

Regular Meeting  
Board of Education  
February 4, 2008

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** -- Moved by Wolfmeyer seconded by Stowell to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of last meeting January 22, 2008 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** – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the executive session at 5:45 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, Stowell and Wolfmeyer. Mrs. Spangler arrived at 6:35 p.m.

**MINUTES** – There were no additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2008 and special meeting of January 28, 2008.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION** – Northmoor Edison Principal Nicole Wood, staff, students and parents highlighted their school by presenting the Pledge of Allegiance in English and Spanish, a Jeopardy song and game, and a song on core values.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Mrs. Wolfmeyer announced that Woodruff High School baseball player Zack Gutierrez has been named a pre-season Louisville Slugger All American. Mrs. Butler congratulated the graduates at Peoria Alternative High School and reminded all that this is the last week for the "Forty Days of Prayer."

Dr. Gorenz announced that the Action Item "Appeal in Case Number 1-22-08-01 would be moved to the deliberation agenda.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE ON ACTION ITEMS** – JoAnna Moe, 331 W. Fulton St. Ms. Moe, a Richwoods High School teacher, appealed to the Board of Education members on behalf of her other students and their parents to not reward the student and approve the grade change. She feels the grade she gave the student was fair. She expressed that other students worked hard to improve their grade and earn an "A" and granting this student a "B" could diminish the work of the other students. She stated that this decision could stand against the District Mission and Vision Statement of holding the students to high expectation and nurturing students to achieve full academic potential and could send the message that it espouses excellence for students but rewards those students that choose not to work and put forth a full effort.

Beth Funcannon, 807 Crestview Dr. , Washington Illinois. Ms. Funcannon is a teacher at Richwoods High School. Ms. Funcannon, presented a petition signed by 70 Richwoods staff that stated "The undersigned proclaim that they give support to any individual teacher who adheres to higher standards and expectations as set forth by the district. Furthermore, our current curriculum encourages individual teacher discretion in evaluating student progress towards meeting said high standards. These standards, in fact, reflect the Mission Statement set forth by the Peoria Public Schools District 150 community. In addition, the undersigned are addressing the impression that could be sent concerning the integrity and professionalism of teaching if the School Board were to make it a policy to change grades." She asked that the petition be part of the official record.

Scott Schifeling, 1105 W. Bluff Crest Court. Mr. Schifeling addressed the Board asking that they reconsider and reverse the appeal stating that even though the appeal is the Board's prerogative, it sets a very bad precedent. Discontent with grades

happens all the time, and this case has been reviewed by the school and administration. Their decision was to let the grade stand. Allowing this appeal to happen would be a setback for the District.

Ann McClain, 4937 N. Mansfield. Ms. McClain is a teacher at Richwoods High School. She has been with Peoria Public Schools for 30 years and stated that the focus of the District has always been academic excellence. She stated that she has a student in this class and asked that her hard work and achievement in this enriched class not be compromised with the decision this evening. She asked that the Board consider the trust and support that must exist with the educators in the District and consider how the decision would affect that bond today and into the future.

William Phelps, 106 W. Merle Lane. Mr. Phelps is a teacher at Richwoods High School. He stated that if the Board of Education upholds this appeal they will prove that the core values and expectations are nothing more than words on a piece of paper. If the Board rules in favor this will show that the District does not support nor trust the teachers of the District. He stated that it is the job of the Board of Education to vote to make the appropriate decision that supports the mission and vision statement and the teachers in the District.

Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley. Mr. Sierra addressed the Board concerning the School Improvement Plans. He stated that the physical plants in all schools need to be addressed.

Bobby Darling, 230 E. Highpoint Rd. Mr. Darling is a teacher at Richwoods High School. He stated that the administration did not want to change the grade for the student and 73 out of 75 teachers at Richwoods High School did not want the grade changed. He asked if they are not correct.

Shad Hickman, 5104 N. Hamilton Rd. Mr. Hickman is a teacher at Richwoods High School. He stated that the lesson learned by the decisions tonight is that it is more important to know someone than something. He stated that he is concerned about the grades he entered today that go out in the progress reports tomorrow. He stated that he hoped that the Board of Education would hold onto the ideals they hold for the teachers to make a better school district and not to let people influence grades, but students earn grades.

**PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE** – Savino Sierra, 1708 S. Stanley. Mr. Sierra stated that he supports the teachers in their appeal. He also reported that the handicapped signs in the Von Steuben Middle School parking lot are missing.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA –**

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR -- Moved by Stowell, seconded by Butler adoption of the consent calendar.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

Karate Lessons, valued by the donor at \$75.00 donated to Calvin Coolidge Middle School for an attendance party by the Academy of Okinawan Karate

Washer and dryer, valued by the donor at \$200.00, donated to the Developmental Center by Karen Orendorff

\$200.00 for reading material for Hines Primary School teachers Mrs. Loyd and Miss Bockler, donated by Angela Laughlin

Roadmaster Bicycle, valued by the donor at \$40.00, donated to Hines Primary School by Jo Steinberg

\$300.00 to purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> Step Kit donated to Garfield Primary School by St. Jude Leaven Committee

Digital Camera, valued by the donor at \$100.00, donated to Glen Oak Primary School by Marjorie Shirey

\$100.00 for student achievement, donated to C.A. Lindbergh Middle School by Richard McCormack

\$40.00 to support educational efforts, donated to Washington Gifted School by Dr. Frank Ritter

Ice machine for the girl's locker room, ice cream freezer, LCD projector with cart, custodial radio, digital camera, computer for college room and WaterBoy Jumbo Power 65 Hydration Machine, valued by the donor at \$5,753.00, donated to Woodruff High School by Larry Wallden

Small refrigerator, valued by the donor at \$300.00, donated to Woodruff High School by John Holden

40 tickets for Charlotte's Web, valued by the donor at \$240.00, donated to Riverview Gardens Pre-K by the Peoria Civic Center

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

FUND	DESCRIPTION	BAL.SHEET	REVENUE	EXPENSE	TOTAL
10	EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$16,983.55		\$429,999.59	\$446,983.14
20	OPERATIONS, BLDG & MAINT			\$272,268.87	\$272,268.87
40	TRANSPORTATION			\$144,601.32	\$144,601.32
60	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT			\$1,423.17	\$1,423.17
90	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			\$0.00	\$0.00
95	MID CENTRAL ASSOCIATION			\$411.30	\$411.30
99	PPS ADMIN OUTREACH PROG			\$2,083.36	\$2,083.36
				\$850,787.61	\$867,771.16

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

**Certified Personnel**

Appointments

Summer School – PDP (Professional Development Providers)

Dollman, Lucinda

Spayer, Terry

Leave of Absence

Occupational Therapist Assistant – Full Time

Stimeling, Joni

06-10-08 through 9-26-08

Resignation

Assistant Principals

Peterson, Karen

02-05-08

**Non-Certified Personnel**

Appointments

Clerical – Full Time

Hitpas, Tammy

02-11-08

Paraprofessional – Full Time

Wright, Shawn

01-22-08

Student Workers – Part Time

Delorme, Jace

02-01-08

Karpowicz, Theodore

12-01-07

Reuter, Sequoia	01-07-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Boone, Carolyn	02-05-08
Dacayo, Virgillio	02-05-08
Gibson, Tuesday	02-05-08
Mayfield, LaShante	02-05-08
Richardson, Shavon	02-05-08
Roberts, Sarah	02-05-08
<u>Tutor – Part Time</u>	
Seckler, Brian	01-07-08
<u>Declination of Employment</u>	
<u>Custodian - Full Time</u>	
Harris, Jeffrey	01-23-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Cafeteria – Full Time</u>	
Wyatt, Markishia	01-24-08
<u>Student Workers – Part Time</u>	
Burnside, Terron	01-31-08
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Little, Leann	01-25-08
<u>Retirements (Revised)</u>	
<u>Transportation – Full Time</u>	
Lingenfelter, Clifton	05-09-08
<u>Return from Leave</u>	
<u>Cafeteria – Part Time</u>	
McElmurry, Nora	01-07-08
<u>Terminations</u>	
<u>Transportation – Part Time</u>	
Beneventi, Jerome	02-04-08
<b>Substitutes</b>	
<u>Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Black, Samantha	01-24-08
Graves, Rita	01-23-08
Johnson, Beth	01-07-08
Kolditz, Brett	01-25-08
McDaniels, Jay	01-25-08
Meyer, Kurt	01-29-08
McKeown, Sarah	01-25-08
Nellum, Craig	01-25-08
Silver, Sarah	01-25-08
Smith, Sarah	01-22-08
Verchimak, Michael	01-16-08
Walraven, Johnathan	01-25-08
Watson, Dustin	01-25-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Substitute Teachers</u>	
Bostick, Shyla	01-22-08
Camp, Allison	01-22-08
Goodman, Denise	01-24-08
Hopkins, Catherine	01-24-08

Sendelbach, Brian	01-30-08
White, Marlynn	01-22-08
<u>Non-Certified</u>	
<u>Appointments</u>	
<u>Paraprofessional</u>	
Randle, Karah	01-25-08
Smith, Sarah	01-22-08
<u>Special Ed Attendant/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Morris, LaMeeka	01-25-08
<u>Resignations</u>	
<u>Paraprofessional</u>	
Goodman, Denise	01-24-08
Schmidt, Duran	01-22-08
<u>Special Ed Attendant/Behavioral Assistants</u>	
Hendon, Jennifer	12-06-07
Schmidt, Duran	01-22-08
Walker, Daniel	01-22-08

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**DELIBERATION AGENDA - .**

Review of Suspensions - Moved by Wolfmeyer seconded by Parker that the Review of Suspensions listed on Report No. 9 dated February 4, 2008 be approved as amended.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion passed.

Expulsions – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the Expulsions listed on the report dated February 4, 2008 be approved as amended.

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

Revocation of Board Probation – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Parker that the Expulsions list on the Revocation of Board Probation Report No. 7 dated February 4, 2008 be approved as amended.

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

**APPEAL IN CASE NUMBER 01-22-08-01-** Moved by Ross, seconded by Butler that the decision in Appeal Case Number 1-22-08-1 be reversed and that the school Principal shall effectuate this decision as directed by the Administration.

On roll call, 5 ayes. Ross, Spangler, Wolfmeyer, Butler and Gorenz  
2 nays. Stowell, Parker. Motion carried.

**2007-2008 SALARIES FOR OFF SCHEDULE PERSONNEL COVERED UNDER BOARD POLICY 5:215** – Moved by Stowell, seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Board of Education waive the first reading of changes to Board Policy 5:215 and approve the salaries as listed.

Developmental Case Manager	\$21,953.44
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Developmental Case Manager	\$17,235.88
Developmental Case Manager	\$17,235.88
Student Support Manager	\$42,460.51
Student Support Manager	\$40,382.71
Student Support Manager	\$34,679.19
Student Support Manager	\$29,760.55

#### HOURLY OFF SCHEDULE PERSONNEL

Special Education Attendant I	\$9.20
Special Education Attendant II	\$10.15
Job Coach	\$9.33
Child Care Provider	\$8.93
Accompanist	\$23.94
Family Support Associate	\$13.96

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR SIX SCHOOLS** – Moved by Parker, seconded by Ross, that the Board of Education approve the School Improvement Plans (SIP) submitted by Roosevelt Magnet School, Woodrow Wilson Primary School, Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Center, Glen Oak Primary School, Columbia Middle School, Tyng Primary School and Harrison Primary School.

Mr. Hinton clarified for the public that every school makes a plan for the next year that lays out their goals and targets. These reports are required for schools that have not reached Adequate Yearly Progress. These plans show how the schools will address the areas of need.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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

1. **GOAL 1 – STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT – UPDATE ON THE MANUAL HIGH SCHOOL RESTRUCTURING PLAN** – Mr. Hinton reported that administration met with Manual High School certified staff last week and will meet with non-certified staff this week. Highlights of Mrs. Burke's report were:
  - Administration met with parents of eighth grade students in the Manual High School attendance area January 17, 2008 to report on the overall changes that will be occurring at Manual High School
    1. Purpose of small learning communities and overall changes to Manual High School
    2. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade academies

3. 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy
  4. Longer school day and school year
  5. Block scheduling
  6. Staff development
  7. Facility changes
- Mrs. Burke attended the "Family Night" on January 24, 2008 to give an overview of the Manual High School restructuring
  - Administrative cabinet members were given charges related to the Manual High School restructuring by Dr. Hannah. They were organized into committee leaders and asked to convene their committees. Committees are:
    1. Curriculum and assessment
    2. Staff
    3. Professional Development
    4. Parents and Community involvement
    5. Facility Design and Transportation
    6. Climate and Culture
  - Work has been done on the "Advisory Council" with the design developed and submitted to the Superintendent
  - Funding opportunities have been researched - a grant application for a middle school counseling program has been submitted
  - Meetings have been held with Manual High School staff
  - Manual High School Assistant Principal Kristie Hubbard has been attending weekly meetings with administration to develop a plan for a smooth transition
  - Middle School principals in the Manual High School region have had a presentation on the proposals and have met to discuss the academy concept
  - A Communication Plan is being developed with the help of Mrs. Shangraw

Mr. Hinton reported that administration hopes to have a recommendation for an administrator for Manual High School by the end of February. He also hopes to be able to present a firm budget in the near future. Mr. Cahill reported that he has met with Mrs. Sanfilip and Dr. Simpson on the enrollment figures and the FTE changes that will occur in staffing. Mr. Hinton also noted that bargaining with the teachers' union will begin soon on the restructuring of Manual High School.

Mrs. Burke reported that a meeting is scheduled with the Talent Development High School organization.

## 2. Goal 2 – FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

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

## 3. GOAL 3 – QUALITY STAFF

4. GOAL 4 – SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENTS – PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM – Research Director, Bryan Chumbley discussed the need for a parent notification system. He reported that currently the District uses Synervoice to make the daily calls to parents who have not notified the school that their child is absent. Those calls currently originate from four telephone lines in the Research Department and cost the District 5cents each. He is recommending that Synervoice be the company to help the District improve communication to parents. Synervoice's web-based system has the capability to call more than 15,000 families in less than an hour. The system would use the Skyward database. Cost of the upgraded system would be \$2.50 per student (the current quote is \$36,150). The Board asked if Mr. Chumbley would check into having a deferred payment plan to allow the district to budget this expense for next year.

5. GOAL 5 – CULTURE OF CUSTOMER SERVICE - REPORT OF REQUESTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND STATUS OF SUCH REQUESTS – Mrs. Shangraw reported that a January 30, 2008 request by Michael Blossom had been denied.

**REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS - none**

ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Gorenz adjourned the regular meeting back into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Julia A. Cramer,  
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

David L. Gorenz  
Board President