitted to make up such work as is required for course completion, such as book reports, term papers, or projects. A makeup date will be assigned by the teacher and the grade recorded for that date, not the original date when the student had an unexcused absence.

Routine daily assignments may also be completed by the student, if required by the teacher. A makeup date will be assigned by the teacher and the grade recorded for that date, not the original date when the student had an unexcused absence.

F. Absences to Take Part in Extra Curricular Activities

While it may, occasionally, be necessary for the principal to approve the release of students from regularly scheduled classes to take part in extra curricular activities, this practice is to be held to a minimum.

Absences may be approved for participation in competitive events sponsored by District 150 or regularly scheduled through state organizations like the Illinois High School Association with which the District has official affiliation. Absences may be approved for national or international competition such as is held for speech, debate, cheerleading and vocational education providing qualification for such competition was secured through successful state competition. District 150 will not be obligated for any expense incurred.

The principal or a district-wide sponsor of the extra-curricular activity may, with the concurrence of the Associate Superintendent may approve other school-sponsored trips to be accomplished primarily when school is not in session. These trips will be considered for approval if the experiences are an integral part of the school curriculum and contribute to the District's desired educational goals. Each trip authorization shall be based on written rationale of the travel's educational value as well as safety and welfare of the students involved. The principal must assure the District that adequate supervision is provided. The District will not be obligated for an expense incurred, with the possible exception of the cost of a substitute, if needed.

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2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

FINANCE REPORTS – Ms. Schau presented this report for the Board's information and review. Questions were asked and answered regarding the report. Mr. Stowell questioned the \$10 million reported in revenue on the Federal Adult Education line. Ms. Schau reported that this funding is what the District has received from the State in ARRA funding, but it is in lieu of State money. The reporting in that line item is required. He also asked about the credit in the Tort Fund. She noted that we had to reverse an auditing journal entry because it was adjusted twice.

Dr. Gorenz discussed the District funding for PAHS, Adult Education and Pre-K. He stressed that the District is not cutting the funding for these programs, the state is. Dr. Gorenz would like more information on what the process will be going forward for Adult Education, Pre-K and PAHS. Ms. Schau reported that there are still many questions - we do not know what State funding will be and unfortunately the legislature will be adjourning May 7. She noted that this would allow us to know the numbers earlier, but Ms. Schau is worried about what those numbers will be. Dr. Gorenz shared his concern that the State would pass a six month budget, which would be very difficult for the district. Dr. Gorenz would like a report on the cost of grant funded programs for 08-09 and this year and what the Education Fund had to supplant. Ms. Schau noted that any shortfalls in grant funded programs has to come from the Education Fund

Mrs. Parker stated that she feels that the Board needs to set priorities for programming. Dr. Gorenz stated that the Board also needs to know the alternative programs available in the community. Ms. Schau reported that the District is receiving General State Aid payments on a regular basis, but the State is using ARRA Funds to make the payments. Her concern is what will happen when the State no longer receives ARRA Funds. Ms. Schau will prepare an updated report on the status of the categorical funding.

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Mrs. Schau presented this report for the Board's review.

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. Durflinger reported that since our last Board meeting report, we have received ten (10) new Freedom of Information Act requests. Of those new requests, two (2) were filled and eight (8) are pending. Of the

three (3) pending requests noted on the April 12, 2010 board report, one (1) is still in pending status and two (2) were filled. We have received fifty-five (55) total requests for the calendar year (since January 1, 2010).

#### CONSENT AGENDA –

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

\$2,000.00 donated to the Developmental Center for supplies and equipment for students by the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council

Installation of Smart Boards and Projectors, valued by the donor at \$760.00, donated by Lindbergh Middle School PTO

\$6,000.00 for school use, donated by Ameren-Cilco to Peoria Adult Education Center

\$500.00 for the rental fee at Gateway Building for graduation donated by Commerce Bank to Peoria Alternative High School

\$500.00 for PE supplies, donated by Independent Sports Club to R.A. Jamieson School

\$2,000.00 for supplies and equipment for students donated by Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council to R.A. Jamieson School

\$500.00 to be used for student needs, donated by Salem Lutheran Church Outreach Committee to Thomas Jefferson Primary School

Washington Gifted School received the following donations to help pay end-of-year trip fees for a student in need:

\$5.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Morrival

\$20.00 donated by Tracy Lovestrand and James Boyle

\$20.00 donated by The Benito Carrillo Family

\$100.00 donated by Tsung How Liu and Lin Zhu

\$15.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Mark Race

\$21.00 donated by Drs. Ulf and Nguyet Lindquistor

2 used squad cars, valued by the donor at \$2,400.00, donated by the City of Peoria to Peoria Public Schools

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$2,368.01		\$516,209.67	\$518,577.68
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$146,707.91	\$146,707.91
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$110,829.93	\$110,829.93
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS			\$0.00	\$0.00
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$2,131.18	\$2,131.18
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$0.00	\$0.00
	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH				
99	PROG			\$0.00	\$0.00
				<u>\$775,878.69</u>	<u>\$778,246.70</u>

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Custodial Supplies for Warehouse

Request for bid was sent thirty-seven (37) vendors. Two vendors returned "No bid". Bids were received from seventeen (17) vendors as follows:

All American Poly	\$ 0.00
Carter Paper & Packaging	\$ 3,656.79
Central Poly	\$ 6,400.00
Central Supply	\$ 4,363.10
D.P Industrial	\$ 7,580.00
Dyna Pak	\$ 0.00
Flex Pac	\$ 266.60
George Pasquel	\$ 7,289.60
Interboro Packaging	\$ 0.00
Interline Brands/Amsan	\$ 52,521.52
J.P Gasway	\$ 0.00
Jadcore/Liner Lady	\$ 26,030.00
Kaeb Sanitary	\$ 38,813.32
Maloney's Service	\$ 0.00
Sunrise Supply	\$ 25.25
Triad Industrial	\$ 16,619.50
Unipak	\$ 0.00

The above bids were opened on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 1:30 pm by Julie Cramer and Debbie Brown. This is awarded by line item and is recommended as above. This bid will be charged to Education Fund.

Horticulture Materials

Request for bid was sent to twelve (12) vendors. Five vendors returned bids, but two did not include a bid bond. Three returned as follows:

	<u>24-4-12 fertilizer</u>	<u>18-5-9 fertilizer</u>	<u>fertilizer/herbicide</u>
Behm & Hagemann		\$3268.80	\$8095.50
Helena Chemical	\$1312.00	\$3168.00	\$7119.00
MTI	\$1270.00	\$3744.00	\$5986.40

	<u>Round Up Ultra</u>	<u>Round Up Drypak</u>
Behm & Hagemann	\$760.90	\$1791.00
Helena Chemical	\$550.00	\$1350.00
MTI Bettendorf	no bid	no bid

The above bids were opened on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 1:30 pm by Julie Cramer, Debbie Brown, Pat Carrigan and Dave Ryon. MTI did not meet specifications on any products. It is recommended to award all products to Helena Chemical. This bid will be charged to Buildings & Grounds.

Window Replacement at Whittier

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

Bishop Bros.	\$762,699.00
Clark Corporation	\$639,000.00
T. Haefli & Sons	\$643,767.00
Horan Construction	\$667,000.00
Peoria Metro Const.	\$667,500.00
Vanguard Contractors	\$693,300.00

The above bids were opened on Thursday, April 15, 2010, at 1:30 pm by Julie Cramer, Dave Ryon and Debbie Brown. It is recommended to award the low bid of \$639,000.00 to Clark Corporation. This bid will be charged to Health Life Safety Funding.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

<u>Certified Personnel</u>	Effective Date
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Summer School Teachers – Part Time</u>	
Seiberling, Ellen – Trewyn / Current Teacher	06/14/10
Szilveszter, Lindsay – Von Steuben / Current Certified Tutor	06/14/10
<u>Resignation</u>	
<u>Administrators – Full Time</u>	
Ludlum, Angela – Von Steuben/Assistant Principal/Other Employment	06/18/10
<u>Teacher – Full Time</u>	
Daczewitz, Marcus – Woodrow Wilson / Other Employment	04/12/10
<u>Non-Certified Personnel</u>	
<u>Return to Work</u>	
<u>Teacher Aides</u>	
Haynes, Denise – Thomas Jefferson / From Medical Leave	03/22/10
<u>Retirements</u>	
<u>Cafeteria – Full Time</u>	
Sherlock, Beverly – Peoria High / Cook	05/28/10
<u>Teachers Aide – Full Time</u>	
Dudley, Diana – Sterling	05/27/11
Rogers, Anna – Jamieson	05/31/11
<u>Return to Work</u>	
<u>Teacher Aides</u>	
Fauser, Mary – Lindbergh	04/12/10
Robinson, Glorier – Valeska	04/19/10
<u>Certified Substitutes</u>	
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Teachers</u>	
Cowser, Michelle – Other Employment	04/15/10
Koval, Jon – Other Employment	04/21/10
Smith, Reese – Other Employment	04/12/10
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Teachers</u>	
Ramseyer, Dean – Reliability Concerns	04/15/10



**Non-Certified Substitutes**

Appointments

Student Worker

Cagle, Jamee – Valeska / Custodian

04/27/10

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Ross would like to see the cost of subs listed on the report.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

IHSA MEMBERSHIP – Moved by Parker, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education approve the renewal of membership in the Illinois High School Association for Manual High School, Peoria High School and Richwoods High School, and agree to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-Laws, Terms and conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the Illinois High School Association for the year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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 26, 2010 be approved as amended.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Expulsions – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Butler that the Expulsions listed on the report dated April 26, 2010 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Butler, Gorenz Parker, Petelle, Stowell, Wolfmeyer,  
1 nay. Ross. 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 26, 2010 be approved as presented.

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

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION** – Moved by Parker, seconded by Butler that the Board of Education receive and approve a resolution from Peoria Promise Neighborhood Planning Board Related to a Promise Neighborhood Application.

Dr. Durflinger reported that the Promise Neighborhood Application is a collaboration of entities working on applying for a grant. He introduced Sandy Burke, District Family Liaison, who is on the steering committee for the grant. She reported that the grant not only involves schools but also hopes to impact the neighborhood surrounding the schools. The model used that is Harlem Neighborhoods Model. She reported that the grand would allow Peoria to come together to work in collaboration on behalf of urban, low-income families with the goal being to apply for the grant, but even if the grant is not received, the community would know the direction they want to go. PCCEO would be the lead agency for the grant. Dr. Gorenz noted that this grant would fit in with the strategic direction of the District. He noted that City Councilman Jacob started a plan with the impact zones around the new schools and this is a major extension of that plan.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR TRAX SOLUTIONS – After discussion this action item was pulled for further clarification and will be presented at the next Board meeting.

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS** – Dr. Gorenz asked that administration look at Lincoln School and the \$17 million allocated to determine if that is the most cost effective way to use the rest of the money. He noted that the environment has changed and administration has changed since that concept was looked at and that the current use of the money is certainly a valid use of the money, but could Woodruff High School be utilized for Lincoln Middle School students and the current Lincoln Middle School used for Irving Primary School students. Then we could divert dollars to Peoria High School for lighting, geothermal heating and air-conditioning which would be the right direction for year-round school. Dr. Gorenz stated that he feels the move for more funding at Peoria High School would improve the facility for a greater number of students. Dr. Gorenz stated that cost savings from closing a high school is not from the building but from operating three high schools and not four. He does feel that Woodruff High School is too good a building to sit empty, he feels that with a pool, cafeteria and library Woodruff would prove to be a very effective school for the middle school students. He would like a review by administration of the proposal on how functional that would be before spending the funds.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer would like information on what the cost would be to make Lincoln Middle School into a primary school. She noted that information from a Facilities Study would be helpful, as would input from the new Superintendent. She would like specific information on what the additional funding for Peoria High School would cover.

Ms. Petelle stated her concern with middle school students using Woodruff High School. If that building were to be used for an alternative school or for a vocational program would the parents want their middle school students in the same building.

Dr. Gorenz stated that administration would have to look at that issue, but when he looked at Woodruff High School and Peoria High School he felt that Woodruff High School lended itself to support more than one program in the building whereas Peoria High School can only be used as a high school.

President Wolfmeyer noted that she felt the Board of Education had the discussion on putting middle school students in that building and they did think that was not the best use for the building, but that administration can look at the issue and have the discussion. Her concern is that for every week we wait there is a delay for the architects to start on the Woodruff site. Dr. Gorenz stated that he felt an addition to Lincoln and move to Woodruff High School could be completed quicker than current plan. Mrs. Wolfmeyer stated that she needs more information to decide if that is the best use of the building.

Mr. Stowell stated that he agreed with Dr. Gorenz. Mr. Stowell noted that he feels that we will not be a recipient of a windfall from State School Construction Funds because of the plight of the State. He also shared that he has been contacted by trade groups about going through Manual, Peoria and Woodruff High Schools to see what is there and what they might bring to the table to get a vocational school started. He stressed that these capital dollars could be the last we could have for the next 20 years and we must be very prudent in how we are going to allocate them. Dr. Gorenz stated that he did think we might get the State School Construction Funds, but now feels we will not.

Dr. Durlinger asked the Board to consider if they would be willing to pay for the architectural work if the PBC would not. Ms. Schau stated that her understanding is that if the work relates to Lincoln Middle School or Peoria High School it would relate to the bond issue and PBC would cover, but it will depend on the change in design. Dr. Durlinger would like to ask that question of the PBC and report. President Wolfmeyer stressed that any costs for changes to Woodruff High School would not be covered by PBC funding.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer  
Board President

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