

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
August 9, 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, Crawford, Petelle, Ross, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Butler, seconded by Stowell to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting July 26, 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 6:28 p.m.

The Board convened in regular session at 6:33 p.m. in the Diagnostic Learning Center. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Crawford, Parker, Ross, Petelle, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

MINUTES – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of July 26, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Wolfmeyer announced that the Board will be going back into Executive Session at the end of the meeting and may reconvene to take action.

Mr. Stowell announced that the Can Do Walk will be held on September 11, 2010. The Can Do Walk benefits the students from Irving Primary School. Also, on October 23: Rock Peoria, sponsored by the Progressive Businessmen, will hold an event at the Peoria Civic Center with live music. Peoria Promise is also hosting a gala, bringing back Michael Isreal, at the old Ramada Inn on the same day. Both events benefit Peoria Public Schools.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE

Savino Sierra
1708 S. Stanley St.
Peoria, IL 61605

Mr. Sierra wished Dr. Lathan success with moving District 150 forward. He also expressed support for the high school dress code but disagrees with three year contracts for administrative staff.

Sharon Crews
2215 W. Callender
West Peoria, IL

Ms. Crews spoke regarding graduation requirements. She strongly disagrees with students at Manual High School receiving credit for the homeroom/advisory periods. She would like to know if credit for the homeroom/advisory period was approved by the Board.

Terry C. Knapp
922 W. Wilshire Dr
Peoria, IL

Mr. Knapp thanked Mr. Stowell for suggesting the article in Time Magazine, The Case Against Summer Vacation, which promotes year round school. A three month hiatus adversely affects urban students much more than students coming from

higher income families. He also spoke against the Johns Hopkins program.

Bob Darling
230 E. High Point Road
Peoria, IL

Mr. Darling would like to see the live broadcast of Board of Education meetings return. He also commended the high school dress code but hoped the schools have the manpower to maintain it. He also announced that the Evaluation Tool Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Charlie Thomas
619 Forest Lawn
Peoria, IL

Mr. Thomas agrees with Mr. Darling that the dress code will be a battle to enforce in the high schools. He also suggested that the three tier bell schedule needs to be revisited as it is a nightmare for parents. Mr. Thomas was happy to see Mrs. Williamson on the agenda for tonight's meeting and would like to see the school district go to an "Undercover Boss" kind of evaluation system. Evaluations should be unannounced.

Esther Lee Duncan
Peoria, IL

Ms. Duncan said that this was her first time at the podium but wanted to express her frustration with District 150. Her son completed summer school but cannot get a response from anyone in regards to whether he was being promoted or not. She feels as if the system has failed her son as well as her and her husband as parents.

Phil Romanus
3321 12 Oaks
Peoria, IL

Mr. Romanus is a member of the Peoria High School Boosters and currently has a son that attends the school. He feels that the three year contract that the new principals received was unfair to the current principals who received one year contract. The students at Peoria High as well as the other schools in Peoria need stability which would be provided with longer contracts.

Mrs. Jeannie Williamson addressed the Board with her final report on the consolidation of Woodruff High School. She feels that there were 10 points that made a difference in the consolidation:

1. The community at large was ready for closure "economically" due to enrollment.
2. The administration worked well together. The team was unified and worked well together. Teri Dunn was supportive and calm, reassuring to students, teachers and parents and handled the closure of Woodruff High School with class and dignity. Randy Simmons was well prepared for the influx of students and ready for the change. He is very well organized and thorough in his planning. Mr. Simmons is excited and supportive and ready for the change. These two veteran administrators were the right people in the right place at the right time.
3. Legal Council – Attorney Bob Gates did a great deal of research which helped the consolidation team learn from others' mistakes.
4. Army of Volunteers – Six transition committees:

Safety Committee – This committee, lead by Randy Simmons, prepared plans to make the facility a safe learning environment. This committee brought in a National Safety Consultant, Mr. Michael Dorn, who worked with the committee and made a list of recommendations to ensure a safe environment.

Athletic Committee – This committee, lead by Nick Swanson, communicated directly with the IHSA to ensure a smooth transition for student athletes concerning athletic eligibility. There was a redistribution of WHS athletic equipment to

the other three high schools. This committee strongly suggested an activity bus run from Peoria High to the Woodruff High School area for athletes on a daily basis.

Scholarship Committee: Mrs. Wendy Blickenstaff chaired this committee with the aide of Linda Sahn. All of the Woodruff High School scholarships were addressed. It was also recommended that the former WHS Students of the class of 2011 be allowed to wear a blue and gold honor cord to signify their time at Woodruff High School.

Welcoming and Blending Committee - Co-chaired by Taunya Jenkins and Cindy Clark, this committee spoke directly with students to recognize their concerns. Dr. Rita Ali from ICC and Sandy Burke surveyed the WHS students and generated a report. The principals received the results of this survey and the issues generated from this report were addressed with the students when they visited their new school.

The Welcoming and Blending Committee was chaired by Brien Dunphy and Donna Miller. The objective of this committee was planning back-to-school activities to help blend the faculties of the two buildings. Teachers that had received their new assignments before May were able to participate in the School Improvement Day activities at their new school.

The Activities Committee was chaired by Chris Perry. This committee gathered activity sponsors from the four high schools and planned on how to blend WHS students with the current students in their new clubs.

Over one hundred people served on these committees and should be commended for their service.

5. Board of Education – The Board of Education came together and supported each other – no matter how each member voted. This sent a message to the entire school system of your unity.
6. Three Superintendents were involved in the closure of Woodruff High School: Mr. Ken Hinton recommended the closure, Interim Superentendent, Dr Norm Durlinger, was involved with the transition and planning, and Dr. Grenita Lathan is the anchor for the change and implementation of the final phase.
7. Why did this work? Our system was logical, systematic and easily understood. The plan was driven by data and executed with common sense.
8. Communication – The new boundaries for District 150 were distributed to families nearly eight months in advance. The majority of teachers received notification early in April as to their placements.
9. Collaboration with the union – Mr. Darling helped to facilitate the placement of teachers and address the concerns of teachers.
10. The family atmosphere at Woodruff High School prevailed in making the transition a success.

Mr. Randy Simmons, PHS Principal, added to Mrs. Williamson's Ten Reasons for a Successful Consolidation with number 11, Mrs. Williamson. Mr. Simmons said that Mrs. Williamson was the right person to anchor this project and commended Teri Dunn for being a class act during the transition. He also expressed his gratitude to the union for all of their help and support.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

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

PURCHASE ORDERS OVER \$2,500 – Mrs. 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

1. (NEW Request Status) - Since our last Board meeting report on July 26, 2010, we have received six (6) NEW Freedom of Information act requests. Of these new requests, five (5) were filled and one (1) is pending.
2. (PENDING Request status) - Of the two (2) pending requests noted on the July 26, 2010 Board report, one (1) is still in pending status and one (1) was filled.
3. (Request Summary – since January 1, 2010) - We have received one hundred five (105) requests for this calendar year.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle adoption of the consent calendar.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA - .

ADMINISTRATOR’S CONTRACT: Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education approve the employment contracts for Dr. Michelle Ungurait, Associate Superintendent and Revonda Johnson, Instructional Improvement Officer.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PRINCIPAL’S CONTRACTS: Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education approve the employment contract, as amended, for a period of three (3) years for Ursula Brown and James Jemilo. Year one – 210 days, Years two and three – 260 days.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR: Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle that the Board of Education approve Kena M. Brown as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CHANGES TO DISCIPLINE POLICY 7:190 – ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY – PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT: Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education authorize the Administration to modify Administrative Policy 7:190 Prohibited Student Conduct, in accordance with recent changes in applicable laws.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

WOODRUFF HIGH SCHOOL MEMORABILIA - Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Memorabilia Committee for disbursement of memorabilia from Woodruff High School.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WITH PROCTOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY CENTER – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education enter into a one (1) year contract with Proctor Community Hospital to provide Chemical Dependency Services.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education approve the clarification of the role, obligation and responsibility for each party in creating and administering a Full-Service Community School within District 150.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PIPPEN CONSULTING CONTRACT – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, that the Board of Education approve the Pippen Consulting Contract.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, to approve payment of the following bills:

Description	Balance Sheet	Revenue	Expense	Total
EDUCATIONAL FUND	15,737.75	0.00	697,154.84	712,892.59
OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT	0.00	0.00	89,760.99	89,760.99
TRANSPORTATION	0.00	0.00	31,417.73	31,417.73
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	3,665.00	3,665.00
CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS	0.00	0.00	120,268.21	120,268.21
FUND SUMMARY TOTALS	15,737.75	0.00	942,266.77	958,004.52

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO PURCHASE - Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, to approve of the attached Request to Purchase.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, to approve the following Human Resources report as presented by the administration.

<u>Certified Personnel</u>	Effective Date
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Administrators</u>	
Grant, Shaun – Lincoln / Assistant Principal (200 Day)	08/16/10
Jemilo, James – Sterling / Principal	08/10/10
Morrow, Tremain – Peoria High / Dean (190 Day)	08/16/10
Nunn, Carolyn – Hines / Assistant Principal / Special Education Coordinator (Speech)	08/16/10
<u>Teachers</u>	08/30/10
Adams, Elizabeth – Hines / Music	
Burton, Ryan – Manual High & Knoxville Center / Art	
Cantu, Sandy – Manual High / Social Studies	
Coonradt, Mitchell – Manual High / Social Studies	
Dennis, Onna – Glen Oak / Grade 5	
Gindville, Sarah – Lincoln & Von Steuben / Art	
Jackson, Andrea – Glen Oak / Grade 6	
Parker, Margaret – Manual High / Science	
Poquette, Jonathan – Von Steuben & Lincoln / Band	
Powers, Katie – Glen Oak / Technology	
Skinner, Stephanie – Glen Oak / Art	

Smith, Michelle – Peoria High / Intervention Teacher
 Speiden, Ryan – Manual High / Social Studies
 Wiedelman, Leigh – Northmoor Edison / Music
 Wilhelms, Angela – Lincoln / Math Grade 7
 Woodhall, Scott – Lindbergh & Washington / Art

Tutors

Neal, Susie – Concordia 08/16/10
 Scheirer, Antoinette – St Mark's 08/19/10
 Speck, Anne – St Mark's 08/19/10

Teachers – Returned from Reduction in Force

08/30/10

Branch, Angela – Sterling / Grade 5
 Darnell, Alice – Manual High / Intervention Teacher
 Gesford, Tad – Sterling / Grade 5
 Lawless, Mary – Glen Oak / Grade 5
 O'Neil, Kelly – Glen Oak / Grade 6
 Yocum, Jolynn – Richwoods High / Study Hall

Leaves of Absence

Maternity Leave

Plaskon, Lizabeth – Thomas Jefferson / Grade 5 08/30/10

Returned to Work

From Maternity Leave

Eden, Mindy – Richwoods High / Mathematics 08/30/10
 Perce, Elizabeth – Rolling Acres / Special Education 08/30/10
 Tatum, Monica – Lindbergh / Language Arts Grade 6 08/30/10

Resignations

Teachers

Birkel, Dustin – Manual High / Social Studies/ Other Employment 07/28/10
 Bonsoe, Lisa – Thomas Jefferson / Grade 5 / No Reason Given 08/02/10
 Faulkner, Kevin – Von Steuben / Science Grade 7/ Other Employment 07/28/10
 Rock, Ellen – Richwoods High / Special Education / Relocation 08/29/10
 Ryia, Michael – Manual High / History / Other Employment 07/29/10
 Ward, Mary – Roy Ricketts / No Reason Given 08/02/10

II. Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Administrators

Collins, Greg – School Safety Program Administrator 08/23/10

Clerical

Barker, Ilisha – Accounting / Administrative Accounting Clerk 08/10/10
 Hidden, Susanne – Payroll Department / Administrative Accounting Clerk 08/10/10
 Newcomb, Brenda – Human Resources/Administrative Accounting Clerk 08/10/10
 Young, Bobbie – Payroll Department / Insurance Specialist 08/10/10

Custodians

Bell, Brandon – Head Custodian / Richwoods High 08/02/10
 Foster, Richard – Custodian / Hines / from Cafeteria 08/09/10
 Williams, Donald – Custodian / Whittier / Second Shift (from Interim) 08/09/10

Para-Professionals 08/30/10
 Florey, Erin – Developmental Center / Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant
 McCloud, Courtney – Developmental Center / Certified Occupational Therapist Asst.

Transportation
 Ballard, Darin – Head Technician / from Driver 08/10/10
 Kester, Jacob – Mechanic / Maintenance Technician 08/10/10
 Randle, Sr., Lance – Field Supervisor / from Driver 07/27/10
 Young, Nicholas – Driver 08/10/10

Returned From Reduction in Force

Clerical
 Adkins, Rita – Glen Oak / Clerk Part-Time 08/30/10

Teacher Assistants Returned from Reduction in Force 08/30/10

Blake, Alicia – Manual High
 Blake, Valerie – Lincoln
 Bockler, Mary – Thomas Jefferson
 Bostick, Lynnann – Sterling
 Brown, Christopher – Woodrow Wilson
 Chamblin, Traci – Woodrow Wilson
 Citchen-Hughes, Leatha – Peoria High
 Cornish, Kenneth – Kellar
 Couri, Elizabeth – Valeska Hinton
 Craven, Katrina – Roosevelt
 Danner, Laura – Rolling Acres Edison
 Davis-Brooks, Tiffany – Manual High
 Dykstra, Donna – Location TBD
 Eichhorn, Amy – Thomas Jefferson Developmental Center
 Feinberg, Jill – Thomas Jefferson
 Harlan, Glenda – Trewyn
 Hentrich, Angela – Sterling Pre-K
 Holmes, Joelyn – Northmoor Edison
 Hume, Craig – Richwoods High
 Jackson, Shantez – Jamieson
 Johnson, Gail – Manual High
 Johnson, Teren – Day Treatment
 Kastelic, Georgie – Von Steuben
 Kipfer, Karla – Trewyn
 Klein, Amy – Sterling
 Kramer, Anthony – Trewyn
 Laster, Retha – Calvin Coolidge
 Lumsargis, Maria – Harrison
 Martha, Christine – Irving
 Mason, Nicole – Richwoods High
 Means, Katrina – Manual High
 Melvin, Joyce – Developmental Center
 Meyer, Simone – Lincoln
 Nunez, Sonya – Roosevelt
 Ohlemiller, Ann – Thomas Jefferson
 Ortiz-Rosario, Emilda – Irving
 Osborne, Deanna – Richwoods High / Computer Aide
 Pankey, Ayana – Glen Oak Pre-K

Polk-Johnson, Luendia – Valeska Hinton
 Price, David – Jamieson
 Scherr, Beth – Whittier
 Schlink, Susanne – Developmental Center
 Schmidgall, Libby – Woodrow Wilson
 Schopp, Diane – Day Treatment
 Schwarzentraub, Connie – Roosevelt / Computer Aide
 Shaw, Mildred – Thomas Jefferson
 Sippel, Nichol – Lincoln
 Stacy, Franklin – Greeley Alternative
 Todd, Latocha – Roosevelt
 Ware, Tracy – Hines
 Webster, Tagwana – Harrison
 Williams, David – Manual High
 Wright, Pamela – Sterling

Leaves of Absence

Clerical

Adkins, Rachel – Clerk / Woodrow Wilson / Educational 08/16/10 – 11/15/10

Transportation

Moredock, Nancy – Monitor / Disability Leave without Pay 08/31/10

Rescinded (Never Started in Position)

McCulla, Shasta – Woodrow Wilson / Physical Therapy Assistant 08/09/10

Retirements

Cafeteria

Merkle, Marlene – Woodruff High 08/30/10

Clerical

McDowell, Judy – Valeska Hinton (Corrected Date from 05/31/10) 05/31/11

Teacher Aides

Clemons, Vicki – Valeska Hinton 07/16/10

Jenkins, Martha – Greeley Alternative 06/04/10

Resignations

Clerks

Martin, Janet – Manual High / No Reason Given 08/31/10

Romane, Joylyn – Blaine Sumner / Other Employment 08/10/10

Swisher, Pamela – Administration / Moving from Area 08/06/10

Para-Professionals

Kirkton, Janet – ROTC Instructor / Other Employment 08/09/10

Teacher Aides

Helms, Rosalind – Columbia / Declined Position 08/04/10

Holzauer, Nicole – Von Steuben / Other Employment 08/17/10

III. Certified Substitutes

Resignations

Teachers

Chapman, Kristen – Other Employment	08/03/10
Craddock, Jack – Not Returning for 2010-2011 School Year	07/26/10
Jenkins, Joseph – Personal Reasons	07/27/10
Nathan, Charles – Not Returning for 2010-2011 School Year	07/31/10
Van Doren, Stephanie – Other Employment	07/22/10

IV. Non-Certified Substitutes

Appointments

Teacher Aides

Jackson, Karen – From Honorable Dismissal	07/29/10
Whelan, Theresa – From Honorable Dismissal	08/02/10

Resignations

Behavioral Attendants

Williams, Lisa – No Reason Given	08/02/10
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Addendum

Tenured Teacher Placements

08/30/10

- Fausser, Jeffrey – Manual High / Science
- Fleming, Betina – Washington / English Grades 5 & 6
- Harless, McKenna – Thomas Jefferson / Technology Prep
- Lewellyn, Michael – Peoria High / Biology
- McCoy, Barbara – Hines / Grade 1
- Nielson, Katherine – Hines & Washington / Special Education
- Prescott, Jennifer – Washington / History
- Smothers, June – Franklin Edison / Special Education

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, to approve 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.

DELIBERATION AGENDA –

CHANGES TO HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE: Moved by Ross, seconded by Parker, to approve the implementation of the High School Dress Code for the 2010-2011 school year.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH AECOM FOR LIFE SAFETY SURVEY ENGINEERING SERVICES: Moved by Parker, seconded by Stowell, to approve the contract with AECOM for life safety survey services as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CONTRACT WITH PMA FOR FINANCIAL PLANNING PROGRAM CONSULTING AGREEMENT: Moved by Parker, seconded by Stowell, to approve the contract with PMA for financial planning program consulting as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DECISION IN APPEAL CASE NUMBER 07-15-2010-1: Moved by Stowell, seconded by Petelle, to allow student 07-15-2010-1 to attend Washington Gifted School for the 2010-2011 school year.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the Board back to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the executive session at 9:56 p.m.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 10:05 p.m. in the Diagnostic Learning Center. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Crawford, Parker, Petelle, Stowell and Wolfmeyer.

CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT: Moved by Petelle, seconded by Stowell, to terminate the contract of Pam Schau, Comptroller/Treasurer.

On roll call, 6 ayes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Joan L. Bastian,
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Debbie L. Wolfmeyer
Board President