

**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.**

January 7, 2008

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

PART I – PUBLIC HEARING

The District is requesting a waiver of Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/27-23.3 which requires at least six hours of practice driving in a car having dual operating controls under direct individual instruction. The request is asking that the district be allowed to have 14 hours of practice driving in a simulator system in lieu of 3 hours of the required 6 hours of practice driving in a car having dual operating controls under direct individual instruction. The request is based on fulfilling the intent of the Driver Education mandate in a more safe, efficient and innovative manner and improving the performance of our student drivers.

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 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 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

At the January 7, 2008, Kathleen Bieritz and Tom Kraus will be honored for achieving National Board Certification.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Teaching & Learning

A. Approval of Driver Education Waiver

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 change the Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/27-23.3 requiring at least six hours of practice driving in a car having dual operating controls under direct individual instruction.

B. Proposed K-5 Science Materials

Science co-chairs Mike Runge and Ann Butcher will present additional information about the proposed new K-5 science text and related support materials. This recommendation comes forward with a unanimous endorsement from the K-12 Science Committee. The text and the workbook will support instruction in the science curriculum and its alignment to the Illinois Learning Standards and the District's Priority Learning Targets. The Board is being asked to approve putting the materials up for a 30-day public review.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education accept for a 30-day review the K-5 Science Text and Related Support Materials as proposed by the K-12 Science Committee.

Safe and Secure Facilities

A. Digital Video Recording Systems Bid

At the December 3, 2007 meeting, the Board received information on the bid for digital video recording systems. These two-way camera systems are to be used in the current bus fleet as well as being installed in the 20 new buses to be received in 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve the low bid of Midwest Transit for 50 digital video recording systems in the amount of \$102,750, including installation.

B. Approval of Utility Truck Lease

The Board is requested to approve the replacement of the current 4-year lease with GMAC on a 2005 GMC 2500 HD pickup with a new 4-year lease on a 2008 model.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve a new 4-year lease with GMAC in the amount of \$20,614.71, a cost of \$524.85 per month, on a new 2008 GMC 2500 HD pickup.

VIII. Consent Agenda

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

IX. Action as a Result of Executive Session

X. Information and Discussion

Vision 129

A. Board Policy Review

Included in your backup material is Policy 4 from the Illinois Association of School Boards. The Board is 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.

B. Teaching and Learning

1. Special Education Department Evaluation

The Special Education Departmental Evaluation Summary is included in your backup material. This is a review of both qualitative and quantitative data that drove the filtering process.

Crysta Morrissey, Director of Special Education, will review these findings, filtering four key areas: teaching and learning, safe secure facilities, finance, and communication.

2. District Improvement Plan

The District Improvement Plan is in the process of being revised and will be presented to the Board for review at the January 7, 2008 meeting. Approval will be requested at the January 22, 2008 meeting.

C. 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. Freeman Mold Abatement

Included in your backup information is information regarding a recent bid opening for Mold Abatement at Freeman. Approval of the successful bid will be requested at the January 22, 2008 meeting.

D. Financial Responsibility

1. E-Plan

Andy Fitzsimons will update the Board on the Technology Integration Plan which allows the district to be eligible for E-Rate dollars, a cost reduction to the district. 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 will also be presented.

2. Tax Anticipation Warrants

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance will update the Board regarding the need to issue tax anticipation warrants to meet its short term financial responsibilities.

3. Refunding

Vickie Nissen, Assistant Superintendent for Finance will present 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.

F. Community Involvement

G. Correspondence

1. Letters of Congratulations

Included in your backup material are two letters of congratulations from Matt Castle, Assistant Principal at West High and Kenny Randle, Regional Custodial Supervisor, sent to two night custodians for being selected "Employee of the Month". These two individuals are Salvador Baltierra and Barbara Pryor. They were chosen because of their hard work and dedication.

2. Letter of Recommendation

Included in your backup material is a copy of a letter from Donna Letzter, recommending Marty Rodriguez for the City of Aurora's Leadership in School Community award. Marty is a senior at West High, who is respected by his peers and teachers, and is involved in both academic and extracurricular programs.

3. Letter of Thanks

Included in your backup material is a copy of a note from Patsy Conger, Human Resources Coordinator, thanking the Board for the donation made in memory of her father, Gerald Hoovler.

4. Letter of Thanks

Included in your backup material are copies of a letters from Michelle Gallo, principal of Lincoln School, to the Itasca Police Department thanking them for their donation for toys, cameras, decorations, games and other items for the students and families of Lincoln School and one to the Bethany Mission Guild of Our Savior Lutheran Church for their donation of Jewel gift cards.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Dates to Remember

January 15, 2008	A+ Illinois Forum – Prisco Ctr. – 7:00 p.m.
January 22, 2008 (Tuesday)	Special Committee Meeting 5:00 p.m. Executive Session
January 22, 2008	Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m.
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

B. Article highlights to December 21st

HERGET

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Dec. 15 Chronicle honor roll

HOPE WALL

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Dec. 1 Chronicle picture of Kiwanians honored
Dec. 8 Chronicle picture of students on field trip to Washington D.C.
Dec. 11 Herald picture of students singing at dedication

JEFFERSON

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Dec. 15 Chronicle photo of winter band concert

JEWEL

Included in your backup material are articles from:
Dec. 2 Beacon picture of Veterans Day assembly
Dec. 6 Herald picture of Veterans Day assembly
Dec. 15 Beacon article on Leo club

WASHINGTON

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Dec. 15 Chronicle photo of winter band concert

WEST HIGH SCHOOL

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Nov. 28 Beacon article on breakfast with Santa

Nov. 30 Herald article on breakfast with Santa

Dec. 4 Herald article on science curriculum

Dec. 12 Beacon article on concert at Fermilab

Dec. 14 Beacon column on action of gym floor

Dec. 14 Beacon photo and article on girl's basketball game

Dec. 14 Beacon photo of madrigal performance

Dec. 15 Beacon article on holiday band concert

Dec. 15 Chronicle photo of madrigal performance

Dec. 15 Herald story on old gym floor bidding

Dec. 16 Chronicle story on ebay auction of gym floor

Dec. 17 Chronicle photo and article on rotary exchange student

Dec. 17 Chronicle article on East/West basketball game

Dec. 21 Beacon story on Televised East/West Game

DISTRICT

Included in your backup material are articles from:

Nov. 25 Herald article on standardized tests

Nov. 25 Herald article on school finances

Nov. 26 Tribune article on John Drury

Nov. 27 Tribune article on John Drury

Dec. 6 Chronicle picture and story of Golden Apple recipients

Dec. 10 Herald article on state assessment tests

Dec. 12 Beacon picture and story on school closings due to weather

Dec. 12 Beacon picture for register to vote ad

Dec. 16 Chronicle story on intimidation policies

Dec. 19 Beacon picture for register to vote ad

XII. Adjourn

- **The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 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 7, 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 December 3, 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 \$1,397,723.20 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$16,568.94 for the period ending December 14, 2008 and bill listings in the amount of \$7,585,918.61 and Hope Wall bill listings in the amount of \$404,058.22 for the period ending December 31, 2007.

C. Payroll Authorization

Authorization is requested for payrolls for the month of January and February, 2008.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education authorize payrolls for the month of January, 2008 in the amount of \$5,450,000.00 and February, 2008 in the amount of \$5,500,000.00.

D. Personnel Report

In the Personnel Report for January 7, 2008, we are advising of the resignations of Evelyn (Penny Ambre), Permanent Sub; Maria Johnston; Special Education @ West High; Donna Letzter, English/Drama Teacher and Activities Director @ West High. Donna will retire August 28, 2008 after 32 years with the District.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board of Education approve and accept the Personnel Report for January 7, 2008.

E. Appointments – Certified Probationary – Full Time

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

Megan Gabel, Special Education @ West High
Nicole Schar, Special Education @ West High
Christopher Hawkins, Special Education @ West High

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:

Amy Bagliere, 1:1 Paraprofessional @ Fearn

Melody Dean, 1:1 Paraprofessional @ McCleery
Christine Coakley, Registrar @ West High

H. Appointments – Educational Support Personnel – Part Time

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

Julie Churchill, Title I Literacy @ Hall
Sandra Osorio, Instructional Parapro @ Schneider

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