

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
October 19, 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, Parker, Petelle, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Absent – Gorenz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last regular meeting October 5, 2009 and special meeting October 14, 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 6:05 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, Parker, Petelle, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Absent – Gorenz.

6:30 P.M. BINA HEARING – Board President Debbie L. Wolfmeyer called the hearing to order and noted that the hearing was concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell \$6,000,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. Dave Ryon, Director of Building and Grounds, stated that the funds would be used to pay for the cost of the ten year Health, Life, Safety re-surveys. Any associated work that would come from the survey that would be an approved amendment from the ISBE would be paid for from the bonds.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. and Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley spoke to the issuing of the bonds. Mr. Knapp stated his concern with the District raising taxes four times in the last calendar year. Mr. Sierra stated he was against issuing the bonds.

There were no further speakers.

Moved by Stowell, seconded by Parker to adjourn the hearing. President Wolfmeyer declared the hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2009 and special meeting of October 14, 2009.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Parker congratulated the District Winners in the April 2009 “National Library Week” Bookmark Contest - Kellar Primary School, Alice Gordon; Lindbergh Middle School Jessica John and Sterling Middle School Chonte Thomas.

Board Member Petelle congratulated Lincoln Middle School teacher Mollie Borquist for being the recipient of \$1,000 worth of school supplies from Office Max. She was named “A Day Made Better” winner.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS – none

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Members of the Richwoods High School Girls Basketball Team, Sarah Murray, Mariah Smith, and Katie Behm, spoke in favor of the reinstatement of their head coach. They all stated he was a great coach and a great leader and should be their coach for this basketball season.

Terry Knapp, 922 W. Wilshire Dr. stated that there is administrative talent in the District and that Dr. Hannah was overlooked for the position of Deputy Superintendent. Mr. Knapp also stated his concern with Dr. Durflinger being the Deputy Superintendent and not having any experience with minority students.

Bob Darling, 230 E. Highpoint Rd. spoke to the Richwoods High School Girls Basketball coach issue. He felt it would be better for the students to allow him to coach this season. He stated that he felt Dr. Hannah could have handled the Deputy Superintendent position. He stated that he appreciated the work that administrators do. Mr. Darling noted the overcrowding situation with Glen Oak and Irving Primary Schools because of the closing of Tyng and Kingman Primary Schools.

Hedy Elliott-Gardner, 3811 W. Pagewood, stated that she spoke with retired Superintendent Harry Whitaker and he knew the mission of District 150 and that we have lost that vision. She stated that we now have layers of staff who do not work with students and that teachers are pulled out of the classroom far too often.

Sharon Crews, 2215 W. Callendar, listed the questions she has for administration.

Charlie Thomas, 619 Forrest Lawn, stated his concern with spending funds to hire someone outside the District when we have qualified people on staff. He stated that he is waiting on an update for the Woodruff High School closing. He stated that he is on a committee, but his committee has not met and he does not know if the right people are on the committee. He stressed that he will not believe that Woodruff High School will be closed until it is closed.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley, stated that the District needs to find programs to help students at Manual High School. He still feels that discipline is the biggest problem.

Kathy Behm, 4122 Creighton Terrace, stated that she feels the timing for hiring a new girls basketball coach is unfortunate and not fair to the staff or players. She stated that the coach was not a threat to the students and should have the opportunity to coach again.

CONSENT AGENDA –

MOTION TO TABLE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Moved by Ross, seconded by Parker that Consent Agenda Items numbers 6 through 11 be tabled.

6. APPROVAL OF FULL TIME THERAPIST – Hannah

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150 authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with the Children's Home Association of Illinois for the position of full-time therapist to provide services as a single point of contact for all mental health services and programs provided with the PACES schools of Garfield, Harrison and Manual, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

7. APPROVAL OF SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – Hannah

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150, authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with the Mindock Counseling and Consulting to provide grant oversight and responsibility for meeting PACES program performance goals at all District 150 schools, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

8. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HUMAN SERVICE CENTER – Hannah

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150 authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with Human Service Center to provide Abeyance Counselor services to all Peoria District 150 students, effective August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010.

9. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES – Hannah

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150 authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with Counseling and Family Services to provide Student/Family Liaison services to our students at Lincoln Middle School and Peoria Alternative High School, effective August 15, 2009 through June 15, 2010.

10. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES – Hannah

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150, authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with Counseling and Family Services to provide Student/Family Liaison services to our students at Garfield School and Harrison Primary School, effective August 1, 2009 through July 30, 2010.

11. APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES – Hannah

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150 authorize the administration to enter into an agreement with Counseling and Family Services to provide Student School Counselor services to our students at Lincoln Middle School, effective August 15, 2009 through June 15, 2010.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Butler, Parker, Petelle, Ross, Wolfmeyer
1 nay. Stowell. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Coupons for free smoothies, valued by the donor at \$300.00, donated by Smoothie King to Kellar, Lindbergh and Richwoods for attendance incentives

Gift cards, valued by the donor at \$500.00, donated by Wal-Mart to Kellar, Lindbergh and Richwoods for attendance incentives

Washington Gifted School received the following donations to support school needs and activities:

- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Eli Kuganeswaran
- \$50.00 donated by Ms. Jane Aldridge
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lundholm
- \$100.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Trevor lund
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Knox
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Tsung How Lill
- \$50.00 donated by Ms. Jill Johnson
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Prabhat Mittal
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smethers
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Prentiss Carter
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Goldhammer
- \$50.00 donated by Ms. Margot Vance and Mr. Alex Morris
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cirone
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Humphreys
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Marc Wyckoff
- \$50.00 donated by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gamble
- \$60.00 donated by Mrs. Anjana Patel-O'Connor
- \$50.00 donated by Ms. Leah Adams Curtis and R. Craig Curtis

Cleaning instrument fee of \$85.44 for cleaning a school instrument donated by Ms. Rene Smethers to Washington Gifted School

Mini pumpkins and gourds, valued by the donor at \$15.00, donated by Kroger on Harmon Highway to Taft Riverview Gardens Pre-School

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Original contract sum \$1,498,348.48
 The contract Sum will be **increased** by \$ 1,946.17

New Contract Sum including this Change Order \$1,500,294.65
 Menold Construction

HEALTH LIFE SAFETY FUNDS

3. Change Order # 3 – Thomas Jefferson School - Requested by David A. Ryon

- a. Provide concrete fire protection system detector check vault. ADD \$18,675.00
 (Insurance – Related Work)
- b. Add General Conditions (5%) on above. ADD \$ 933.75
- c. Add Overhead (10%) and Profit (10%) on above. ADD \$ 3,921.75

Original contract amount \$1,500,294.65
 The contract Sum will be **increased** by \$ 23,530.50

New contract sum including this Change Order \$1,523,825.15
 Menold Construction

REIMBURSED BY INSURANCE

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

I. Certified Personnel	Effective Date
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Increment – Part Time New Hire</u>	
Hill, LaQuasha – Peoria High/Assistant Coach	10/20/2009
<u>Speech Pathologist – Full Time New Hire</u>	
Davis, Kandace – Charter Oak/Valeska Hinton	10/20/2009
<u>Teachers – Full Time New Hire</u>	
Colwell, Danielle – Irving/2 nd Grade (From Sub)	10/20/2009
<u>Tutor – Part Time New Hire</u>	
Combs, Stacey – Garfield	10/20/2009
Northrup, Claudia – Thomas Jefferson	10/20/2009
 <u>Retirements</u>	
<u>Dean</u>	
Bailey, Sharon – Peoria High	6/30/2010
 <u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Speech Pathologist – Full Time</u>	
Saal, Jennifer – Harrison/Family Obligations	10/7/2009
 II. Non-Certified Personnel	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Custodial and Maintenance</u>	

Aguster, Delano – Indefinite	8/24/2009
Herrod, Richard – Administration Building	8/24/2009
Jackson, Jonny – Woodrow Wilson	8/24/2009
Reese, Chris – Hines	8/24/2009
Robinson, Dennis – Franklin Edison	8/24/2009
Shumate, Cedric – Franklin Edison	8/24/2009
Smith, Darryll – Woodruff	8/24/2009
Welch, Wesley – Indefinite	8/24/2009
Williams, Donald – Indefinite	8/24/2009
<u>Para-Professional Full Time</u>	
Albornoz Arguinzones, Zully – Teacher Aide	10/20/2009
Baskin, Leola – Teacher Aide	10/20/2009
Taylor, Andrea – Woodrow Wilson/Teacher Aide-Nurse	10/20/2009
<u>Tutor – Part Time New Hire</u>	
Smethers, Rene – Charter Oak	10/20/2009
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
<u>Tutor Assistant</u>	
Pearson, Stephanie	10/07/2009
<u>Transportation</u>	
<u>Drivers</u>	
Collins, Joshua	10/20/2009
Eckardt, Aaron	10/20/2009
<u>Monitors</u>	
Johnson, Pamela (From Substitute)	10/06/2009
<u>Retirements</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Gerber, Louise – Charter Oak	6/10/2010
<u>Clerical – Full Time School Year</u>	
Alexander, Jenell – Blaine Sumner Complex	9/30/2010
Long, Susan – Administration	6/30/2010
<u>Clerical – Full Time Year Round</u>	
Chavez, Deborah – Medicaid Services	6/30/2010
Winkler, Rebecca – Medicaid Services	6/30/2010
<u>Para-Professional</u>	
Harterter, Barbara – Sterling	6/30/2010
Nordvall, Kathleen – Valeska Hinton	6/30/2010
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Burnette, Ruth – Other Employment	10/02/2009
<u>Transportation</u>	
Kellems, Randy – Job Performance	10/05/2009
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Cafeteria</u>	
Bryant, Barbara – Medical/Unable to Work	10/09/2009
III. Certified Substitutes	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Teachers</u>	
Abron, Staci	10/13/2009
Ballard, Ron – (From Tutor)	10/07/2009
Breymeier, Donna	10/20/2009
Howard, John	10/20/2009

Turnbull, Charity	10/20/2009
Van Doren, Stephanie	10/20/2009
Voelker, Jared	10/20/2009
Winter, Jennifer	10/20/2009
Wroblewski, Robert	10/20/2009

Resignations**Teachers**

Davison, Jonathan – Other Employment	10/08/2009
Kirksey, Martin – Moved Out of State	10/14/2009
Wallace, Jermaine – Other Employment	10/14/2009
Williams, Carolina – Moved Out of State	10/05/2009

Terminations**Teachers**

Bontz, Jody – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Brigham, Melissa – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Busenitz, Benjamin – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Caruso, Joshua – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Cash, Elizabeth – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Copeland, Rachel – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Cowley, Nicholas – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Cunningham, Mary – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Curtin, Elizabeth – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Davis, Catherine – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Demetre, Christine – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Dimler, Bruce – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Dowdall, David – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Downey, Michael – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Eddington, Tiffanie – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Edwards, Paul – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Eroh, Hobart – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Fawcett, Casey – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Foote, Gretchen – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Frederick, Joshua – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Fuller, John – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Garber, Mark – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Gebhards, Timothy – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Genzel, Joseph – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Greenberg, Walter – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Gregory, Meredith – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Hackett, Robert – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Henry, Torrie – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Hoerr, Joan – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Ioerger, David – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Imoh, Omolola – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Johnson, Beth – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Johnson, Klynton – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Judd, Eric – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Kalmbach, Elizabeth – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Kasambira, Farai – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Khattar, Linda – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Kim, Susan – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Kluesner, Jeffery – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Kneer, Michelle – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009

Kruse, Jennifer – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Livingston, Tammy – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Main, Donita – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Mathews, Andrew – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Mayo, Susan – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
McClellon, D Doc – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
McDonald, Erika – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
McDowell, Hayley – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Meils, Debra Klaus – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Mettlach, Kenneth – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Morris, Camillia – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Nellas, Paula – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Newman, Candace – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Oronsaye, Iyare – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
O'Toole, Timothy – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Parry, Beth – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Pederson, Paula – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Peharda, Krista – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Peterson, Dustin – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Pierce, Janessa – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Richardson, Elizabeth – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Richmond, Gary – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Rose, Cody – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Rubsam, Randy – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Scherbing, Laura – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Schneider, Ashley – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Schneider, Raymond – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Scuffham, Heidi – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Sendelbach, Brian – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Silzer, Alexandra – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Siwicke, Catherine – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Smith, Vanessa – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Smith, Vernon – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Sparling, Ralph – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Spengler, Kevin – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009
Storey, Diane – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/14/2009

Nurses

Cramer, Gillian – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
Harris, Barbara – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009

TerminationsTeachers

Topps, Byron – Job Abandonment	10/15/2009
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IV. Non-Certified SubstitutesAppointmentsCafeteria

Brown, Ebony	10/06/2009
Crowe, Anytia	10/20/2009
Foster, Debra	10/20/2009
Jones, Goldie	10/20/2009
Leitner, Jessica	10/9/2009

Student Workers

Jackson, Tyreese – Manual	10/20/2009
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Morse, Jonathan – Manual	10/20/2009
Tello, Christian – Woodruff	10/20/2009
<u>Teacher Aides</u>	
McNeil, Sonya	10/20/2009
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Clerical</u>	
Johnson, Pamela (Moved to Transportation)	10/07/2009
<u>Study Hall Supervisor</u>	
Horsman, James	10/14/2009
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Behavioral Attendants</u>	
Harris, Terence – Job Abandonment	10/07/2009
<u>Clerical</u>	
Fulton, Margaret – Did Not Return for 2009-2010 School Year	10/08/2009
<u>Teacher Aide Sub</u>	
Drummond, Antonio – Job Performance	10/01/2009
Nelson, Joan – Job Abandonment	10/02/2009

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR RENTAL OF CLASSROOM SPACE – Moved by Parker, seconded by Ross that the administration be authorized to enter into an agreement with Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Peoria to provide classroom space for two classrooms serving the students who reside at the Guardian Angel facility.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA -

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Ross seconded by Stowell that the Review of Suspensions listed on the report dated October 19, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried

Expulsions – Moved by Ross seconded by Stowell that the Expulsions listed on the report dated October 19, 2009 be approved as presented.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Butler, Parker, Petelle, Stowell, Wolfmeyer
1 nay. Ross. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH JOHNS HOPKINS – Moved by Parker, seconded by Ross that the Board of Education of Peoria Public Schools District 150 approve the contract (Program Participation Agreement) with Johns Hopkins University for the Talent Development High School. Further, that the Superintendent is authorized to execute the contract.

UPDATE ON MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL BY DR. SHARON KHERAT - Manual High School Principal Dr. Sharon Kherat updated the Board of Education on Manual High School. She presented that this year the schools has four academies:
7th & 8th grade academies led by Dr. Val Pierce
9th grade academy led by Betty Zilkowski

10th – 12th grade academies

- The School of Industrial and Sustainable Technology – Academy Leader Shannon Marlin
 - Architecture and Construction
 - Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology
 - Business, Management and Administration
- The School of Health, Education and Human Services – Academy Leader Cheryl Ellis
 - Health Science
 - Education and Human Service

Dr. Kherat also listed the following accomplishments:

- Focus has been to improve reading and math scores and attendance and school climate
- 4 x 4 block schedules are in use school wide
- Academies are in place for all grades – reading comprehension has increased 15 to 17%
- Enrollment for grades 7-12 is 764
- Attendance rate has increased to 91%
- Suspensions are down
- Credit received for English 1-2 is up to 89%, Algebra 1 73%
- 114 students graduated in 2009
- 77% of high school seniors registered for post-secondary classes
- Scholarship money has increased from \$56,000 to \$250,000

Board members discussed the presentation. Mr. Stowell shared his concern that with the District's financial plight spending over \$1 million on administrative salaries for 800 students is not fiscally wise. He also stated his concern that staff turnovers are at 80% at Manual High School. He feels that the administration at Manual High School can develop a model for the students and the \$200,000 plus contract for Johns Hopkins would not be needed.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer noted that Manual High School is a Choice School. She asked how many students requested to move in or out of Manual High School. Dr. Kherat reported that less than 20 9th graders opted out. Dr. Kherat also noted that 4-5 staff members requested transfers.

Mrs. Ross noted that the restructuring committee looked at several models and felt this model was the best for the cost.

Mrs. Butler asked why Dr. Kherat was extending the length of time for the model. Dr. Kherat noted that 70% of the 7th and 8th grade teachers were new and that with the closing of Woodruff High School those teachers would probably be coming to Manual High School and those changes would require more staff development. Mrs. Butler asked Dr. Kherat if her staff could run the model now. Dr. Kherat stated that she feels the Johns Hopkins model with all of its professional development and job coaching is still needed.

Mr. Stowell asked what Dr. Kherat expects with the Woodruff High School closing. Dr. Kherat stating that plans are still be discussed and that Manual High School will be making presentations to the families.

Dr. Rita Ali, Chairperson of the Manual High School restructuring Council presented that the Council is interested in consideration being given to changing the name of Manual High School. She stated that the high school now houses middle school students and uses the Johns Hopkins model. She noted that the image of Manual High School needs to be changed and the committee is hoping a name change will be considered. The new name, reflective of the school's mission and values, would provide a common sense of identify for Manual students and staff.

Dr. Ali presented the process that the committee is suggesting would include:

- Submission of nominations for school name change
- Naming committee judges would select top three names
- Manual students and staff cast voice for new school name
- School board would vote to approve new school name

Mr. Stowell stated that he appreciated all the information but still does not feel the District is financially able to support the program. He feels administration could take the model and implement it as the budget would allow. He does not feel the district can support \$219,000 for an outside group when current administration could do the job.

Rev. Butler asked what options Mr. Stowell would offer. He stated he feel our administration could train the teachers and still move along, especially the 7th and 8th grade academy. He feels the district cannot afford this luxury and that if the model is not approved administration can go forward with what they have. He stated that the District is spending twice the per pupil amount at Manual High School as other high schools.

Mrs. Ross stated that she sees this as an investment in our future, not a waste of money. She does think this administration at Manual High School will be well equipped, but they need to be trained in the model. She stated that the Board of Education did make a commitment to the children and families of the south side and we need to have something for Manual High School to hold on to.

Ms. Petelle stated her concern that this contract is for the 2009-2010 school year and maybe this discussion needs to be held for the 2010-2011 school year.

President Wolfmeyer also feels that the Board of Education needs to discuss the contract before the school year would begin.

There was no further discussion.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Butler, Parker, Petelle, Ross, Wolfmeyer
1 nay. Stowell. Motion carried.

SIGNAGE FOR STADIUM PARK – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Ross that the Board of Education approve the Building Committee recommendation for signage at the new park site on the Stadium property.

STADIUM PARK
A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN PEORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 150
AND THE PEORIA PARK DISTRICT

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – Susan Grzanich, Director of Teaching and Learning, introduced Dr. Trish Guinee, Math Coordinator and Kathy Burke, Reading Coordinator.

Dr. Guinee and Mrs. Burke updated the Board of Education on their projects for the years, challenges and next steps. Dr. Guinee noted that teachers have completed work on four quarter plans for grades K – 12 and they are organized by specific topics and matched to reading standards. Vertical teams have been meeting with representatives from each grade level to work on vertical articulation. Grade level leaders are meeting quarterly and professional development continues for teachers. Teachers are learning TI Inspire calculators. Focus areas for math include K-2 interventions on how young children learn about math and the development of a core model. Middle school focus includes in-depth learning for students. High schools have been working on special ed inclusion materials and students learning with understanding. High Schools are also working on short cycle assessments to address the key areas that students will keep working on for testing and college preparation. Next steps for math include building capacity for grades K-2 and developing a group of teacher leaders. Middle schools to high schools will be working with special ed teachers and developing the use of short cycle assessment.

Mrs. Burke presented that the reading and language arts current programs include K-6 Open Court Reading and 7-12 literature by Prentice Hall. She noted that there is reading support in all building with some schools having Reading

Coaches and some having Interventionist Specialists (for reading and math). ELA teams are being developed for grades 7-12 as vertical teams and the Teacher Academy is offering courses. The 95% Group has successfully worked with teachers in grades K-3 – their goal is to have 95% of students reading at grade level by third grade. Middle school teachers have formed a committee to look at the development of intervention programs and materials. There is a new 7-12 grade Language Arts Curriculum and currently teachers are working to refine the curriculum. For next steps teachers will work to build capacity. Mrs. Burke hopes to expand the professional development of the 95% Group to work with fourth grade teachers and form a cadre of K-6 teachers to write short cycle reading assessments. High schools will look at writing a common final for the English Department.

2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – Mr. Stowell would like an update on the 21st Century Grant.

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

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Ms. Eman 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 – Mr. Sullivan presented an update to the Board on the three-tier bus schedule. Items included:

- Transportation is provided for just under 10,000 students a day on 253 routes
- This year 20 fewer buses and 8 fewer monitors were used saving over \$240,000 in salaries
- Including, capital, fuel and maintenance the goal of saving \$1 million looks achievable
- Normal challenges for the beginning of the year were solved.
- Lease agreement for the purchase of 18 buses will have a final payment in July 2010
- Construction has presented a problem for some routes
- Choice students may necessitate a change in some times or routes

5. GOAL 5 – CULTURE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE -Report of Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests (Copy is on file in the board secretary's office.) Mrs. Shangraw reported that the number of new Freedom of Information Act requests since our last meeting is three. Of those new requests, all three were filled. Of the two pending requests noted on the October 5, 2009 board report, one was filled and one is still pending.

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS – President Wolfmeyer asked that Attorney Walvoord address the legal issues of Board of Education members speaking on personnel issues. Attorney Walvoord presented that the Board of Education is covered by three areas of the law (1) Staff - are covered by the Personnel Records Act – this act gives access to the employee to their file – but also says that you must keep confidential personnel matters that are in employee files (2) Board Policy also addresses the confidentiality of staff members (3) Specific laws such as criminal background investigation law that states the information that the district receives (we are required to do background checks on employees, contractors and volunteers) all background information must be kept in confidence. He noted that there are times that the district would sometimes like to give more information on personnel actions, but

the reasons behind the personnel action are confidential and cannot be disclosed.

Mrs. Parker asked that dates to contracts be noted so that there would be a Board rule not to vote on anything if it is already in place. The Board needs time to review and vote on items before they are to begin.

Mrs. Ross noted that the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee would meet on October 21, 2009.

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

Julia A. Cramer,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie Wolfmeyer
Board President

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