

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shelly Chabak, 110 Wildwood Court, Decatur IL 62521 (teacher of language arts, TJ): concerned about programs being cut - Mark Rankin, 192 N GlenDale Ave, Decatur IL (Custodial/Maintenance Representative) District spending from June 30, 2006 – June 30, 2010 - Paula Busboom, 140 Madison Dr, Decatur IL (DFTA President) Cuts and layoffs – short and long term effects - James Forrester, 2450 Brook Drive, Decatur IL 62521 (DEA President) expenses need examined – 3-year contract with shared goal to keep 10 million in working cash - Carla Burger, 1630 Moorwood Drive, Decatur IL 62521 (DESPA President) at present rate District could be 42 million in the red by 2014 - Martha Henderson, 404 N. Putnam, Mowequa, IL (2nd grade teacher at Durfee Magnet School) wants to be sure splits do not come back with this budget crisis - Karyn Webb, 990 Bunker Lane, Decatur IL 62526 (5th grade – Johns Hill) Concerns about English as a Second Language 	

Cassandra Monfiston, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, spoke to the Board regarding the continued need for more black history to be a part of the curriculum at Millikin and other educational institutions.

Special Presentations and District Highlights

Congratulations to Carlie Wiseley, 8th grader at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, for winning the Macon County Spelling Bee! She will compete in the March 20 Regional Bee at Millikin University. Jolesha McGee, Durfee Magnet School came in 7th at the Macon County Spelling Bee and we also congratulate her!

Information only.

Congratulations to Carrie Hogue, Teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Carla Scott, Teacher at Stevenson Elementary School, for being voted #1 and #2 Best Teacher in the Readers' Choice 2009 Awards sponsored by the Herald and Review!

Congratulations to the History Making Johns Hill Basketball Teams: 1) Record Number of wins by a single team (19) by the 8th grade, record number of combined wins by the 7th and 8th grade, 37 combined wins - two tournament championships at the Holy Family Christmas tournament - and Regional back to back 7th grade 2A regional championship. Also the first time that sports teams have won their regional championship at both levels from 7th and 8th grade. Men who coached these teams are Harl

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	Hillman of the 7 th grade and Jason Flournoy of the 8 th grade.	
Read Across America	Mr. Winter read the Read Across America Proclamation, proclaiming March 2 nd as Read Across America day in District #61. (see attached Proclamation). Sarah Pitts, teacher from Hope Academy, and representing the Decatur Education Association informed the Board of activities teachers would be doing in the classroom on March 2 nd .	
Pearlee Public Charter School Public Hearing	<p>To meet the requirements of the Illinois State Board of Education, a public meeting was held from 6:45 PM - 8:33 PM before continuing with the meeting agenda. Rev. Aubrey Hudson, President and Mrs. Rebecca Peterson, Principal, Pearlee Public Charter School presented a proposal for opening the Pearlee Public Charter School. Other applicants present included: Mr. Fredrick Scheel, Mrs. Yvonne Hudson and Mrs. Julie Crooks. Not attending from the applicants were Mr. Carl Peterson, Vice President; Mrs. Tiffany Bradfield, Treasurer; Mr. Jerry Stock, Lawyer.</p> <p>Following the proposal presentation, Board members and the public were asked to share comments, or ask questions of the presenters to clarify points in the presentation. Board members asked a variety of questions including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to monitor attendance - Virtual curriculum – K12 curriculum - How do they know if the student at home is actually taking tests and doing the assigned homework - Staff for 100 students: 7 FT and 3 PT - Nursery concerns – daycare programs – what’s being offered to teens for this program that 61 is not offering - Liability issues for day care – extracurricular – transportation - How will school cover FOIA and Open Meetings Act - Policies and procedures – what is in place - future - Food - facility needs – State Regulations – nutrition programs – state codes – catering services - Transportation of Students - IHSA rules - numerous sports questions - Home School Students - Payment for use of our facilities/coaches, etc. - Makeup of the Board: Not all members are from District 61. - “financially challenged” students - Free Breakfast, free lunch – difference between what they offer and District 61 offers - Projections for students – how many virtual – how many come for bricks and mortar 	Information only.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - St. James too small for all that is needed for a high school - Finances: 75% - 125% of student's money follows student through District #61 to the Charter School. - Grant Funding – corporate sponsors for other revenue - Salary for teachers low – principal higher than District 61 - Salaries for principal includes two job duties – principal and consultant - With financial condition of state relying on grants from the state are questionable - Minimum wage/hourly wage for personnel - Qualifications of Principal and Staff Members - Robertson Charter start up – compared to this one - Staffing – how to handle substitute teachers – some teachers noted only have 2 years of college – how can they teach? - Collective Bargaining considerations - Close relationship of board and employees - Financial Concerns – need independent bookkeeper/CPA member – treasurer related to board - too many inter relationships - Drivers Education requirements - Schedule – Block with 90 minute classes - Credit Hours – “seat time” - Discipline - Diversity - At Risk Students - Parental involvement - Concerns with 100 students and 5 teachers - Special Education responsibilities 	

Once the Board had completed their questions and discussion, President Winter asked if any members of the audience wanted to address any questions with Mrs. Peterson. 2 people asked to speak:

1. William Pitts, 55 West Macon Street, Decatur, IL

Question on due process – liability for the special education students

2. LaQuerrie Hooper, 226 Dover Drive, Decatur, IL

What programs are different with the proposed charter and District #61 – is there anything the charter school would be offering that District #61 is not offering? Secondly, if a student is being home schooled and they try out for a team sport in District 61 she has a problem with that if the home

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	<p>schooled, or charter school student, can come in and get a sports or academic scholarships for athletes when her student has remained committed to the public schools.</p> <p>This concluded the open public meeting. The Board will take the proposal for Pearlee Public Charter School under advisement and make a decision at an upcoming meeting.</p>	
Consent Items	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve all Consent Items as presented, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval of Minutes: Special/Regular/Closed, February 9, 2010 B. Monthly Financial Condition Report C. Treasurer's Report D. Health Insurance Report E. Amendment to the Interagency Medicaid Administrative Claim Contract <p>Dr. Mandernach moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roberts, Moore, Robinson, Mandernach, Oakes, Winter, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay</p>	<p>Information only.</p> <p>Motion carried. All Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>
Roll Call Action Items	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended that all personnel items received by the Human Resources Department be approved as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mandernach, Winter, Moore, Robinson, Roberts, Oakes Nay: None Present: Peete Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Present</p>	<p>Information only.</p> <p>Motion carried. All Personnel items were approved as presented.</p>
Administrative Personnel	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended that Jonnie Clark be appointed to the position of Director of Human Resources effective April 1, 2010 at a base salary of \$114,511.00 at Level 19, Step 12 and pro-rated for this school year of 64 days.</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Roberts. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:</p>	<p>Motion carried. Jonnie Clark was appointed Director of Human Resources effective April 1, 2010.</p>

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Resolution Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds for the School District	Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board of Education approve the Resolution for Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds for the School District. Dr. Mandernach moved, Mr. Robinson seconded the motion to approve the recommendation. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Roberts, Moore, Mandernach, Peete, Winter, Robinson Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay	Motion carried. Resolution Providing for the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds for the District was approved.
Macon-Piatt Special Education Joint Agreement	Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board of Education approve the Macon-Piatt Special Education Joint Agreement as presented. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Following discussion President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Peete, Winter, Oakes, Robinson, Roberts, Mandernach Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay	Motion carried. Macon-Piatt Special Education Joint Agreement was approved.
Decatur Public School District #61 Technology Plan	Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board of Education approve the Decatur Public School District #61 Technology Plan as presented. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Mandernach, Robinson, Roberts, Moore, Peete, Winter Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay	Motion carried. The District Technology Plan was approved as presented.
Superintendent's Report	Deanne Hillman, Director of Teaching and Learning presented a PowerPoint presentation to update the Board on activities in her department with the assistance of Mr. Bill Reiter and Stephen Decatur Middle School Teacher Angelique Fairbrother, who helped demonstrate a Promethean Board for interaction with the Board members.	Information only.

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	Mr. Fred Minner, Director of Student Services, updated the Board on events and activities at Student Services and shared information on Central Registration.	Information only.
Board Discussion Items	There were no committee reports or discussion items.	Information only.
Announcements	<p>The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:</p> <p>“Coach” John Alexander, who passed away this past week. Many people in the District knew him as “Alex”. “Coach” Alexander taught English at Eisenhower High School for many years, as well as serving as a head football coach.</p> <p>Jill Campbell who passed away this past week. She is the mother of Dave Campbell who works with us in Buildings and Grounds.</p> <p>Robin Johnson, mother of MacArthur High School Student, Amira Johnson, who passed away last week.</p> <p>Important Dates:</p> <p>February 26 Last Day for Applications for Awards of Excellence</p> <p>27 Mardi Gras Dance at Eisenhower High School</p> <p>March 1-12 Illinois State Achievement Testing (ISAT)</p> <p>4 MHS Choral Concert, MacArthur High School Aud. 7:30 PM</p> <p>6 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) (All Day) Solo/Ensemble Contest at Millikin University</p> <p>11 MHS Jazz Bands at the Decatur Civic Center (Aud) 7:30 PM</p> <p>12 End of 3rd Quarter</p> <p>13 Band & Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest at Thomas Jefferson</p> <p>19 Parent Teacher Conferences – Report Card Distribution – NO SCHOOL – District Offices Open Registration Begins!!</p> <p>20 Orchestra Solo/Ensemble Contest at Millikin University</p> <p>15-31 Hope Academy Out of School – SOAR in Progress</p>	Information only.

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Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the 1 st Floor Board of Education Room.	Information only.
Adjournment	Mr. Roberts moved to adjourned, seconded by Mr. Moore. All were in favor.	Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Daniel Winter, President

Melinda J. Harrington, Secretary