

**PEKIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #108**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**March 17, 2008**

**MINUTES:**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Board of Education of Pekin Public Schools District 108 held a regular meeting Monday, March 17, 2008 in the Board room of Washington School. President Spanos called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Board members answered roll call: Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, and Mr. Zimmerman.

Mr. Root was absent.

**PLEDGE**

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISITORS**

No one signed up to speak during this portion of the meeting.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mrs. Frazier, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, and Mr. Bacon.

Motion carried 6-0.

**APPROVE  
TREASURER'S  
REPORT AND  
WARRANTS FOR  
FEBRUARY**

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Knautz, to approve the treasurer's report and the warrants for February 2008 in the amount of \$2,675,296.75 of which \$1,532,352.82 is payroll.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Bacon, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS**

The following reports were presented:

- Dirksen Primary School Report – Mr. Joe Franklin, Principal
- Language Arts Study Update – Mr. Chuck Bowen, Assistant Superintendent, Stacey Melloy and Deb Leach, Literacy Facilitators, and the Language Arts Committee
- Boundary Study Update – Mr. Matt, Wilkinson, Business Manager

**A. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mrs. Ingram, to approve Consent Agenda items 1-6 as presented by the Superintendent.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mr. Zimmerman, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Bacon, and Mrs. Frazier.

Motion carried 6-0.

**1. Approve Minutes**

Approved the minutes of the February 25, 2008 Board of Education meeting.

**2. Approve 2007-2008  
Amended School Year  
Calendar**

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to change the half-day institute day at the end of the school year from May 27, 2008 to May 28, 2008 and change the last day of school (report card day) from May 28, 2008 to May 29, 2008 due to the snow day the District used on Friday, February 1, 2008.

**3. Approve the Language  
Arts Curricular Materials  
Adoption**

Approved and authorized the Superintendent to purchase language arts materials recommended by the District Language Arts Curriculum Committee with combined funds from the Illinois Textbook Loan Program and the District budget not to

exceed \$415,000.

- Primary – *Research Based Literacy Materials* (Mondo-Heineman)
- Intermediate – *Voices Reading* (Zaner-Bloser)
- Junior High - *Literature* (Pearson-Prentice Hall)

#### 4. Accept Gifts

Accepted the following gifts to the District:

- Donation of a clarinet valued at \$300.00 from Brian and Andrea Addy for the District band program.
- Donation of time and equipment from Jeff and Marj Oesch to produce a video of Starke first grade students and staff reviewing favorite books and giving reading tips.

#### 5. Authorize the Preparation and Solicitation of Bids for District Copiers

Authorized the administration to prepare specifications and solicit bids for the district copiers, with an award as early as the April Board meeting.

#### 6. Personnel *Employed:*

Accepted the Superintendent's personnel recommendations as follows:

- **Lisa Richmond** for the position of **Special Education Early Childhood Paraprofessional** at a prorated salary of \$3,463.00+ IMRF effective March 3, 2008 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.

#### *Nominated:*

- **Bill Heisel** for the position of **Principal of Edison Junior High School**, at an annual salary of \$81,976.47+TRS, for the 2008-2009 school year.

#### *Separated:*

- Accepted the resignation **Susan Seelye, Special Education Early Childhood Paraprofessional**, at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of **Amber Morris, Teacher**, at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of **Jodi Dawson, Teacher**, at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.
- Accepted the resignation of **Jill Potts, Special Education Early Childhood Paraprofessional**, effective March 25, 2008.
- Accepted the resignation of **Annette Nolte, Suzuki Teacher**, at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

#### *Reduction In Force:*

- Adopted **Resolution #08:745** decreasing the number (1) of **Family Community Educator** due to economic necessity, including in reverse order of seniority: **Jan Osterman**
- Adopted **Resolution # 08:746** decreasing the number (1) of **Infant Toddler Specialist** due to economic necessity, including in reverse order of seniority: **Kelley Heflin**.

#### *Non-Renewed:*

- Adopted **Resolution # 08:747** non-renewing the number (1) of full-time non-tenured **Teacher: Janet Giugler**.

#### *Awarded:*

Awarded the following **second-year non-tenure contracts**:

**Laura Bieller, Michele Carmichael, Brittany Clarke, Andrew Cotton, Rebecca Creek, Lisa D'Antonio, Ashley Dethloff, Elizabeth DiLeonardi, Amy DuPage,**

**Melanie Ernst, Gina Filarski, David Francis, Kelly Galyean, Nicole Giosta, Alyssa Graybel, Todd Hartman, Tiffany Johnson, Jason Juchems, Nicki Lockwood, Janet Look, Katie Reed, Stephanie Richards, Nicole Rodgers, Linda Seth, Inga Simms, Stuart Smith, Anne Vehlow, Joseph Viola, Debora Vollmer, Zack Williams, Margaret Wilmarth, Ashley Wiser, Sara Wolf, Heather Woods, Heather Yancey, Nicole Zaremba, Melinda Zimmerman.**

Awarded the following **third-year non-tenure contracts:**

**Brittainy Augspurger, Morgan Belcher, Rachael Cavallini, Betsy Cease, Leanne Dalpiaz, Darah Dehmlow, Kaylee Dittbenner, Nancy Duran-Johnson, Marie Durkee, Kristy Estes, Claire Ford, Christina Gardner, Brenda Hendrick, Jeannine Hudson, Mary Kraus, Lori McCoy, Joshua McKown, Cara Norris, Kim Pendleton, Rebecca Rulis, Julia Spanos, Amber Thomas, Victoria Timko, Marci Whitford.**

Awarded the following **fourth-year non-tenure contracts:**

**Jennifer Abel, Tracy Acra, Jennifer Alexander, Shelley Basteau, Andi Cashman, Carrie DeWitt Carolynn Diekhoff, Rick Emerson, Lori Faichney, Karla Hippen, Stephanie Jackson, Janessa Kingdon, Sarah Leith, Kimberly Moore, Janice Penning, Roseanne Urbanc, Lisa VanNatta, Megan Vonesh, Lisa Walenda, Stacey Whitney.**

Awarded the following **fifth-year tenure contracts:**

**Debbie Bassette, Jamie Baxter, Abbey Cochran, Katie DuBois, Jason Fowler, Jennifer Huff, Melissa Lard, Debbie Litwiller, Nathan McCarthy, Beth Nourse, Jennifer Saal, Mary Jo Sarff, Leslie Simpson.**

B. DISTRICT  
BOUNDARY  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE 2008-2009  
SCHOOL YEAR

**MOTION:** by Mr. Knautz, seconded by Mrs. Ingram, to approve the District boundary recommendations as presented.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mr. Knautz, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Bacon, and Mrs. Frazier.

Motion carried 6-0.

C. STARKE SCHOOL  
PAVING PROJECT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Knautz, to waive any and all irregularities in the bidding process and award the Starke School Paving Project to R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. of Tremont, Illinois for the Base Bid amount of \$49,790.35.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Bacon, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 6-0.

D. EDISON  
SOFFIT/EXTERIOR  
PAINTING PROJECT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Ingram, seconded by Mrs. Frazier, to waive any and all irregularities in the bidding process, and award the Edison Exterior Soffit/Painting Project to Vanguard Contractors of Pekin, Illinois, for the Base Bid amount of \$49,400.

**Roll Call:** "Yeas"; Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Zimmerman, and Mr. Bacon.

Motion carried 6-0.

E. BROADMOOR/

**MOTION:** by Mr. Knautz, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, to waive and any all

JEFFERSON ROOF TOP  
AIR HANDLING UNIT  
REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT

irregularities in the bidding process and award the Broadmoor/Jefferson Roof Top Air Handling Unit Replacement Project to Johnson Controls for the Base Bid amount of \$155,000.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mr. Knautz, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, and Mr. Spanos.

Motion carried 6-0.

F. DISTRICT STORAGE  
SHED PROJECT

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Ingram, seconded by Mrs. Frazier, to waive any and all irregularities in the bidding process and award the District Storage Shed Project to Venovich Construction Company of Tremont, Illinois, for the Base Bid amount of \$114,300.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Ingram, Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Zimmerman, and Mr. Bacon.

Motion carried 6-0.

G. SUMMER/WINTER  
CLASSROOM  
SUPPLIES

**MOTION:** by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Knautz, to waive any and all irregularities in the bidding process and award the District Summer and Winter Classroom Supply Contract to School Specialty of Greenville, Wisconsin for \$17,747.47.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Frazier, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

**Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation Lighting Grant**

District 108 recently received a check for \$74,400 from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. This constitutes the final payment of the ICECF Grant to District 108. The lighting grant has made possible for all schools to upgrade to more efficient lighting systems. District 108 has received a total of \$194,214 in lighting grants from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Tuesday, March 18** - Junior High Band Festival at PCHS
- **Thursday, March 20** – Dismiss for Spring Break at End of Day
- **Monday, March 31** – School Resumes
- **Monday, April 7** – Young Authors Conference
- **Thursday, April 17**
  - Communications Committee at 6:00 p.m.
  - Suzuki Orchestra Ensemble Concert at 6:30 p.m.
  - Dirksen Spring Open House
- **Monday, April 21** – Board of Education Meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the Board Conference Room
  - PFEC School Report – Lisa VanNatta, Principal
  - Quarterly Budget Report – Matt Wilkinson, Business Manager
  - Personnel Update and Staffing Needs – Linda Harris, Director of Human Resources and Chuck Bowen, Assistant Superintendent

CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** by Mrs. Frazier, seconded by Mr. Knautz, to go in to closed session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss 1) compensation, discipline, and performance of specific employees, 2) placement of an individual student in a special education program as allowed by the Illinois School Code Section 5 ILCS 120/a.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mrs. Frazier, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Bacon, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION TO RETURN  
TO OPEN SESSION

**MOTION:** by Mr. Knautz, seconded by Mrs. Ingram, to return to Open Session at 9:17 p.m.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mr. Knautz, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Spanos, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Bacon, and Mrs. Frazier.

Motion carried 6-0.

RETURN TO OPEN  
SESSION

The following Board members returned to open session at 9:17 p.m.: Mr. Bacon, Mrs. Frazier, Mrs. Ingram, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Spanos, and Mr. Zimmerman.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** by Mr. Zimmerman, seconded by Mrs. Frazier, to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

**Roll Call:** “Yeas”; Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Knautz, Mr. Root, Mr. Spanos, Mrs. Frazier, and Mrs. Ingram.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

PEGGY A. ELDREDGE, Board Secretary

CHRISTOPHER J. SPANOS, President, Board of Education