

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

**HEALTH ACADEMY – ROOM A-206**

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

**November 5, 2007**

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

**PART I – PUBLIC HEARING**

School District 129 has had a School Improvement Waiver in place since 2002. This waiver allows us to take three full days for school improvement rather than half days as specified in the Illinois School Code. Prior to our school improvement waivers, we scheduled seven half-days throughout a school year. Since moving to full days, our students are in session an additional half day. Parents have also favored this approach because it is easier to secure childcare. The waiver process requires that we hold a Public Hearing prior to submitting the waiver. We are asking that the waiver be in place for five years (maximum allowed) or through the 2012-2013 school year.

**PART II – REGULAR NOVEMBER 5, 2007 MEETING**

**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 November 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.

Mr. Dave Verdeyen has asked to speak to the Board on the topic of Advanced Placement and the number of students involved in this program.

## **VII. Special Recognition**

Special recognition will be given to the West Aurora Girls Badminton Team who recently raised over \$1200 and participated in the Making Strides for Breast Cancer walk held on Sunday, October 21.

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Safe Secure Facilities**

#### **-- Security System for West High School**

The Board of Education has reviewed plans for the proposed security system at West High School. This system will provide a perimeter security and electronic lock system, 82 cameras and the capability to add 22 cameras in the future. John Spooner from Alarm Detection will make a brief presentation and Gail Wronski, Matt Castle and Pete Kerl will be available for questions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education enter into a Security System and Services Agreement with Alarm Detection Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$232,571.00 and a monthly service and monitoring fee of \$1,956.00.

### **B. Teaching and Learning**

#### **-- Approval of Waiver to Amend School Calendar Requirements**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the submission of an Application for Waiver or Modification of State Board Rules and/or School Code Mandates to amend school calendar requirements for school improvement purposes for five years.

**C. Financial Responsibility**

**-- Truth in Taxation Compliance**

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, will present the Tax Levy timeline and proposed recommendations. The Board will be asked to approve the Tax Levy Resolution at the November 5, 2007 Board meeting and conduct a Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Levy on December 3, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the attached Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts necessary to be Levied for the Year 2007 in compliance with the Truth in Taxation law, 35ILSC 200/18-16 of the Illinois School Code.

**IX. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**B. Approval of Bill Listings**

**C. Personnel Report**

**D. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Full Time**

**E. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Part Time**

**F. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Full Time**

**G. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Part Time**

**H. Approval of Copier Lease for Hill School**

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the items contained in the Consent Agenda for November 5, 2007.

**X. Action as a Result of Executive Session**

## **XI. Information and Discussion**

### **A. Vision 129**

#### **-- Board Policy Review**

The process for review of Board Policies will begin with the first three sections – School District Organization, School Board and General School Administration. The format for the policies will be based on the Illinois Association of School Board's Policy Reference Manual. Included in your backup material are the proposed policies for review. The proposed policy is listed first with the Board's existing policy following. The Board is asked to review these policies with discussion being held at the November 5 meeting and approval at the November 19 meeting. This three-step process will continue until all policies have been reviewed and approved.

### **B. Teaching and Learning**

### **C. Safe Secure Facilities**

#### **1. Bid Opening for Water Heater**

On Friday, October 12, 2007, Gilfillan, Callahan and Nelson Architects and District 129 opened bids for the Domestic Hot Water Tank replacement. Three bids were received and Cannonball Mechanical and R.J. O'Neil are the two apparent low bidders. The architects will review these bids and make a recommendation for award at the November 19, 2007 Board meeting. Included in your backup material is a copy of the memo from the architectural firm along with the bid recap.

#### **2. Safe Secure Facilities Plan of Work**

Included in your backup material is the revised timeline for safe secure facilities plan of work developed by Pete Kerl and Jeff Schiller.

**C. Financial Responsibility**

-- **Budget Update – FY 08**

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance, will provide an update on FY 08 Budget Update.

**D. Community Involvement**

**E. Correspondence**

**XII. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Dates to Remember**

<b>November 5, 2007</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>November 19, 2007</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Golden Apple Awards Presentation</b>
<b>November 16-18, 2007</b>	<b>Triple I Convention in Chicago</b>
<b>February 9, 2008</b>	<b>Fine Arts Festival</b>

**B. Article highlights to Oct. 27, 2007**

**FEARN**

Included in your backup material are articles from:  
Oct. 20 Beacon feature and pictures on soldier visiting Fearn

**HERGET**

Included in your backup material are articles from:  
Oct. 7 Beacon letter praising Herget coaches

**HOPE WALL**

Included in your backup material are articles from:  
Oct. 20 Chronicle picture on Hope in Motion  
Oct. 25 Beacon story and pictures on medfest

**LINCOLN**

Included in your backup material are articles from:  
Oct. 13 Chronicle picture of bilingual students at A.U.

**HALL**

Included in your backup material are articles from:  
Oct. 20 Chronicle picture of diabetes walk  
Oct. 26 El Conquistador picture of diabetes walk

#### SCHNEIDER

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Oct. 10 Beacon photos of book fair and birds

Oct. 21 Chronicle story and picture of fall festival

#### WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Oct. 1 Chronicle obit on John Bauer

Oct. 5 Beacon photo of homecoming parade

Oct. 11 Beacon story on band fundraiser

Oct. 17 Beacon article on cameras at West

Oct. 19 Beacon article on band fundraisers

Oct. 21 Beacon picture of alumni all-class reunion

Oct. 22 Beacon story and pictures on East/West rivalry exhibit

#### DISTRICT

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Oct. 7 Herald story on property tax share of school costs

Oct. 7 Beacon article on special ed meeting

Oct. 14 Herald story on how much revenue reaches classrooms

Oct. 15 Beacon article on cameras in schools

Oct. 19 Chronicle story on truancy

Oct. 21 Herald story on non-class costs in schools

### **XIII. Adjourn**

- **The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, November 19, 2007 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 NOVEMBER 5, 2007**

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 October 15, 2007.

#### **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 \$8,031,448.66 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$387,582.52 for the period ending November 5, 2007.

#### **C. Personnel Report**

In the Personnel Report for November 5, 2007, we are advising of the resignations of Mary Yarbrough, Office Professional at McCleery Elementary (retiring effective June 13, 2007); Linda Armintrout,

Kindergarten @ Greenman.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for November 5, 2007.

**D. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Full Time**

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

**E. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Part Time**

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

**F. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Full Time**

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

Deanna Konstans, Office Professional @ West High  
Johanna Arroyo, Bilingual Parent Program @ Todd  
Carolyn Krainak, Reading Parapro @ Freeman

**G. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Part Time**

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

Linda Armintrout, Reading Parapro @ Greenman  
Shari Wells, Reading Parapro @ Hall

**H. Approval of Copier Lease for Hill School**

Included in your backup material is information relative to the leasing a copier for Hill School. The present machine has incurred costly repairs and is not equipped to do the volume of copying needed. Ricoh is giving the district a \$500 allowance for the existing machine.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve entering into a five-year lease agreement with Ricoh Business Solutions for a Ricoh MP7500SP copier for Hill Elementary School at a cost of \$1138 per quarter.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the recommendations contained in the Consent Agenda for October 15, 2007.**