

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
August 3, 2009

The Board convened in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building at 4:35 p.m. President Debbie Wolfmeyer called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Gorenz, Petelle, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Ross arrived at 4:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Petelle, seconded by Butler to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting July 20, 2009 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 6:25 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, Petelle, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of July 20, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dr. Hannah provided the following information regarding Governor Quinn's allocation of discretionary funds:

- Adult Education and Family Literacy program, the Career and Technical Education program and the GED Testing program have all been fully funded for fiscal year 2010.
- Early childhood regained \$85 million of the \$123 million lost.
- Truants Alternative/Optional Education recovered \$8 million of their \$10 reduction relative to 2009 spending
- Alternative Education/Regional Safe Schools recovered \$4.2 million of the \$6 million cut
- Reading Improvement Block Grant, recovered \$30 million of the cut \$38 million
- Bilingual Education recovered \$11 million of the \$26 million lost
- Grow Your Own Teachers recovered \$1.4 million for a net loss of \$350,000 from FY 2009

Dr. Hannah also reminded all that the "1,000 Remarkable Guys" men taking students to the first full day of school will be Thursday, August 27, 2009. He encouraged all men to join the event.

Mrs. Parker announced that this year there will be a change in school registration. All families will now register their students before school starts.

- Primary registration is August 20 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Middle Schools are August 18 & 19 7:30 -10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. and August 20, 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 -7:00 p.m.
- High School registration will be at fee day.

Dr. Gorenz moved to suspend Board Policy for this meeting on the Presentation by Audience on Action Items and Presentation by Audience merged into one speaking time. Motion did not receive a second.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – none

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Rosalie Walker, 622 Vine. Stated that all children should be treated the same and the Edison program discontinued, that all schools should be K-8, that one middle school should be closed and students moved to a high school.

Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point, stated that mediation is going well, but the class size issue needs to be worked on; Manual High School has 8 administrators and that seems high, wondered about the number of consultants, noted that the Cost Reduction Committee recommended getting rid of the Edison program and that the program should be ended and duplicated by the District, recommended tabling the closing of a high school and teachers working on the process.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr., stated his concern with closing schools and busing students, noted that Charter School funding has been eliminated by the State, stated that money has been wasted sending it to the Edison Program.

Demarcus Dixon, 606 E. Gift, reminded all to think of student safety when closing schools.

Sharon Crews, 2215 W. Callendar, stated that there was a rumor that Peoria Public Schools District 150 and the PBC made a deal to close a high school. She feels that Manual High School should be repurposed as a vocational and non-traditional school. She feels closing a high school should be tabled. She feels early childhood program, which are not funded by the state, take funding from other schools.

Julie Vyncke, 111 S. Montana, a teacher at Lindbergh Middle School, stated that a long term plan is needed for the District. She also feels and noted research that reports class size contributes to academic success.

Tom Hayes, 407 W. Knollcrest, requested that the Board vote to rescind the closing of a high school. He feels there is no appropriate analysis of schools to know which school should be closed. He feels Manual High School should be considered in the conversation. He stated that the community will not want to send their children to Peoria Public Schools with larger class sizes and gangs. He asked that the closing of Woodruff High School be tabled to allow for input from the teachers and the community.

Kim Still, 525 Boston Court, Bartonville, teacher at WHS, stated that there are still unresolved issues with the biggest question being – what will happen to the 1,000 students currently attending Woodruff High School. She is concerned about student safety and asked if students are struggling now, how will larger class sizes improve their academic success.

Judy McDowell, 2627 N. Wisconsin, asked that the vote to close Woodruff High School be tabled until the new Superintendent arrives and there is a plan in place. She stated that student safety should be the #1 priority.

Charlie Thomas, 619 W. Forrest Lawn, stated that there were meetings at Woodruff High School and several plans were discussed – he asked if those plans had been considered by administration. He asked that choice be offered at the high school level with parents choosing the academic areas best for their students.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that he is irritated that people put Manual High School down. He feels discipline is the key issue for school success.

Martha Kelly, 3502 N. Peoria, would like to see Woodruff High School continue as a high school.

Trish McDaniel, 2812 Crestwood, asked that the Board of Education table the vote to close Woodruff High School and develop a plan that took students into consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR -- Moved by Parker, seconded by Gorenz adoption of the consent calendar. Items to be voted on separately are Travel Requests, Approval of Professional Services Agreement for audit services and approval of change in School Calendar.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Trumpet, valued by the donor at \$100.00, donated by Terry Myers to the Second Fiddle Program

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$50,372.92		\$269,820.43	\$320,193.35
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$157,069.25	\$157,069.25
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$13,494.69	\$13,494.69
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS			\$21,563.02	\$21,563.02
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$8,848.62	\$8,848.62
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$0.00	\$0.00
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$1,980.00	\$1,980.00
				<u>\$472,776.01</u>	<u>\$523,148.93</u>

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Certified Personnel

Appointments

Teachers – Full Time

Cech, Timothy – Manual – History	08-24-09
Heaney, Gary – Manual – 10-12 Math	08-24-09
Jezek, Martin Shayne – Manual – 10-12 English	08-24-09
Pedersen, Christopher – Manual – Math	08-24-09
Ryia, Michael – Sub now – Manual – 9 th Grade World History	08-24-09
Wood, Kellie – Manual – Middle School Math	08-24-09

Teacher Pink Slip Recall – Full Time

Ayler, Mary – Hines – 4 th Grade	08-04-09
Burdette-Steel, Marcy – Manual – Reading Coach	08-24-09
Diederich, Lindsay – Glen Oak – 5 th Grade	08-24-09
Fritsch, Denise – Glen Oak – Intervention Specialist	08-24-09
Kallister, Jennifer – Manual – Reading Coach	08-24-09
Quezada, Joy – Glen Oak – 4 th Grade	08-24-09

Leave of Absences

Teachers

Academic Leave

Daczewitz, Marcus – Woodrow Wilson	08-24-09
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Family Leave

Robinson-Molton, Michelle – Hines	08-24-09
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Resignations

Teachers – Full Time

MacIntosh, Gigi – Manual 06-30-09

Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Coaching – Part Time

Lomelino, Charles - RHS – Boys Asst. Football Coach 08-24-09

Timmerman, Lloyd – RHS – Boys Asst. Football Coach 08-24-09

Consultant – Part Time

Williamson, Jeanne 07-28-09

Transportation – Part Time

Alexander, Tabias 07-29-09

Barlow, Antonio 07-21-09

Harper, Selena 07-21-09

Jones, Wuanta 07-09-09

Little, Syreeta 07-28-09

Matheny, Kindra K. 06-22-09

Ortega, Arthur 07-30-09

Cafeteria – Pink Slip Recall – Part Time

Davis, Lakisha - Irving

Edwards, Rosalie - Hines

Flemming, Jenell - Columbia

Fortune, Cynthia - Kellar

Harris-Smith, Edie - Woodrow Wilson

Hightower, Anita - Lindbergh

Nelson, Angela - Roosevelt

Young, Annette - Roosevelt

Resignations

Para-professional – Full Time

Neasman, William 07-31-09

Transportation – Part Time

Collins, Devena 07-15-09

Sommerville, Tonya 07-13-09

White, Mary 07-13-09

Retirements

Clerical – Full Time

Langen, Lynda 06-01-10

Maintenance – Full Time

Hartwell, Russell 08-10-10

Certified Substitute

Appointments

Teacher

Farkash, Sanford 07-22-09

Oktoer, Naseim 07-29-09

Resignations

Teachers

Johnson, Jay – moved out of area 07-28-09

Olson, Katie – moved out of state 07-22-09

Non-Certified Substitute

Appointments

Substitute Aide and Behavior Attendant

Sanders, Brittany 07-23-09

Removal from Referral List

Substitute Aide and Behavior Attendant

McCraney, Larry 08-03-09

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS - Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle approval of the travel requests as presented by the administration. Travel request for Bryan Pullen was pulled for further information and will be presented at the next meeting. (Copy is on file in the board secretary's office.)

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR AUDIT SERVICES – Moved by Ross, seconded by Parker that Clifton Gunderson LLP be appointed the District's auditors for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Comptroller Schau reported that Clifton Gunderson is being presented this year because the audit and AFR needed to be completed this year in a timely manner. She suggested an RFP for audit services be submitted by March of 2010. Mrs. Ross asked for the cost of the audit and other services provided by Clifton Gunderson during the 08-09 year.

Ms. Petelle asked that all information allowable be presented to the community. Ms. Schau reported that the single audit is always available and legal counsel would make a decision on other available information.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN SCHOOL CALENDAR – Moved by Butler, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education approve the revised 2009-2010 school calendar.

Dr. Davis explained that three days, December 9, 2009 and March 10 and May 19, 2010 were being removed as Primary Early Release days. Dismissal from school would be moved to 1:15 p.m.

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

DELIBERATION AGENDA –

APPROVAL OF PRINCIPAL CONTRACTS – Moved by Parker, seconded by Stowell that the employment contracts for the following principals be approved: Veralee Smith, Eric A. Thomas, Ethellyn A. Johnson, Jamie L. Brown, Diann G. Duke, Phillip W. Hlse.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Ms. Schau 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 – Dr. Hannah reported that four requests have been filed since the last meeting, 1 has been filled and 3 are pending.

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2009. Mrs. Parker asked that other plans be looked at during the next Committee of the Whole meeting so the Board of Education could get an idea of the options available.

Mr. Stowell asked that the public be invited to the next Committee of the Whole. Information will be presented and the Board will discuss how other districts provide information on the public addressing the Board. He would also like a report on how many teachers live in the district and the length of day that teachers work for other districts.

Rev. Butler asked that other plans for closing a high school be submitted to the Board office by August 6 at noon.

ADJOURNMENT - Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board President