

Regular Meeting
Board of Education
December 12, 2011

The Board convened in the Superintendent's Conference Room of the Administration Building at 4:30 p.m. President Linda Butler called the meeting to order. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Cloyd, Costic, Crawford, Petelle, Ross and Wolfmeyer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -- Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Cloyd to adjourn into executive session to: approve minutes of the last meeting November 28, 2011 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. Butler adjourned the executive session at 6:09 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, Cloyd, Costic, Crawford, Petelle, Ross and Wolfmeyer.

MINUTES – Moved by Cloyd, seconded by Costic that the minutes of the November 28, 2011 meeting be approved as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION – Roosevelt Magnet School 6th grade choir performance.

Lana Myers, PFT Vice-President, introduced Lynne Gilles as the December recipient of the Peoria's Finest Teacher award. Ms. Gilles was nominated by Brien Dunphy.

Mrs. Butler announced that Dr. Lathan was featured in the December issue of Inter Business Issues magazine as one of Eleven Women Who Made a Difference.

PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE – Sharon Crews, 2215 W. Callender presented the Board and Administration with a handout on Instructional Materials purchases for the 2011 – 2012 school and then summarized the information including totals, order dates and delivery dates. She then went on to discuss the problems with late book deliveries to schools.

Terry Knapp, 922 W Wilshire expressed his concerns with the FOIA process and the attorney costs involved as well as his opinion regarding Charter Schools. He then spoke out regarding student discipline and the effects on teachers.

Nancy Long, 2306 N Atlantic spoke regarding the tax levy and feels the school district should not lower the levy but instead use the dollars to subsidize overcrowded schools and programs to help students.

Lynnette Lee, 1113 W Groveland spoke against the District contracting out bus driver services. She feels that the District needs to invest more in wages and the funds used to pay the First Student drivers should have been invested to maintain the drivers that are currently employed.

Debbie Ritschel, 401 Water St spoke as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce in support of the reduction in the tax levy and noted the fiscal responsibility that the District is showing has been impressive to the business community.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSE – Dr. Lathan emphasized that the District is trying to provide a quality education to all students which included the purchase of new textbooks. She went on to say that there has been no discussion of cutting the Pre-K programs.

Mr. Cloyd complimented Mr. Salzman on the suspension data that the Board received and then summarized the information.

TAX LEVY HEARING – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Petelle that the Tax Levy Hearing be called to order at 7:04 p.m. The following members answered the roll call: Butler, Cloyd, Costic, Crawford, Petelle, Ross and Wolfmeyer.

Dr. Kinney summarized the tax levy information stating that there will be a small decline in property taxes, the EAV is down approximately 1.5% and that the money will have to be equalized by keeping IMRF and Social Security contributions at a steady rate.

Terry Knapp, 922 W Wilshire reminded the public that there has been a tax increase for the past three years and welcomes the relief of a decline.

Mrs. Butler adjourned the Tax Levy Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS – REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF –

1. REMARKABLE RULE 1 – RESPECT OUR CUSTOMER
2. REMARKABLE RULE 2 – RESPECT LEARNING

IB Update – Jackie Frye – Charter Oak, Stacy Krei – Trewyn, Denise Smith – Mark Bills and Travis Bowlby – Richwoods, presented information on the International Baccalaureate Program. Information included the authorization process, curriculum and training. Power point presentation on file in the Board Secretary's office.

3. GOAL 3 – RESPECT OUR FINANCES

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

4. GOAL 4 – RESPECT OUR INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Since our last Board meeting report on November 14, 2011, we have received ten (10) new Freedom of Information Act requests. Of these new requests, eight (8) were filled and two (2) are pending. Of the four (4) pending requests noted on the November 14, 2011 Board report, all four (4) were filled. We have received one hundred fifty-two (152) requests for this calendar year.

CONSENT AGENDA –

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education adopt the consent calendar.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

GIFTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education accept the following donations and letters of appreciation be sent to the donors:

Cello, valued at \$2500.00, by Ross & Barb Masonholder to Richwoods High School Orchestra Program
Hygiene & beauty products, valued at \$200.00, by the Minority Aids Awareness Council to Sterling Middle School
\$250.00 by John & Sue Endsley to support Hines Primary School
Epson Stylus Photo 2200 Printer, valued at \$580.64, by Bro. Craig Robert Miller to Public Relations

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education approve payment of the following bills.

Description	Balance Sheet	Revenue	Expense	Total
Educational Fund	6090.28	0.00	522,173.29	528,263.57
Operations, Bldg & Maint	0.00	0.00	116,199.43	116,199.43
Transportation	62.08	0.00	138,418.91	138,480.99
Tort Immunity/Judgement	0.00	0.00	2,250.00	2,250.00
Life Safety	0.00	0.00	3,922.84	3,922.84
Fund Summary Totals	6,152.36	0.00	782,964.47	789,116.83

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT - Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education approve the following human resources report as presented by the administration.

I. Certified Personnel

Effective Date

Appointments

Bousky, Cynthia – Kellar / Kindergarten Teacher	12/13/11
Colwell, Danielle – Irving / 3 rd Grade Teacher	12/13/11
Horsting, Kristina – Irving / 1 st Grade Teacher	12/13/11
Mackey, Chad – Manual / Math Interventionist	12/13/11
Reese, Jennifer – Manual / Math Teacher (<i>pending paperwork</i>)	TBA

Leave of Absence

Coker, David – PHS / Teacher	1/23/12-3/16/12
Gutierrez, Frank – PHS / Teacher	1/02/12-5/31/12

Retirement Agreement

Warr, Charles – Kellar / Kindergarten Teacher (<i>pending attorney approval</i>)	12/31/11
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II. Non-Certified Personnel

Appointments

Adams, Walter – Driver	12/05/11
Jemison, Trevarus – Jamieson / Student Worker	12/13/11
Jenkins, Michael – Richwoods / Head Softball Coach	12/13/11
Kidd, Michele – Woodrow Wilson / 2 Hour Clerk	12/13/11
King, Helen – Manual / Truancy Liaison Facilitator (<i>pending paperwork</i>)	TBA
Mathews, Orlandra – Crossing Guard (<i>pending paperwork</i>)	TBA
McKirgan, Brandon – Day Treatment / Student Worker	12/13/11
McMillion, Michael – Driver	12/05/11
Medlin, Jason – Manual / Assistant Wrestling Coach	12/13/11
Simpson, Ryan – Glen Oak / Group Leader (<i>pending paperwork</i>)	TBA
Sledge, Grandrea – Crossing Guard	12/13/11
Small, James – Driver	12/12/11

Thompson, Theopolis – Monitor	12/05/11
Tolliver, Percy – Crossing Guard	12/13/11

Leave of Absence

Armstrong, Kristy – Transportation	10/24/11 – 12/05/11
Gulley, Mary – Transportation	10/24/11 – 2/29/12
Frerichs, Dennis – Calvin Coolidge / Custodian	11/23/11 – 02/06/12
O'Conner, Diana – Transportation	11/19/11 – 01/02/12
Vargas, Kayla – Transportation	1/10/12 – 2/21/12

Recall from Honorable Dismissal

Baskin, Leola – Teacher Aide Part Time / PHS (<i>pending paperwork</i>)	TBA
Beck, Ericson – Teacher Aide Part Time / Calvin Coolidge	12/08/11
Hines, Erin – Teacher Aide Part Time / Manual	12/05/11
Thorton, Sparkle – Teacher Aide Part Time / Whittier	12/13/11
Whittaker, Kathleen – Teacher Aide Full Time/ Irving (<i>recall from PT</i>)	12/05/11

Resignations

Mahan, Kelly – Northmoor / 2 hour clerk helper	12/22/11
Robinson, Cinda – Franklin / Cafeteria	12/7/11

Retirement

Barnett, Ladon – Teacher Aide / Thomas Jefferson	05/31/12
Blanco, Feliciano – Glen Oak / Custodian	01/06/12

Terminations

Jones, Chiquita – Woodrow Wilson / Café. General Help	10/25/11
Pankey, Shane – Manual / Café. General Help	11/15/11
Patterson, Ashley – Job Coach	11/29/11

III. Substitutes**Appointments**

Jackson, Amanda – Attendant	12/13/11
Moore, Alicia – Attendant	12/13/11
Morris, Devera – Teacher	12/13/11
Ramirez, Robin – Teacher	12/13/11

Rescind Employment Offer

Dunn, Michael – Teacher	12/7/11
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Resignations

Aalund, Elyse – Teacher	12/12/11
Baro-Rosinski, Zaida – Teacher Aide	11/28/11
Butz, Jacob – Teacher	12/2/11

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TRAVEL REQUESTS – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education approve 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.

TEMPORARY APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education authorize, during the period between December 12, 2011 and the next regular School Board meeting, the Comptroller/Treasurer full authority to approve and pay any amounts due and owing by the School District, which, in his judgment, is in the best interest of the School District and require payment prior to the next regular School Board meeting.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

TAX LEVY CERTIFICATE – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education authorize the administration to forward the tax levy certificate to the County Clerk's Office as presented.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

COMPTROLLER/TREASURER CONTRACT – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education extends Dr. David E. Kinney's contract for the position of Comptroller/Treasurer to June 30, 2013 and enters into the contract attached as Exhibit A.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

2012 – 2013 CALENDAR FOR VALESKA HINTON EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education adopt the attached 2012 – 2013 School Calendar for Valeska Hinton Early Childhood Education Center.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE MANUAL RESTRUCTURING ADVISORY COUNCIL – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education approve the following new appointments to the Manual Restructuring Advisory Council:

Mr. Sam Petty, Manual Alumni, Retired - to replace Ms. Mollye Bright
Mrs. Sandra Burke, Parent Engagement Coordinator with Strengthening Families Illinois – replaces Vearna Cornish
Ms. Gretchen Taylor, Social Worker with DCFS – to replace Michael Stephan

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

DELIBERATION AGENDA – Ms. Petelle announced that Deliberation Item # 10 – Review of Suspensions and Item # 11 – Revocation of Board Probation were pulled from the agenda.

EXPULSIONS – Moved by Petelle, seconded by Wolfmeyer that the Expulsions listed on the report dated December 12, 2011 be approved as amended.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

CONCUSSION POLICY – Moved by Wolfmeyer, seconded by Cloyd that the Board of Education waive the first reading and approve new Board Policy #7:301, Concussion Policy, as presented.

Mrs. Wolfmeyer announced that this policy is a requirement of School Code and that the Policy Committee is working on policy #7:301AP. Mr. Cloyd added that this policy is a requirement for all student athletes.

On roll call, 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ADOPTION OF LICENSE AGREEMENT AND TERMINATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – Moved by Crawford, seconded by Costic that the Board of Education approve a one-year License Agreement with Carl Cannon for use of ELITE program information at Trewyn School for \$80,000, subject to approval by the Board's General Counsel; terminate the Intergovernmental Agreement for the provision of professional services by the Park District for the ELITE

12/12/11

Program at Trewyn School effective June 30, 2012; and authorize the Board President or her designee to provide written notice of termination of the Intergovernmental Agreement to the Park District at least 60 days prior to June 30, 2012.

Mrs. Ross pointed out that this only affects the Intergovernmental Agreement for Trewyn and that the Board and Park District work well together.

On roll call, 6 ayes – Butler, Costic, Crawford, Petelle, Ross and Wolfmeyer
1 abstain – Cloyd. Motion carried.

REPORTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS - Mrs. Costic, Mr. Crawford and Mrs. Butler summarized their trip to the IASB Joint Annual Conference in Chicago. Copies of the presentations are available in the board office for review.

Mrs. Ross announced the Parent Teacher Advisory meeting to be held on December 14, 2011 @ 4:00 p.m.

Dr. Kinney gave a Mesirow update stating that they were able to sell a number of bonds but not the full 10,000.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Butler adjourned the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Joan L. Bastian
Board Secretary

ATTEST:

Linda Butler
Board President