

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
August 17, 2009

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, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Board member Ross was absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Stowell seconded by Butler to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting August 3, 2009 Section 2(c) (21); 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 5:30 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 August 3, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Students from Charter Oak Primary School, Irving Primary School and Kellar Primary School modeled uniforms that will be appropriate for their schools.

Board member Butler invited all "Guys" to participate in the August 27, 2009 first day of school "1,000 Remarkable Guys" event. All men are encouraged to take students to school on that first full day of school. She also invited the community to participate in the August 22, 2009 Family, Pride & Promise event being held at Manual High School.

Board President Wolfmeyer reminded all families that they need to enroll for school this year. She also read an invitation from Community Superintendent Search Committee Co-Chairpersons Dr. John Erwin and Carl Cannon inviting the community to an Open Forum on Tuesday, September 1, 7:00 p.m. at the DLC Board room where they will meet with representatives from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to discuss the characteristics desired in our new Superintendent .

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – none

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Bob Darling, 230 E. High Point stated that he would like to see Board members and the union talk directly. He also encouraged Board members to stop in and visit schools. He noted that teachers get criticized for only working 6 ½ hour days, but there are some teachers already in the schools. He stated that teachers are very concerned with the class size issue – rooms are small and using data to evaluate a large group is difficult. He also noted that with inclusion, classes will be even larger – they could reach 35 to 37 students.

Lonnie Whisker, 5302 Haymeadow, asked that Board members not make decisions for the short term, but strive for long term solutions. He stated that he is concerned that larger class sizes will affect student achievement. He is looking forward to partnering with the District to help it become a world class district.

Hedy Elliott-Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood, asked if there could be incentives for new hires to live in the city. She thanked board members for being committed to the children in Peoria.

Beth Crider-Alcott, 4516 W. Cedar Hills Dr., thanked the Department of Teaching and Learning for the session by 95% Group. She noted that more and more tools are becoming available to teachers, but large class sizes can make it very difficult to test , diagnose and then develop interventions for all students.

Judy McDowell, 2627 N. Wisconsin, stated that she has heard the concerns, problems, suggestions and plans as well as the financial predicament – and realizes that we must do something. She feels that the Edison program should be eliminated, and that there needs to be a plan for closing Woodruff High School. She feels that small children do not belong at Woodruff High School and that the board should table the vote to close a high school until the new Superintendent can share his vision.

Sharon Crews, 2215 W. Callender, feels that the district should establish an alternative school and a vocational school because we now offer nothing more than “watered down” academics. She proposed that Manual High School become two schools and that 7th and 8th grades be added to Peoria High School and Woodruff High School and a middle school be closed. She also asked that teachers leaving Manual High School have exit interviews. She noted that the courses offered in the John Hopkins model are not on the test and that in 2010 NCLB will require that 77.5% of students make AYP and only 8% of Manual High School made AYP in 2009. She did note that the John Hopkins model does offer a reading intervention component, something that teachers at Manual High School had asked for for many years.

Elaine Hopkins, 1825 E. Maple Ridge, stated that community members have valuable things to say and valuable insights and speaking time should not be limited.

Charlie Thomas, 619 W. Forrest Lawn, thanked those Board members that replied to his e-mails and noted that discussion at Committee of the Whole was productive. He hopes that the process can “slow down” and the Board can get it right the first time. He is worried about what will happen after a decision is made and would like feedback on why one plan is better than another.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that the choir director at Trewyn Middle School was changed from full time to part time and he is concerned. He feels the Edison program should be eliminated and consultants eliminated. He stated that the District is asking teachers to work longer days for the same pay and that is not right. He stated there are too many administrators in special ed and they should be combined and other administrators should be cut.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR -- Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle adoption of the consent calendar except for the Travel Requests.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$250.00, donated to Peoria Public School by Humana

Office Supplies, valued by the donor at \$2,000.00 donated by Caterpillar to Peoria Public Schools

School supplies, valued by the donor at \$200.00, donated by OSF HealthCare Systems to Irving Primary School

Books to build student home libraries, valued by the donor at \$3,465.00, donated to Irving Primary School by “Look It’s My Book” Organization

Baked items, valued by the donor at \$115.70, donated by Mary Spangler to Washington Gifted School

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REV	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$48,550.11		\$238,643.53	\$287,193.64
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$190,269.07	\$190,269.07
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$11,796.03	\$11,796.03
60	CAPITAL PROJECTS			\$647.08	\$647.08
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$11,743.17	\$11,743.17
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$366.15	\$366.15
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$411.42	\$411.42
				<u>\$453,876.45</u>	<u>\$502,426.56</u>

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Certified Personnel

Effective Date

Appointments

Administrative

Plunkett, Mike – Student Affairs Director 08-11-09

Assistant Principals – Full Time

Nunn, Carolyn - Hines 08-11-09

Traenkenschuh, Julie – Woodruff 08-11-09

Teachers – Full Time

Bennett, Lindsay - Rolling Acres 08-24-09

Blacet, Jeffrey – Glen Oak 08-24-09

Branch, Lydia - Glen Oak - Special Education 08-24-09

(Graduated from Grow your Own Program)

Harridge, Douglas - Manual - Choral 08-24-09

Heaney, Gary - Manual - Math 08-24-09

Helfrich, Whitney – Northmoor – Spanish 08-24-09

Johnson, Peggy – Northmoor – Special Education 08-24-09

Kennerly, Crystal – Manual – Human Services 08-24-09

Liszewski, Elizabeth - Blaine Sumner - Hearing Itinerant 08-24-09

Ludwig, Amanda - Manual - Visual Arts 08-24-09

Neal, Lance - Manual - Science 08-24-09

Roark, Chad - Manual - Chemistry 08-24-09

Shah, Zaigham - Manual - Science 08-24-09

Springman, Susan - Manual - Special Education 08-24-09

Troyan, Linda – Glen Oak – Special Education 08-24-09

Wessler, Daniel – Peoria High & Glen Oak - Music 08-24-09

Teacher – Part Time

Butler, Amy – Von Steuben – Math 08-24-09

Frauser, Danielle – Franklin Edison – Writing 08-24-09

Lillico-Bush, Alene – Manual – Science 08-24-09

Teacher Pink Slip Recall – Full Time

Avery, Patricia – Manual – Language Arts 08-24-09

Blair, Lisa – Woodrow Wilson 08-24-09

Dieckow, Janice – Trewyn – Science 08-24-09

Fleming, Benita – Washington – English 08-24-09

Miller, Sherilyn – Harrison – Special Education 08-24-09

Mitchell, Myskeshia – Trewyn – Language Arts 08-24-09

Page, Marissia – Trewyn – Language Arts 08-24-09

Rakestraw, Candice – Lincoln – Technology Teacher 08-24-09

Rhodes, Guinivere – Trewyn – Math	08-24-09
<u>Teacher Pink Slip Recall – Part Time</u>	
Doty, Steve – Whittier – Physical Education	08-24-09
Glover, Molly – Hines – Science	08-24-09
Hutchins, Barbara – Keller – Music	08-24-09
Jennett, Theresa – Irving – Science	08-24-09
Knott, Amy – Thomas Jefferson – Prep. Teacher	08-24-09
Maloney, Kathy – Garfield – Language Arts	08-24-09
Mason, Donald – Sterling – Art	08-24-09
O'Malley, Lisa – Whittier – Science	08-24-09
Suau, Jennifer – Developmental Center – Physical Education	08-24-09
Watson, Sharon – Blaine Sumner – Itinerant	08-24-09
Williams, Sally – Hines – Social Studies	08-24-09
Williams, Shawn – Garfield – Physical Education	08-24-09
<u>Psychologist – Intern</u>	
Macpherson, Jennifer	08-17-09
<u>Social Worker – Full Time</u>	
Churchill, Stephanie	08-17-09
<u>Social Worker - Intern</u>	
Massey, Alicia	08-17-09
<u>Assistive Technology Counselor</u>	
Kennedy, Timothy	08-24-09
<u>Rescinded Position</u>	
<u>Teacher – Full Time</u>	
Side, Marilyn – Manual – Math	08-03-09
Ross, Trenton – Richwoods High School – Math	07-20-09
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Teachers – Full Time</u>	
Dean, Andrea – Garfield – Family relocated	07-30-09
Kallister, Jennifer – Franklin Edison – Family relocated	06-30-09
McCray, Elisabeth – Northmoor – Family relocated	06-30-09
<u>Retirements</u>	
<u>Teachers – Full Time</u>	
Nunn, Carolyn - Hines	06-30-12
Helenek, Jo Anne – Tyng	08-21-09
<u>Temporary Positions Ended</u>	
<u>Social Worker – Intern</u>	
Perez, Morgan	06-30-09
<u>Teachers - Summer School – 7-31-09</u>	
Allison, Dominique	Klimaszewski, Patrick
Anderson, Stephanie	Knaub, Mary
Andris, Genae	Lohr, Eileen
Baker, Jennifer	McLaughlin, Erin
Bielenberg, Katie	Moser, hannah
Black, Samantha	Mulhern, Lisa
Campbell, Dawn	Nace, Nicole
Clark, Amber	Nichols, Brianne
Curtin, Mackenzie	O'Bryan, Jena
Dejan, Natalie	Powers, Erin
Donnell, Samantha	Rizzo, Jamie
Fehl, Jessica	Schmidtknecht, Sarah
Fisher, Elaine	Schulze, Helene
Force, Linda	Shotick, Claire

Furr, Janet	Spafford, Jennifer
Garrison, Tabytha	Terry, Karen
Gremminger, Kerri	Thompson, Stephanie
Heinz, Amy	Wallick, Caressa
Hernandez, Maria	Warner, Kelly
Hunt, Erin	Weber, Anne
Kaminski, Katherine	Weldon, Jennifer

Non-Certified Personnel**Appointments****Clerical Pink Slip Recall – Full Time**

Fuller, Perrian – Franklin Edison	08-18-09
Atkins, Rachael – Woodrow Wilson	08-18-09

Paraprofessionals – Full Time

Brown, Eric – Von Steuben	09-01-09
Cobert, Deborah – Northmoor	08-24-09
Kastelic, Georgie – Von Steuben	08-24-09
Mullally, Chris – Northmoor	08-24-09

Extended Care Provider – Part Time

Hoover, Stephanie – Northmoor	08-24-09
Parr, Brooke – Northmoor	08-24-09
Ropp, Bethany – Northmoor	08-24-09
Smith, Shariece – Northmoor	08-24-09

Leave of Absence**Clerical – Full Time**

Nevitt, Laura – Finishing Academic Degree	08-24-09
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Resignations**Clerical – Full Time**

Robinson, Jennifer – Other Employment Opportunity	08-12-09
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Para-Professional – Full Time

Pearson, Stephanie – Franklin – Finishing Academic Degree	08-31-09
Bennett, Betti	08-03-09

Transportation – Part Time

Smith, Alicia - Other Employment Opportunity	08-03-09
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Retirements**Administrative**

Brown, Deborah – Warehouse/Roy Ricketts	06-30-10
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Para-Professional – Full Time

St. Julian, Jeanne – Northmoor	08-10-09
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Transportation – Part Time

Cox, Johnnie	08-06-09
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Termination**Custodian – (Indefinite) Full Time**

Young, Michael	08-03-09
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Security – Full Time

Groenewold, Kasey	08-06-09
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Job Coach - Temporary Position

Young, Nasali	08-10-09
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Certified Substitute**Appointments**

Teacher

Adler, Rachel	08-18-09
Banko, David	08-18-09
Davidson, Jonathan	08-18-09
Gilmore, Brian	08-18-09
Hinton, Mikelle	08-18-09
Kenny, Mark	08-18-09
Lighthall, Richard	08-18-09
Mack, Bryan	08-18-09
Miller, Robert	08-18-09
Rutherford, Jamie	08-18-09
Schubert, Grant	08-18-09
Wilson, Marcia	08-18-09

Non-Certified Substitute**Appointments**Clerical

Burch, Angela	08-18-09
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Para-Professional

McLeod, Monica	08-18-09
Nelson, Joan	08-18-09

Substitute Aide and Behavior Attendants

Armstrong, Doris	08-18-09
Donald, Trinitie	08-18-09
Johnson, Rasheedah	08-18-09
O'Conner, Darriana	08-18-09
Wilkerson, Inghish	08-18-09

Removal from Referral ListSubstitute Aide and Behavior Attendant

Wyman, Jennifer	08-12-09
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TerminationSubstitute Aide and Behavior Attendant

Buckley, Whitney – Background Check	08-04-09
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On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS – Moved by Butler, seconded by Parker that the Travel Request from Bryan Pullen be tabled until the next meeting.

Discussion was held on the Travel Request with Board members asking for more information.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Gorenz, seconded by Stowell 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.

AMBULANCE STAND-BY SERVICE – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education authorize the Administration to enter into an agreement with Advanced Medical Transport to provide ambulance service at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA –

AGREEMENT WITH BRADLEY UNIVERSITY – Moved by Parker, seconded by Ross that the Board of Education authorizes a mutual agreement between Bradley University offering programs in graduate education and Peoria Public Schools District 150 providing clinical area for selected intern learning.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH BRADLEY UNIVERSITY – Moved by Butler, seconded by Gorenz that the administration be authorized to enter into an agreement with Bradley University offering programs in graduate education to provide clinical experience for student in the Department of Physical Therapy.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT SERVICES – Moved by Ross, seconded by Stowell that the Board of Education authorize a contract with NSN Employer Services for the administration of unemployment services through June 30, 2010. Services include claims administration, hearing representation, benefit verification, tax rate verification, and an annual report. The total contract amount is \$5,480.98. Fees are determined by the number of employees listed on the March 15 prior year payroll.

Mrs. Dimke noted that this vendor was endorsed by the IASB.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

PRESENTATION OF THE 2009 - 2010 BUDGET – Mrs. Schau presented the budget for next year. She noted that it will be discussed in more detail at a Committee of the Whole meeting. There will be a public hearing and adoption of the budget on September 21, 2009. Mrs. Schau stated that she is presenting the budget in a new format that she hopes is more readily understandable and adaptable. She also expects the new format to allow administration to track changes as they become known. She noted that an amendment might need to be adopted next spring.

She reported that last year's budget shows an unaudited \$8.7 million loss in the Education Fund and a \$5 million loss in the operating funds.

Mr. Stowell noted that a big concern to the District is that the State used Stimulus Funding to make the last five General State Aid payments and will use the funding for at least the two payments in the fall.

FINANCE REPORTS – Ms. Schau presented this report for the Board's information and review.

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 – Mr. Hinton reported that since the August 3rd meeting there had been 5 requests with 2 filled and 3 pending. A complete report is available in the Board Secretary's office.

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – Ms. Petelle stated that a constituent had asked how sites for summer school were chosen. Mr. Hinton reported that the decision is usually made depending on which schools are undergoing construction. Ms. Petelle stated that Whittier Primary School parents were questioning the cuts in the fine arts at their school – the orchestra program. Dr. Davis reported that to equalize opportunities across the district, beginning this fall general music will be offered in all primary buildings with instrumental music beginning in 6th grade in the middle schools (except for Roosevelt Magnet School which will begin the instrumental program in 4th grade.) Ms. Petelle suggested that before and after school programs could be added to include string instruments.

Board member Butler stated that the NSBA has urged all to contact their members of Congress during the Congressional recess to discuss how their policy decisions in Washington impact the students in our District. Mr. Hinton highlighted that among decisions to be made this fall will be: Funding for Education FY 2010 Appropriations, Implementation of ARRA Stimulus Funds, ESEA/NCLB Reauthorization, Early Childhood Education and the E-Rate program.

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

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board President