

**AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
WEST HIGH SCHOOL
1201 W. NEW YORK ST.
AURORA, IL 60506**

HEALTH ACADEMY – ROOM A-206

**Tuesday Evening
6:00 P.M.**

January 22, 2008

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**

- IV. Recognition of Visitors**

This section of the agenda allows for the recognition of any individuals or groups whose attendance should be appropriately acknowledged.

- V. Recognition of Audience Wishing to Speak to an Agenda Item**

Persons wishing to address the Board are requested to submit questions or proposals in writing. In order to encourage public participation, individuals wishing to address a specific agenda topic will be asked to indicate which topic and then will speak once the topic is introduced later in the meeting.

- VI. Recognition of Audience Wishing to Speak to the Board**

Any formal request to appear before the Board may be considered at this time. As of this writing, we have received no formal requests to address the January Board of Education Meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board are asked to sign up in advance of the meeting, indicating the topic which they would like to discuss.

- VII. Special Recognition**

Students from Smith and Fearn Schools recently competed in the Invention Convention. From Smith School, the winners and their inventions are as follows:

From Smith School:

Austin Franks	Desk Top Cover
Jason Carrera	High Tech Wheelchair
Kasey Reyes	Light Up Slippers
Ryan Golembeck	Helping Hand

Alex DeBolt
Emiliano Gonzalez

All Use Cargo Chair
Hospital Shirt

From Fearn School:

Braigen Mueller
Lucas Warren
Joe Garlando

Cushy Tushy Organizer
Warren Super Dart Bowl
Book Clip Cap

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Policy Review

Included in your backup material is Policy 4 from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The Board was asked to review the suggested policies at the January 7 meeting, put them on a 30-day review on January 22 and approval February 19, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education accept for a 30-day review period, Policy Section 4 – Operational Services.

B. Approval of Agreement between the Board of Education and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 73, Change to Win Coalition (CTW).

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the five-year agreement between the Board of Education and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 73, Change to Win Coalition (CTW).

Teaching & Learning

1. District Improvement Plan

The District Improvement Plan is in the process of being revised and was presented to the Board for review at the January 7, 2008 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the District Improvement Plan.

Safe Secure Facilities

1. Bus Lease

The Board is being asked to approve a six-month lease for a 71-passenger bus.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the six-month lease with Blue Bird Body Company for a 71-passenger bus with a one-time payment of \$5400.00.

2. Freeman Mold Abatement

The Board is being asked to approve the mold abatement bid for work to be done at Freeman Elementary School.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the low responsible bid from Universal Asbestos Removal Inc. in the amount of \$11,400 for mold abatement at Freeman Elementary School.

Financial Responsibility

1. E-Plan

The Technology Integration Plan which allows the district to be eligible for E-Rate dollars, a cost reduction to the district was presented to the Board at the January 7, 2008 meeting. Background information on the E-Rate process and the pricing information on the bids resulting from this process in order for the district to move forward with the installation of the fiber network were also presented.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve AT & T as the Fiber Networking provider for all School District 129 facilities.

2. Tax Anticipation Warrants

At the January 7, 2008 Board meeting, Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, presented the rationale and timeline for issuing Tax Anticipation Warrants.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution authorizing the issuance of 2007 Educational Purposes Tax Anticipation Warrants in the amount of

\$17,400,000.00, in anticipation of the collection of taxes levied for the year 2007, by the Board of Education of School District Number 129, Kane County, Illinois for educational purposes.

2. Bond Refunding

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance presented to the Board an opportunity to refund existing debt, utilizing the current market's low interest rates which will enable the Board to reduce the financial obligation of the school district community.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2008, of School District Number 129, Kane County, Illinois in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000.

SECOND RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution providing the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2008, of School District Number 129, Kane County, Illinois and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000,000.

3. Approval of Transfer of Funds

The District 129 Working Cash Fund was established in accordance with the regulations of the Illinois School Code to provide money when needed on a loan basis for ordinary and necessary expenditures. In District 129, we have traditionally loaned the Working Cash dollars to the Education Fund, where it is used as necessary for cash flow purposes. Money loaned from the Working Cash Fund must be repaid within one year. This fiscal year, we are requesting that two resolutions be approved, one loaning working Cash to the Education and one loaning Working Cash to the O & M Fund. These loans will assist in meeting our cash flow needs in both funds.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$3,208,687 from the Working Cash Fund as a loan to the Education Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund as a loan to the O & M.

IX. Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda for January 22, 2008.

- A. Approval of Minutes**
- B. Approval of Bill Listings**
- C. Payroll Authorization**
- D. Personnel Report**
- E. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Full Time**
- F. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Part Time**
- G. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Full Time**
- H. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Part Time**
- I. Requests for Leave of Absence**

X. Action as a Result of Executive Session

XI. Information and Discussion

Vision 129

A. Teaching and Learning

1. Reading First DIBELS on Palm PDAs Demonstration

The Reading First Program is a national initiative to improve the quality and effectiveness of reading instruction in Kindergarten through grade three. This program is supported through federal grant funds at Greenman, Hill, Lincoln, Nicholson, and Schneider Schools. Reading instruction is focused on scientifically based reading research and is delivered during a 90-minute uninterrupted reading block that promotes the five tenets of reading instruction – phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) is used as the benchmark assessment of students

three times each year and for progress monitoring. Unique to Reading First is the administration of the DIBELS using Palm PDAs. Reading First staff will provide the Board of Education with a hands-on experience in administering the DIBELS with the Palm PDAs.

2. Safe Schools/Healthy Students Community Survey

District 129 is pursuing a Federal grant that would result in several million dollars of aid to district schools over the next four years. The grant "Safe Schools / Healthy Students" is designed to make schools safer, foster healthy child development and prevent aggressive and violent behavior and drug and alcohol use among school aged children. Included in your backup material is a description of the components of the grant as well as a copy of the survey which will be sent to all District 129 residents. Questions regarding the grant can be directed to Cynthia Latimer at 301-5071.

3. Update on Recycling

Daniel Flaherty, Student Board Member, will update the Board on the steps being taken regarding recycling programs.

B. Safe Secure Facilities

1. Safe Secure Facilities Plan of Work

Included in your backup material is an updated Safe Secure Facilities Plan of Work developed by Pete Kerl and Jeff Schiller.

2. Update on Camera Installation West High School

Pete Kerl, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, will update the Board on the camera installation at West High School.

C. Financial Responsibility

1. Budget Update

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, will provide a budget update at the January 22, 2008 meeting.

2. Presentation to Moody's Investors Service

Included in your backup material is a copy of the presentation prepared by PMA for our discussions with Moody's

D. Community Involvement

E. Correspondence

1. Thank You Notes

Included in your backup material are Thank You notes received over the past month, including:

- Note from Sandra Bauer for memorial sent on behalf of her husband, John Bauer.
- The family of Bud Herbig, East Aurora Board Member
- Note from Janie Lynn for the memorial sent on behalf of her mother, Virginia Peters.
- Letter from the Community Foundation acknowledging the donation made on behalf of Virginia Peters.
- Note from Jean Etheredge thanking the Board of the flowers sent in memory of their son Brian.

2. Note from Mayor Tom Weisner

Included in your backup material is a note from Mayor Weisner thanking the district for the DVD – “Experience Vision 129”. The DVD has been shared with the staff at City Hall and additional copies have been requested.

XII. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Dates to Remember

January 28, 2008	Board of Education Meeting 5:00 p.m. Presentation of School Improvement Plans
February 4, 2008	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
February 9, 2008	Fine Arts Festival
February 19, 2008	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

XII. Adjourn

- **The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at West High School, 1201 W. New York Street, Aurora, IL in the Health Academy (Enter at Door #1).**

CONSENT AGENDA FOR JANUARY 22, 2008

The Board of Education's Consent Agenda contains those motions or resolutions which are deemed routine and/or require little or no discussion. The use of the consent Agenda is intended to expedite the meeting by the elimination of repetitive roll calls and unnecessary discussions. A Consent Agenda item will be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to its passage upon the request of any Board member. The roll call of votes on the approval of the Consent Agenda shall constitute the roll call of votes on each and every Consent Agenda motion or resolution as if each were voted on individually.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

Included with the Board's backup materials are the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held over the past month.

RECOMMENDATION: That the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on January 7, 2008.

B. Bills for Payment

Board members were previously provided with listings of District Bills for review.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept bill listings in the amount of \$1,367,043.29 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$24,545.20 for the period ending January 21, 2008.

C. Personnel Report

In the Personnel Report for January 22, 2008, we are advising of the resignations of Jennifer Starai, Hope Wall Paraprofessional and Rasonja

Price, Driver, Transportation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for January 22, 2008.

E. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Full Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Certified Probationary Full Time personnel:

Jessica Lionhood, Special Education @ Hall

F. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Part Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following Certified Probationary Part Time personnel:

G. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Full Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Educational Support Personnel – full time:

Krystal Brussow, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall
Jacqueline Garretson, Paraprofessional @ Freeman
Monick Ramos, Paraprofessional @ Hill

H. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Part Time

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the appointments of the following Educational Support Personnel – part-time:

Nikki O'Callhan, Paraprofessional @ Freeman

I. Request for Leave of Absence

Gina Zager, Readiness Teacher @ Todd, has requested a leave of absence through March, 2008 due to necessities of the home.

Stephanie Leo, Office Professional in Technology, has requested a leave of absence from March 31 through May 30, 2008 to do her student teaching.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for Gina Zager, Readiness Teacher, through March 2008 subject to the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the Aurora Education Association-West.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the leave of absence for Stephanie Leo, Office Professional in Technology, from March 31 through May 30, 2008 subject to the terms and conditions of the collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Education and the West Aurora Office Professionals Association.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the recommendations contained in the Consent Agenda for January 7, 2008.