

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD JANUARY 11, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86, Will County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday the 11th day of January 2012 at Forest Park IE School, 1220 California Avenue, Joliet within the District boundary.

CALL TO ORDER – President Pritz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the following members were present: Insp. Jeffrey K. Pritz, Deborah K. Ziech, Natalie A. Coleman, Lorraine E. Guerrero, Tonya M. Myers, Gwendolyn R. Ulmer, and Demmond C. Dorris. No one was absent.

Insp. Dorris left the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & PEACE PLEDGE – Forest Park IE students led the Pledge to the Flag and the Peace Pledge. The Peace Pledge was recited in support of the Children for Peace initiative.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK – No one came forward.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Coleman welcomed everyone and wished all a Happy New Year. He said it was nice to see parents out in support of their children and school. It is appreciated. Superintendent Coleman said there are four special focus schools with two on the elementary level. This evening it is a honor to be at Forest Park IE – a great place. Principal Jay Darley and others will be giving an overview of the school.

INTRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL & STAFF – Mr. Darley said this was his second year as principal. He indicated Forest Park IE was an individual education school which gave more opportunities for students. He introduced his staff and said they are committed to the IE philosophy. Mr. Darley noted 21% of the staff has 20+ years and 36% has 10+ years. Demographic information was given which indicated it is multicultural with 71% free and reduced. Also noted was the ISAT score for reading increased by 5% from 2010 to 2011. The overall reading score was 77.5% with the benchmark being 86.7%

Mr. Darley explained the process for application to Forest Park IE. He said a student must live in District 86; parents come to orientation and sign a contract. Parents also have mandatory attendance at Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences and mandatory attendance at four parent sessions. Mr. Darley explained the differences between the traditional school setting and the IE program. One of them being, students are given choices and share in the decision making and also take an active role in their education.

Forest Park IE follows the Adlerian philosophy and Ray Corsini’s 4Rs. The 4Rs include Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, and Responsiveness. There are three school rules at Forest Park IE do nothing that could be dangerous, damaging, or harmful to yourself, others, or property; be under adult supervision at all times; and if pointed out or given the stop sign, leave immediately and silently. Mr. Darley explained to the Board the unique discipline system – nonverbal redirection during class instruction. Forest Park IE teachers are only teachers. Mr. Darley informed the Board of what a day at Forest Park IE was like. He indicated it began and ended in homeroom with reading, math, and creatives in between. A short video was given on how conflict resolution is handled in the homeroom with student leading the session.

Mr. Darley informed the Board the parent organization is Alliance of Teachers and Parents and they have many events. He also had a short video of teachers and parents giving testimonials as to why they liked Forest Park IE. He then asked the audience and a few of the parents also stated why they liked Forest Park IE. The Forest Park IE students did a skit to show the discipline system at school.

Students were recognized for Perfect Attendance, Peace Builders, and “Find the Gift.” All students selected came forward and received a handshake and certificate from the Board and Superintendent.

Superintendent Coleman said it is always great to see young people receive awards. He indicated he has always had an interest in special focus schools and had done his dissertation on them. He told the parents

they had done a great job. He also said to keep doing what they were doing in partnership with the students and the staff. He also told the staff he was very proud of them and they were making a difference along with the excellent leadership of Mr. Darley.

BOARD COMMENTS – Insp. Ulmer said she was very impressed with the students gardening. She also noted children learning to handle problems are a great challenge. She congratulated the teachers and parents for nurturing the children.

Insp. Dorris congratulated the students and said it was great to hear the positive comments. He thanked all and said to keep up the good work.

Insp. Coleman thanked Principal Darley and the faculty for their flexibility and the electives based on their recommendations. Students can learn several ways and the staff brings out the best in a student. She congratulated the students on their awards and thanked the parents for encouraging their children.

Insp. Myers thanked Principal Darley and his staff. Their hard works shows. She also noted the children's excitement in the skit they performed and told the parents they were doing a great job. Insp. Myers noted it was always good to hear parents speak well of the school. She stated the staff, parents and students show their school pride at Forest Park IE.

Insp. Guerrero thanked everyone and said the parents have high expectations and should be proud of themselves. All her friends who attended Forest Park IE have Master's degrees.

Insp. Ziech thanked Principal Darley and indicated she visited the school today. She was impressed with the mutual respect between staff and students. Insp. Ziech said her hat was off to the parents for signing their commitment to the school. She congratulated the students on their awards.

President Pritz noted he had children attend Forest Park IE. He congratulated the students and staff on their ISAT scores and said it was no easy task to raise a score by 5%. He thanked all for coming this evening and congratulated the students on their awards.

RECESS – At 8:29 p.m., the Board took a short recess.

RECONVENE MEETING – At 8:34 p.m., the meeting was reconvened.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Coleman stated this evening Mrs. Sandy Gavin, Assistant Superintendent, would provide a status report relative to the goals on this year's Strategic Plan.

STRATEGIC PLAN – Mrs. Gavin reviewed the six goals. Goal One is Student Achievement. The District has begun the revision to the Common Core Standards. A subcommittee has been formed to look at these standards. A new math intervention has also been instituted and the District is continuing with RTI.

Goal Two is Technology. Technology is providing model lessons on effective instruction integrating technology, providing professional development on District hardware and software, and has had training on the student information system. The District is also close to launching the new website and parent training will be offered.

Goal Three is Student Behavior. The District is evaluating and updating student discipline and also continuing to implement the social/emotional values curriculum for all students. The District is also continuing the implementation of Safe and Civil Schools and also the CHAMPS program. Character trait awareness in social science classes has been implemented in grades 6-8.

Goal Four is Human Resources. The Induction/Mentor Program is ongoing along with ongoing professional development for administrators. Teacher evaluation procedures are reviewed and recommendations for improvements are made. Training tutorials as mandated are provided and monitored. The non-certified staff evaluation instrument has also been revised.

Goal Five is Parent Involvement. The District continues to provide family programs at all schools and utilizes the website to disseminate related publications. Working with the local media to share District information is

also being done. Parent sessions focusing on current needs of families are provided along with training sessions. The District also communicates the goals and objectives along with the progress of the District plan.

Goal 6 is Community Involvement. The District continues to promote the Foundation and publicizes District events to the community. Partnerships with social agencies provide support and resources for students with social/emotional needs. There are also partnerships for health and wellness. Activity buses are provided for after school events as funds allow.

Mrs. Gavin said the District is moving ahead as a team. She also reported the District is looking to hire a consultant to do a 3-5 year plan.

Superintendent Coleman noted the Cambrian Group was notified the District would not be using their services. Once the year concludes, a status report will be given.

This concluded the Superintendent's Report.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 8:54 p.m., Insp. Ziech seconded by Insp. Myers to go into Executive Session to consider information regarding student discipline and personnel matters for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Dorris, Ulmer, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. The President declared the motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING – The Board met in Executive Session until 9:56 p.m. Upon returning to open session, President Pritz called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA – President Pritz asked Charyll Colstock, Board Secretary to read the following: The actions items listed under the consent agenda are routine business items that will be adopted by a single motion of the Board unless a Board Member or the Superintendent requests an item be removed from the consent agenda, discussed, and voted on separately.

Superintendent Coleman presented the Consent Agenda which included minutes of the Discussion Session and Special Meeting held December 7, 2011 and the Regular Meeting held December 14, 2011. Reports consist of Report Number 118 through and including Report Number 125 with additions to Report Number 124 Gifts sections H, I, J, K, and L.

President Pritz asked if there were any requests to remove an item from the Consent Agenda. There were none.

MINUTES – Minutes of the Discussion Session and Special Meeting held December 7, 2011 and the Regular Meeting held December 14, 2011.

REPORT NO. 118 PAYROLL, TREASURER'S REPORT AND BILLS

A. PAYROLLS

FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 2, 2011

INSTRUCTION	\$1,475,882.88
SUPPORT SERV. PUPIL	160,916.47
SUPPORT SERV. INSTR.	102,325.57
SUPPORT SERV. ADMIN.	96,477.55
SUPP. SERV. SCHOOL ADM	156,133.26
SUPPORT SERV. BUSINESS	107,606.91
SUPPORT SERV. CENTRAL	117,935.83
BUILDING SUPPORT SERVICES	165,692.37
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TOTAL PAYROLL	\$2,382,970.84
EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$2,212,776.20
BUILDING FUND	165,692.37

FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 16, 2011

INSTRUCTION	\$1,498,737.67
SUPPORT SERV. PUPIL	160,749.75
SUPPORT SERV. INSTR.	108,849.92
SUPPORT SERV. ADMIN.	100,442.62
SUPP. SERV. SCHOOL ADM	149,038.58
SUPPORT SERV. BUSINESS	108,274.72
SUPPORT SERV. CENTRAL	69,110.55
BUILDING SUPPORT SERVICES	165,992.81
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TOTAL PAYROLL	\$2,361,196.62
EDUCATIONAL FUND	\$2,190,701.54
BUILDING FUND	165,992.81

TRANSPORTATION FUND	4,502.27	TRANSPORTATION FUND	4,502.27
FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 30, 2011			
INSTRUCTION	\$1,402,435.97		
SUPPORT SERV. PUPIL	157,046.08		
SUPPORT SERV. INSTR.	93,655.22		
SUPPORT SERV. ADMIN.	96,176.57		
SUPP. SERV. SCHOOL ADM	143,976.98		
SUPPORT SERV. BUSINESS	89,882.63		
SUPPORT SERV. CENTRAL	49,509.01		
BUILDING SUPPORT SERVICES	164,142.34		

TOTAL PAYROLL \$2,196,824.80

EDUCATIONAL FUND \$2,028,180.19

BUILDING FUND 164,142.34

TRANSPORTATION FUND 4,502.27

B. TREASURER'S REPORT -NOVEMBER, 2011

	BEGINNING OF MONTH BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	END OF MONTH BALANCE
EDUCATION FUND	\$19,738,524.79	\$5,524,416.16	\$6,981,414.21	\$18,281,526.74
OPER & MAINT FUND	2,515,540.82	580,619.12	761,883.38	2,334,276.56
DEBT SERVICE	3,174,721.97	75,367.84	0.00	3,250,089.81
TRANSPORTATION	3,306,525.67	207,251.76	763,593.09	2,750,184.34
IMRF/SOC. SEC.	723,914.71	29,504.25	250,997.45	502,421.51
LIFE SAFETY FUND	380,375.50	13,724.76	7,192.36	386,907.90
CAPITAL PROJECTS FD	12,166,644.27	470.08	924,931.83	11,242,182.52
WORKING CASH	5,191,371.50	223.05	0.00	5,191,594.55
TORT FUND	63,511.55	1,373.71	0.00	64,885.26
	\$47,261,130.78	\$6,432,950.73	\$9,690,012.32	\$44,004,069.19

DEPOSITORIES OF FUNDS

	INTEREST BEARING CHECKING	FIXED RATE INVESTMENT S	TOTAL
HARRIS BANK JOLIET (PAYROLL)	\$2,576,830.46		\$2,576,830.46
HARRIS BANK JOLIET (GENERAL)	1,370,741.50		1,370,741.50
ILLINOIS FUNDS	63,708.09		63,708.09
PETTY CASH	3,000.00		3,000.00
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-GENERAL		5,692,253.50	5,692,253.50
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT-CONSTR.		4,200,000.00	4,200,000.00
COMMERCIAL PAPER		0.00	0.00
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK		0.00	0.00
FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE		0.00	0.00
LIQUID ASSET FUND (GENERAL FD)	0.32	148,051.36	148,051.68
LIQUID ASSET FUND (GENERAL FD)-SAVINGS		9,010,762.07	9,010,762.07
LIQUID ASSET FUND (GENERAL FD)-TERM SERIES		14,300,000.00	14,300,000.00
LIQUID ASSET FUND (STATE CONSTR)	297.17	0.00	297.17
LIQUID ASSET FUND (STATE CONSTR)-TERM SERIES		0.00	0.00
LIQUID ASSET FUND (STATE CONSTR)-SAVINGS ACCT.		6,638,424.72	6,638,424.72
TOTAL FUNDS	\$4,014,577.54	\$39,989,491.65	\$44,004,069.19

C. PAYROLLS, HEALTH CLAIMS AND UTILITIES FOR DECEMBER, 2011:

EDUCATIONAL	\$7,188,667.75
OPER & MAINT	585,296.43
DEBT SERVICE	0.00

TRANSPORTATION	15,566.82
IMRF/SOC. SEC.	307,552.90
LIFE SAFETY	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00

\$8,097,083.90

- D. BILLS FOR APPROVAL JANUARY 11, 2012 AND RESOLUTION**
 BE IT RESOLVED TO APPROVE BILLS DATED JANUARY 11, 2012.

 PRESIDENT

 SECRETARY

REPORT NO. 119 PERSONNEL REPORT

<u>Certificated</u>					
A. Recommended for Employment					
Katie Kubski	Temporary Special Education Teacher	Eastern Illinois University	\$21,707.73	01/05/12	06/06/12
Jennifer Lopez	Substitute Teacher	University of Phoenix	\$115.00/Day	01/04/12	
Caitlin Rink	Substitute Teacher	University of St. Francis	\$115.00/Day	01/06/12	
Todd Schremser	Substitute Teacher	National Louis University	\$115.00/Day	01/04/12	
Sally Susner	Substitute Teacher	Illinois State University	\$115.00/Day	12/19/11	
B. Change in Salary					
Susan Gregory	B + 15 – 7 to M – 7	Lewis University	\$27,113.44	01/09/12	
Teresa Martinez	B + 15 – 4 to B + 36 - 4	University of St. Francis	\$26,074.62	01/03/12	
C. Resignations					
Patricia Starks	Jr. High Academic Advisor				01/13/12
D. Retirement					
Julie Rice-Zurek	Elementary School Principal				06/30/17
<u>Educational Support Personnel</u>					
E. Recommended for Employment					
Adriana Zulanas	Temporary Title I Bilingual Paraprofessional		\$15.32/Hr.	01/17/12	06/06/12
Shamiki Alexander	P/T Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor		\$9.28/Hr.	01/11/12	
Patricia Hayes	P/T Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor		\$9.28/Hr.	01/05/12	
Latrice Pleasant	P/T Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor		\$9.28/Hr.	01/05/12	
Elaine Augustine	Substitute Paraprofessional		\$13.01/Hr	12/19/11	
Laura Bonfil	Substitute Clerical Aide		\$13.04/Hr.	12/15/11	
F. Change in Position					
Pamela Levey	Substitute Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor to P/T Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor		\$9.28/Hr.	01/05/12	
Rachael Walker	Substitute Teacher to Special Education Paraprofessional		\$15.32/Hr.	12/19/11	
G. Resignations					
Donald Head	Food Service Van Driver	School		01/19/12	
Betty Webb	P/T Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor	Personal		01/05/12	

REPORT NO. 120 APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S INVESTMENTS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the transactions of the Treasurer described below are being submitted for approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools

District 86, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1:

Date	Amount	Rate	Securities Purchased	Purchased From	Maturity
11/30/11	249,013.80	0.133%	Certificate of Deposit	PMA	12/30/11

SECTION 2: This Resolution will be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.
ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2012 by the following roll call vote.

AYES _____
NAYS _____
ABSENT _____

**JOLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 86
BOARD OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS**

Jeffrey K. Pritz
President

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

REPORT NO. 121 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS on January 11, 2012 the Board of School Inspectors reviewed the minutes of the Executive Session held December 7, 2011 and December 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that there is a need for confidentiality.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the minutes of the Executive Session be approved and remain confidential.

SECTION 2: The Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 3: This Resolution will be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2012 by the following roll call vote.

AYES _____
NAYS _____
ABSENT _____

**JOLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 86
BOARD OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS**

Jeffrey K. Pritz
President

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

REPORT NO. 122 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AUDIO RECORDINGS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Joliet Public Schools District 86 is a public body as defined by the Illinois Open Meetings Act; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Act, Joliet Public Schools District 86 keeps a verbatim record of their closed meetings in the form of an audio recording; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2.06 (c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act provides that the verbatim record may be destroyed without notification to or the approval of a Records Commission or the State Archivist under the Local Records Act or the State Records Act no less than eighteen (18) months after the completion of the meeting recorded.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: The Board of School Inspectors for Joliet Public Schools District 86 has previously approved the written minutes of the closed session meetings held June 2, 2010 and June 9, 2010.

SECTION 2: The Board of School Inspectors for Joliet Public Schools District 86 hereby approves the destruction of the verbatim record in the form of an audio recording of its closed session meetings held June 2, 2010 and June 9, 2010.

SECTION 3: The Preamble of this Resolution is hereby adopted as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 4: This Resolution will be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2012 by the following roll call vote.

AYES _____
NAYS _____
ABSENT _____

**JOLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 86
BOARD OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS**

Jeffrey K. Pritz
President

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

REPORT NO. 123 AUTHORIZATION FOR PREPARATION OF THE 2012 – 2013 TENTATIVE BUDGET

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code provides in Section 17-1 that the budget shall be prepared in tentative form by some person or persons designated by the Board.

WHEREAS, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 is hereby established as the fiscal year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: that Charles E. Coleman, or his designee, be and is hereby appointed to prepare a tentative budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013 which tentative budget shall be filed with the Secretary of this Board of School Inspectors.

SECTION 2: This Resolution will be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

ADOPTED this 11th day of January 2012 by the following roll call vote.

AYES _____
NAYS _____
ABSENT _____

**JOLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 86
BOARD OF SCHOOL INSPECTORS**

Jeffrey K. Pritz
President

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

REPORT NO. 124 GIFTS

A. Dear Dr. Coleman and Board of School Inspectors:

The Walmart in New Lenox donated a 12 foot Christmas tree, lights and ornaments to Singleton Elementary School to be put in the foyer area for all of the students to enjoy.

The tree put everyone in the holiday mood before break!

Thank you for accepting this generous donation.

Sincerely,

Linda Scott, Principal

B. Dear Dr. Coleman and Board of School Inspectors:

Mount Zion Baptist church has donated several large boxes of hats, scarves, gloves and mittens to our students. Many were handmade!

This will help out our many students that do not have hats, gloves or scarves for the winter.

Thank you for accepting this generous donation.

Sincerely,

Linda Scott, Principal

- C. Dear Dr. Coleman and Board of School Inspectors:
Dr. Radcliffe and his staff at Lockport Chiropractic came to Singleton on December 9th and did a holiday play for our students in the primary grades. The students along with their families enjoyed the play. After the play ended the students were able to visit with "Santa" and they all received a bag with goodies and a gift certificate to Walmart followed by juice and cookies. The entire evening was sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Radcliffe. Everyone had a great time. Many left and then headed straight to Walmart to spend their gift certificate!
Thank you for accepting this generous donation.
Sincerely,
Linda Scott, Principal
- D. Dear Dr. Charles Coleman and Board of Inspectors:
Tuesday, December 20, 2011, Keith school received hats, gloves, and scarves on behalf of Mrs. Lynn Randolph's church - **Ingalls Park United Methodist Church**. Mrs. Lynn Randolph is a first grade teacher. Sixty-nine students will be blessed with warm outer wear for the winter months. Please accept this wonderful donation for the students of Edna Keith Elementary School.
Respectfully,
Michelle Coleman, Principal
- E. Dear Dr. Coleman and Respected District 86 School Board Members:
Farragut Elementary would like to acknowledge the partnership with the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Service Unit 730, 1551 Spencer Road, Joliet, Illinois 60433. Service Unit 730 has generously donated to Farragut Elementary, on behalf of five Joliet Girl Scout troops (70178, 70306, 70563, 70576, 70289), much needed mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for our Farragut students. The Farragut staff, as well as our parents and students, are extremely grateful for the much needed winter warmth from the Scouts in Service Unit 730.
Respectfully, the teachers and staff at Farragut Elementary School request your recommendation to accept this donation from the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana Service Unit 730.
Sincerely,
Darlynn L. Terry, Principal JodiLyn Simmons-Machota, Assistant Principal
- F. Dear Dr. Coleman and Respected District 86 School Board Members:
Taft Elementary School has received the following donations for all Taft Families:
25 Thanksgiving Food Baskets and 20 Christmas Food Baskets from St. Bernard's Church coordinated by Patty Cranmer.
5 Thanksgiving Food Baskets and 8 Christmas Food Baskets and gifts from St. Joseph's School in Lockport, IL.
5 Thanksgiving Food Baskets and 5 Christmas Food Baskets and gifts from the Visitation & Aid Society of Joliet.
Our Taft families are very appreciative of these generous donations and we respectfully request that the Board accept these donations.
Sincerely,
Joy Hopkins, Principal
- G. Dear Dr. Coleman and Board of School Inspectors:
Lakisha Redmond has received a grant award of \$700 from Target for The Fitness Experience. Please accept this donation in the form of a field trip grant for our Sandburg students to travel to the Bulls/White Sox Academy.
Sincerely,
Julie Rice Zurek, Principal
- H. Dr. Coleman and Board of School Inspectors:
The service in which the brothers of Omega Psi Phi provided was extraordinary and truly a blessing. We thank you for making time for others and value your partnership with our school. May you be blessed abundantly. We thank you for providing enough gifts for 24 of our families during the holiday season.
Dr. LaQuita D. Carter, Woodland Elementary School Principal

- I.** Dear Dr. Coleman & Board of School Inspectors:
For the fourth year in a row, AT&T Employees from the Joliet office purchased new shoes or boots for some of our students. This year 58 students from Cunningham, Pershing, Sanchez, Singleton, Thigpen, and Woodland Elementary Schools received new shoes. In addition, AT&T employees donated coats, gloves, hats, and scarves for our students. Each school received a box of donated items.
Thank you for accepting these generous donations.
Sincerely,
Sandy Zalewski, Coordinator for Communications and Development
- J.** Dear Dr. Coleman & Board of School Inspectors:
The Telephone Pioneers, made up of Illinois Bell, SBC, and Ameritech AT&T retired employees, purchased shoes for 49 of our students from Jefferson, Sandburg, and Taft Schools during their annual "All Children Shall Have Shoes" project. Retired AT&T employees assisted the students in selecting their new shoes at the Famous Footwear store in Joliet.
Please join me in thanking the Telephone Pioneers for this wonderful donation.
Sincerely,
Sandy Zalewski, Coordinator for Communications and Development
- K.** Dear Dr. Coleman and Board of School Inspectors:
The Visitation and Aid Society of Joliet partnered with First Community Bank and collected 621 hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for our students. A box of items were sent to each school. They also purchased 535 bags of groceries and 368 Christmas presents for families and students at each of our schools.
Please accept these most generous donations.
Sincerely,
Sandy Zalewski, Coordinator for Communications and Development
- L.** Dear Dr. Coleman and Respected District 86 School Board Members:
Farragut Elementary would like to acknowledge the partnership with Excel Reading LLC. Excel Reading LLC has generously donated to a Farragut family in need: food, gloves, and games for the holiday. The Farragut staff, as well as the receiving family is extremely grateful for the much needed gifts and food donation. Respectfully, the teachers and staff at Farragut Elementary School request your approval to accept this donation from Excel Reading LLC.
Sincerely,
Darlynn L. Terry, Principal JodiLyn Simmons-Machota, Assistant Principal

REPORT NO. 125 FACILITIES USE

Dear Dr. Coleman & Board of School Inspectors:

The following are the schools in Joliet Public School District 86 that will be used as polling places for the General Primary Election to be held on March 20, 2012.

Joliet Precinct 007	Forest Park IE School
Joliet Precinct 008	Carl Sandburg Elementary School
Joliet Precinct 010	Taft Elementary School
Joliet Precinct 024	Marycrest Early Childhood Center
Joliet Precinct 025	Dirksen Junior High School
Joliet Precinct 032	Edna Keith Elementary School

The doors to the schools are to be open at 5:00 a.m. in order for the Election Judges to set up the polling places. The polls will open at 6:00 a.m. and remain open until 7:00 p.m. for the voters, but the Election Judges will be there until all paper work, etc. is finished.

Sincerely,
Nancy Schulz Voots
Will County Clerk

Insp. Ziech moved seconded by Insp. Guerrero to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and recommended. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Ulmer, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. The President declared the motion carried.

FOR ACTION

REPORT NO. 126 STUDENT DISCIPLINE – Insp. Ziech moved, seconded by Insp. Guerrero to approve the recommendation of the Administration for student E-1112-2. The Administration has recommended said student be expelled through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. During the course of the expulsion, said student cannot participate in school activities or come onto school grounds. At the completion of the expulsion, the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, it is requested that a parent/guardian accompany the student to school for a brief conference with the principal and appropriate staff to discuss procedures and expectations regarding returning to school. Upon said students return to school, the Administrative team may choose to implement a random search protocol. Said student engaged in gross and serious misconduct warranting expulsion from the Joliet Public Schools District 86 through the end of 2011-2012 school year. It is recommended that said student be given an opportunity to enroll in Lincoln Alternative School in lieu of serving the expulsion term. If said student does not enroll in Lincoln Alternative School and/or if said student enrolls but does not successfully complete the alternative education plan, or does not comply with the requirements for maintenance of enrollment at Lincoln Alternative School for any reason for the expulsion period, said student’s expulsion shall go into effect and shall be immediately expelled from the Joliet Public Schools through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Ulmer, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. The President declared the motion carried.

Insp. Ziech moved, seconded by Insp. Guerrero to approve the recommendation of the Administration for student E-1112-3. The Administration has recommended said student be expelled through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. During the course of the expulsion, said student cannot participate in school activities or come onto school grounds. Said student engaged in gross and serious misconduct warranting expulsion from the Joliet Public Schools District 86 through the end of 2011-2012 school year. It is recommended that said student be given an opportunity to enroll in Lincoln Alternative School in lieu of serving the expulsion term. If said student does not enroll in Lincoln Alternative School and/or if said student enrolls but does not successfully complete the alternative education plan, or does not comply with the requirements for maintenance of enrollment at Lincoln Alternative School for any reason for the expulsion period, said student’s expulsion shall go into effect and shall be immediately expelled from the Joliet Public Schools through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Ulmer, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. The President declared the motion carried.

Insp. Ziech moved, seconded by Insp. Guerrero to approve the recommendation of the Administration for student E-1112-4. The Administration has recommended said student be expelled through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. During the course of the expulsion, said student cannot participate in school activities or come onto school grounds. The District would support said student’s enrollment in the “Better Me” program at Thompson in lieu of expulsion. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Ulmer, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. The President declared the motion carried.

OTHER – Insp. Myers informed the Board a Personnel Committee meeting would be held on February 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

President Pritz announced the Board would hold a Special Meeting on January 25 at 6:00 p.m. and a Facilities Committee meeting will follow the Special Meeting.

Insp. Ziech reported the Spaghetti Dinner for the Music Program would be on January 24th.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m. on a motion of Insp. Ziech seconded by Insp. Guerrero.

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

Approved:

Jeffrey K. Pritz
President

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD JANUARY 25, 2012

A Special Meeting of the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86, Will County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday the 25th day of January 2012 at the J. F. Kennedy Administrative Center, 420 North Raynor Avenue, Joliet within the District boundary to take action on student discipline.

CALL TO ORDER – President Pritz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following members were present: Insp. Jeffrey K. Pritz, Deborah K. Ziech, Natalie A. Coleman, Lorraine E. Guerrero, Tonya M. Myers, and Demmond C. Dorris. No one was absent.

Insp. Gwendolyn R. Ulmer entered the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

OPPORTUNITY FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK – No one came forward.

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 6:03 p.m., Insp. Ziech seconded by Insp. Myers to go into Executive Session to consider information regarding student discipline and personnel matters for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Dorris, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. President declared the motion carried.

RECONVENE MEETING – The Board met in Executive Session until 6:26 p.m. Upon returning to open session, President Pritz called the meeting to order.

FOR ACTION

REPORT 127 STUDENT DISCIPLINE – Insp. Ziech moved, seconded by Insp. Myers to approve the recommendation of the Administration for student E-1112-5. The Administration has recommended said student be expelled through the end of the 3rd grading quarter of the 2011-2012 school year. During the course of the expulsion, said student cannot participate in school activities or come onto school grounds. At the completion of the expulsion March 19, 2012; it is requested that a parent/guardian accompany said student to school for a brief conference with the principal and appropriate staff to discuss procedures and expectations regarding returning to school. Upon said student's return to school, the Administrative team may choose to implement a random search protocol. The District would support said student's enrollment at Thompson Instructional Center in lieu of expulsion. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Dorris, Ulmer, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. The President declared the motion carried.

Insp. Ziech moved, seconded by Insp. Myers to approve the recommendation of the Administration for student E-1112-6. The Administration has recommended said student be expelled through the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. During the course of the expulsion, said student cannot participate in school activities or come onto school grounds. At the completion of the expulsion, beginning of the 2012-2013 school year, it is requested that a parent/guardian accompany said student to school for a brief conference with the principal and appropriate staff to discuss procedures and expectations regarding returning to school. Upon said student's return to school, the Administrative team may choose to implement a random search protocol. Said student has engaged in gross and serious misconduct warranting expulsion from Joliet Public Schools District 86 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. It is recommended that said student be given an opportunity to enroll in Lincoln Alternative School in lieu of serving the expulsion term. If said student does not enroll in Lincoln Alternative School and/or if said student enrolls but does not successfully complete the alternative education plan, or does not comply with the requirements for maintenance of enrollment at Lincoln Alternative School for any reason for the expulsion period, said student's expulsion shall go into effect and shall be immediately expelled from the Joliet Public Schools through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The President directed the roll be called for a vote on the motion and following members voted: Aye: Insp. Ziech, Myers, Dorris, Ulmer, Coleman, Guerrero, and Pritz. Nays: None. The President declared the motion carried.

OTHER – Superintendent Coleman gave an update regarding the January 18th breakfast meeting with the clergy. He indicated there were 22 members representing 17 churches along with the Superintendent's Cabinet. All present introduced themselves and many conveyed their desire for a partnership. The clergy filled out a questionnaire and 16 indicated they wanted volunteer opportunities and 15 wanted key school dates. Superintendent Coleman said it was a good beginning to form a real relationship with members of the clergy. He also indicated he would like to have more of these meetings.

Insp. Ziech stated she heard on the news there was money for safe school routes in Illinois. This money would provide for sidewalks and crossing guards. The national program will be able to help 229 districts and will be supervised by the State of Illinois.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. on a motion of Insp. Ziech seconded by Insp. Myers.

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

Approved:

Jeffrey K. Pritz
President

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD HELD JANUARY 11, 2012

The Policy Committee of the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86, Will County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday the 11th day of January 2012 at Forest Park IE, 1220 California Avenue, Joliet; within the District boundary.

CALL TO ORDER – Acting Chairman Myers called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and the following committee members were present: Insp. Natalie A. Coleman and Tonya M. Myers.

Chairperson Lorraine E. Guerrero entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Insp. Demmond C. Dorris, Jeffrey K. Pritz, Gwendolyn R. Ulmer, and Deborah K. Ziech were in attendance.

The following administrators were present: Dr. Charles E. Coleman – Superintendent, Sandy Gavin – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, E. Wesley Russell – Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, Nick Sakellariou – Chief Legal Officer, Cheryl Woods-Clendening – Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Labor Relations, John Armstrong – Director of Technology, Dr. Sandra Thomas – Director of Special Services, and Sandy Zalewski – Coordinator of Communications & Development.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK – No one came forward.

POLICIES TO REVIEW – Mr. Sakellariou stated there were policies for review. The Board adopts policies on various topics to conform to the law. The District uses the Illinois Association of School Boards' PRESS system. They model policies for school districts to adopt. This evening, most of the policies will deal with Board operations and there are also others for Board review.

1:20 District Organization and Operations – School districts enter into intergovernmental agreements. This policy recognizes these agreements exist and the Superintendent can manage these activities.

2:10 School District Governance – Language was deleted regarding School Board members, as individuals, not having authority over school affairs. The reason for deletion is because it has been added to the Board Members oath of office.

2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of School Inspectors – Deleting “visiting district facilities” from this policy because it presumes this to be a Board duty. This decreases any claim of liability if something happened in a building an attorney would not be able to say it was a Board duty to have seen the problem in the district facility.

2:70 Vacancies on School Board – Filling Vacancies – Mr. Sakellariou indicated there was no substantive change but a note to the Board that there is a time limit of 45 days to fill a vacancy.

2:100 Board of School Inspectors Conflict of Interest – This policy does not have any substantive change only that the business of the District follows State law.

2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers – Mr. Sakellariou said the revision includes the Board minutes are to be given to the treasurer upon request. And, when the secretary is absent from the meeting, the Board appoints a secretary pro tempore. If the secretary or treasurer positions are permanently vacated, the Board fills the vacancy by a special Board election.

2:140 Communications to and from the Board – Mr. Sakellariou indicated Board use of electronic communication was covered under this policy. The policy indicates what electronic communications includes and he stated it could not be used for School Board matters. If used, the Board Members could be violating the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Sakellariou noted even if a Board Member used their own e-mail it is subject to FOIA.

2:160 Board Attorney – There is a minor change in the language. It authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent the ability to speak to outside council.

2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure – The timeline for minutes to be approved is within 30 days or the second subsequent regular meeting. Also noted if an item is not on the agenda, it can be discussed but no action can be taken.

2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board – Mr. Sakellariou stated the public has a right to speak at a meeting. This policy makes it a little more operational friendly. The Board will maintain the three minutes to each speaker. The Board is not required to engage in a debate or respond.

4:15 Identity Protection – The State adopted the new law and it requires the policy be adopted. The policy protects Social Security numbers. If an employer collects the numbers, they need to identify the purpose the number is being used for. The District has implemented a procedure for employees to follow who are collecting Social Security numbers.

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited – PRESS has specifically added the bullying language into this policy. Nondiscrimination Coordinator and Complaint Mangers are identified in the policy.

7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment – Mr. Sakellariou informed the Board there was another law adopted and it takes into effect cyber bullying on any network. This policy also details the term “bullying.”

7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries – The State adopted a new law for schools to monitor concussions and head injuries suffered by student athletes. The District has already implemented the policy which refers to the IHSA. They already had a policy on their website.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS - Mr. Sakellariou informed the Committee he will update the principals at a Leadership Meeting on the revised policies.

Mr. Sakellariou stated policy updates are an on-going process.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. on a motion by Insp. Ziech seconded by Insp. Coleman.

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

Jeffrey K. Pritz
Chairperson

MINUTES OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD HELD JANUARY 25, 2012

The Facilities Committee of the Board of School Inspectors of Joliet Public Schools District 86, Will County, Illinois, was held on Wednesday, the 25th day of January 2012 at the J. F. Kennedy Administrative Center, 420 North Raynor Avenue, Joliet; within the District boundary.

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Pritz called the meeting to order at 6:44 p.m. and the following committee members were present: Insp. Jeffrey K. Pritz, Deborah K. Ziech, and Tonya M. Myers.

Insp. Natalie A. Coleman, Lorraine E. Guerrero, Gwendolyn R. Ulmer, and Demmond C. Dorris were in attendance.

The following administrators were present: Dr. Charles E. Coleman – Superintendent, Sandy Gavin – Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, E. Wesley Russell – Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance, Nick Sakellariou – Chief Legal Officer, Cheryl Woods-Clendening – Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Labor Relations, John Armstrong – Director of Technology, and Sandy Zalewski – Coordinator of Communications & Development.

Also present was Darryl Duncan, Building Support Services Manager.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VISITORS TO SPEAK – No one came forward.

CAPITAL PROJECT 5 YEAR PLAN – Mr. Russell reported there was a lot of input from Principals regarding the needs of their buildings and the Superintendent's Cabinet regarding the needs of the District. Also, previously the community gave their suggestions.

Mr. Russell reported the maintenance of the buildings is currently funded by the Operation and Maintenance Fund (O & M). He noted the District has saved a lot of money by hiring a licensed electrician and an HVAC person. Currently there is \$2.7 million in the O & M Fund.

There are many different types of floors in the District. One is the terrazzo floors which there may be a solution to bring it back to life. A. O. Marshall needs cosmetic improvements – floors, lighting, and getting the lockers out of the building.

The air quality at Forest Park IE is better in the building than outside the building. The univents need to be steam cleaned. The District is on a regimented filters program. The filters are labeled and dated for replacement. Mr. Russell stated Life Safety also has funds to update doors in several buildings to meet code and there are miscellaneous electrical, mechanical, and plumbing needed.

The Capital Projects have three categories: needs, building enhancements, and other considerations. There is approximately \$10 million available. The District needs to maintain the integrity of the buildings: the safety, security, mechanical, and technology.

Part of the Safety needs include roof replacements and restoration/strategic repair, tuck pointing, and auditorium ceiling at Farragut. The estimated amount for the Safety needs is \$4,751,460.

The District Security needs include security upgrades and secure entrances the value of this is approximately \$505,000. The secure entrances were discussed and there is a possibility for Forest Park's security door to be on California Street side, Washington Junior High will use the front door, and Culbertson will also use the front door.

The Mechanical needs include the main electrical service panel at Hufford Junior High and rooftop units. The total amount for this need is approximately \$600,000.

Mr. Armstrong indicated the needs for the Network infrastructure upgrade. He noted the 145 switches needed replacement, 500 access points, and 21 routers. The District needs upgrading on wireless controllers, network components, and cabling. The cost for this need is approximately \$1 million.

Mr. Armstrong stated a lot of upgrades have been done to the antennas but what should have been happening is the District should have been going into the buildings and working back to the antennas. At this point, the system cannot handle all the networking in the classroom.

Mr. Russell reported the Building Enhancement needs include indoor lighting controls, ceilings, painting, bathroom upgrades, keyless entry systems, and auditorium upgrades. He indicated the lighting controls in all the gyms have been completed. The District wide cost after rebate is \$294,787. The total cost for these enhancements is \$1,899,787 which is an approximation.

Insp. Ziech noted the classroom doors at Forest Park need to be looked at.

Mr. Russell also stated the other items for consideration included Hufford's air conditioning which totals \$6 million, restructuring the bond, the modular units at Hufford, and update locker rooms.

Mr. Russell said the biggest ticket item is the roofs. The team responsible for managing the different contracts is Structure Tec. They will develop the scope of the work. Bids will need to be sent out, opened, and then awarded to the qualified bidder.

Mr. Russell said there was about \$800,000 in the O & M Fund. In the last couple of years the District has spent about \$2 million. The recommendation to the District was that the roofs should have been repaired starting two years ago. He indicated seven buildings need replacement and four need restoration. Washington and Dirksen Junior High Schools' roofs are leaking. Mr. Russell also stated if the strategic repairs are not done today it will cost more tomorrow.

Mr. Russell said the next priority would be tuck-pointing and technology.

President Pritz stated the District was going to build one more school but did not because it was not necessary. This is a onetime bucket of money so the Board needs to prioritize and the Board needs to talk through all of the options. When questions are asked, the one question will be "did the Board spend the money intelligently and was everything looked at prior to spending."

Mr. Russell said the spread sheet does prioritize.

President Pritz stated the Board would be able to award the bids to multiple contractors.

Insp. Ziech said some of the libraries are not as nice as others. She noted Forest Park has sagging shelves in the library. She said sometimes these things are not on the top of the principals list.

President Pritz noted the Board would spend in the first two years \$6.4 million out of the \$10 million. The Board could not justify air conditioning for \$6 million at Hufford. President Pritz asked what the cost would be for window units in the remaining rooms. Washington and Hufford do not have all rooms provided with window units.

President Pritz also asked if the bond restructuring would be possible. He noted the building bond debt goes out to 2027.

Insp. Ziech did not feel restructuring the bond would make a tremendous difference.

The consensus of the Board was to take bond restructuring off the list.

A consensus of the Board was to do the following Phase I projects:

ROOF REPLACEMENTS – Washington, Keith, Dirksen, Forest Park, Woodland, Hufford, Gompers

ROOF RESTORATION/STRATEGIC REPAIR – Cunningham, Marycrest, Culbertson, Washington, Marshall, Sandburg, Keith, Eisenhower, Farragut, Forest Park, Hufford, Pershing, Taft, Culbertson

TUCK POINTING – Forest Park, Marshall, Pershing, Washington, Taft, Culbertson

AUDITORIUM CEILING – Farragut

SECURITY UPGRADES – District Wide (Burglar alarms, motion sensors, heat sensors)

ROOFTOP UNITS – Woodland, JFK, Gompers, Jefferson

TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE

SWITCHES – Replace approximately 145 failing or out-dated switches

ACCESS POINTS – Replace approximately 500 out-dated and uncontrollable access points

ROUTERS – Replace approximately 21 slow and out-dated routers

WIRELESS CONTROLLERS

NETWORK COMPONENTS

CABLING – Interior cabling in high-need areas

The O & M Fund will absorb the cost of the main electrical service panel for approximately \$100,000 and the secure entrances for Culbertson, Forest Park IE, and Washington Junior High School for approximately \$205,000.

Mr. Sakellariou recommended the Board vote on the Phase I Project at next week's Special Meeting of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by Insp. Ziech seconded by Insp. Dorris.

Charyll M. Colstock
Secretary

Jeffrey K. Pritz
Chairperson