

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
January 26, 2026

AGENDA ITEMS

OPEN SESSION – DLC Board Room

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL
3. MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION – Media Room

4. DISCUSSION OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
5. ADJOURNMENT

OPEN SESSION – DLC Board Room

OPENING

1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 P.M.
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ANNOUNCEMENTS
5. REMARKABLE SPIRIT

Trent Johnson, Family Core at Franklin

Dr. Amanda Brown
Principal, Franklin Primary School

6. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Rev. Dr. Arthur S. Williams

Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat
Superintendent

Demario Boone
Director of School Safety

7. COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION:

Mr. Thomas Mosley and Pastor Cyrus Burns

Dr. Devon Hawks
Principal, Manual High School

8. STUDENT SHOWCASE:

JV Girls Basketball City Champs – Rolling Acres

A.J. Guyton
K-8 Athletic Director

Varsity Girls Basketball City Champs – Rolling Acres

A. J. Guyton
K-8 Athletic Director

9. PRESENTATION BY AUDIENCE

(Board Policy 2:230 – An individual may address the Board at this time for no more than five minutes with further time allotted as appropriate, at the discretion of the chair and with the concurrence of the majority of the Board. Total time on any one subject shall exceed twenty minutes only at the discretion of the chair and with the concurrence of the majority of the Board. Each speaker will fill out a "Request to Speak to the Board of Education" card and present it to the Board Secretary before the meeting begins.)

AGENDA ITEMS

10. RESPONSE TO AUDIENCE PRESENTATION

11. APPROVAL of January 12, 2026 Minutes

12. INDEPENDENT ACTION ITEMS

- a Approval of Establishment of Deputy Superintendent Position Effective July 1, 2026
- b Approval of 2026-2029 Superintendent Employment Contract
 - i If approved, comments by incoming Superintendent
- c Approval of 2026-2029 Deputy Superintendent Employment Contract
 - i If approved, comments by incoming Deputy Superintendent

INFORMATION ITEMS

(Information Items are reports from the Administration to the Board that deal directly with the Board has stated and approved annual objectives for the school district. These reports are intended to update the Board on the progress being made to achieve those goals. While they require no action by the Board, the Superintendent or Board President may ask for a consensus of the Board to be taken in order to provide guidance to the administration. Occasionally the Superintendent may ask to include presentations from the administration or from the community on items of importance to the school district that do not fall into one of the Board's annual objectives.)

- 1. Superintendent Update
- 2. Financial Update (Budgeted, Encumbered, Expended, Balance, % Balance)
- 3. Proposed Expenditures over \$2500
- 4. Report on Requests under the Freedom of Information Act and Status of Such Requests

ACTION ITEMS –

CONSENT AGENDA

(Action by the Board of Education on the Items listed within the Consent Agenda are adopted by a single motion unless a member of the Board or the Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the consent calendar and voted on separately. Generally, consent agenda items are matters in which the Board and Superintendent agree are routine in nature and should be acted upon in one motion to conserve time and permit focus on other-than-routine items on the agenda)

1. GIFTS TO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Year to date: \$24,900.00

Donation in the amount of \$2,000 for supplies from Ward Chapel AME Church for Manual High School

2. PAYMENT OF BILLS

3. PAYMENT FOR TRAVEL

4. HUMAN RESOURCE REPORT

Proposed Action: Appointment, employment, compensation, performance, resignation, retirement, or discharge of an employee.

5. STERLING MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE MUSEUM FIELDTRIP

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AGENDA ITEMS

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7. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PEORIA FEDERATION OF TEACHERS (LOCAL #780) REGARDING FY25 TEACHER EVALUATION PROCESS DEVELOPED BY THE RIF JOINT COMMITTEE

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education approve the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Peoria Board of Education and The Peoria Federation of Teachers, Local #780 as required by Senate Bill 7, Public Act 97-0008, 105 ILCS 5/24-12, which established criteria for honorable dismissal groupings for the 2024-25 School Year. This Memorandum of Understanding was prepared by the District's Joint Senate Bill 7 Committee.

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Proposed Action: That the Board of Education approve out of state travel for three student finalists and one chaperone to represent Peoria Public Schools at the Global Amazing Shake Competition at The Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia March 26-29, 2026. Expenses for this field trip will come from the Amazing Shake donation fund that was generously funded by Commerce Bank and Mike Murphy Auto Group. The total cost is \$6,000.

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Proposed Action: That the Board of Education approve the purchase of Follett Software school licenses for the time period of March 2026 to March 2027 with a total cost of \$52,244.97. This purchase includes Destiny licenses for all 29 schools in the district, administrative buildings, and the Roy Ricketts Center warehouse.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

10. POLICY NO. 6:315 – HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR STUDENTS IN GRADE 7 OR 8

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education approve the attached NEW policy.

11. EXPULSION WITH THE EXPULSION TO BE HELD IN ABEYANCE

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education approve Expulsion with the Expulsion to Be Held in Abeyance listed on the report dated January 26, 2026 be approved as presented.

12. EXPULSION

Proposed Action: That the Board of Education approve Expulsion with the Expulsion listed on the report dated January 26, 2026 be approved as presented.

PRESENTATION AND SUGGESTIONS BY BOARD MEMBERS

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES

ADJOURNMENT

If special accommodation is needed in order to participate in the Board meeting, please contact the district's office at 672-6763.

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACTION ITEM
BOARD MEETING

January 26, 2026


TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION


SUBJECT: Approval of Establishment of Deputy Superintendent Position

Proposed Action by the Board of Education:

That the Board approve the establishment of a Deputy Superintendent Position July 1, 2026.

Submitted by:


Dr. Gregory Wilson, President
Board of Education


Mrs. Paris McConnell, Vice President
Board of Education

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACTION ITEM
BOARD MEETING

January 26, 2026


TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT: Approval of 2026-2029 Deputy Superintendent Employment Contract

Proposed Action by the Board of Education:

That the Board approve the 2026-2029 negotiated contract for the appointed candidate as Deputy Superintendent of Peoria Public Schools No. 150 effective July 1, 2026.

Submitted by:


Dr. Gregory Wilson, President
Board of Education


Mrs. Paris McConnell, Vice President
Board of Education

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACTION ITEM
BOARD MEETING

January 26, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION


SUBJECT: Approval of 2026-2029 Superintendent Employment Contract

Proposed Action by the Board of Education:

That the Board approve the 2026-2029 negotiated contract for the appointed candidate as Superintendent of Peoria Public Schools No. 150 effective July 1, 2026.

Submitted by:


Dr. Gregory Wilson, President
Board of Education


Mrs. Paris McConnell, Vice President
Board of Education

Peoria Public Schools Travel Listing

For Board Date: 1/26/2026

Meeting Attendee	School	Location	Beginning	Ending	Sub Cost	Cost	Approval	Charge	Expense
45th Annual Pump Up Primary Conference									
BOHM, LINDSAY		Schaumburg, IL	3/5/2026	3/6/2026	\$0.00	\$1,134.40		Title 2	Meals, Transportation, Lodging, Registration
Total for 45th Annual Pump Up Primary Conference:					\$0.00	\$1,134.40			
96th Annual IACTE Conference and Annual									
SIMMONS, AUDURONE		Springfield Illinois	2/19/2026	2/20/2026	\$0.00	\$196.00		Perfect	Transportation, Lodging
Total for 96th Annual IACTE Conference and Annual:					\$0.00	\$196.00			
AASA National Conference									
IKEJIAKU, ALEXANDER U.		Naperville, IL	2/11/2026	2/14/2026	\$0.00	\$3,033.20		Asst Supt Trave	Meals, Transportation, Lodging, Registration
Total for AASA National Conference:					\$0.00	\$3,033.20			
AN INTRODUCTION TO DIR AND DIRFLOORTIME									
REARDON, KAILLY N.		Online	3/9/2026	3/12/2026	\$0.00	\$244.00		IDEA	Registration
Total for AN INTRODUCTION TO DIR AND DIRFLOORTIME:					\$0.00	\$244.00			
AN INTRODUCTION TO DIR® AND DIRFLOORTIME									
MALAVOLTI, STEPHANIE A.		online	3/9/2026	3/12/2026	\$0.00	\$244.00		IDEA	Registration
Total for AN INTRODUCTION TO DIR® AND DIRFLOORTIME:					\$0.00	\$244.00			
IASPA									

Meeting	Attendee	School	Location	Beginning	Ending	Sub Cost	Cost	Approval	Charge	Expense
	IKEJIAKU, ALEXANDER U.		Naperville, IL	1/29/2026	1/30/2026	\$0.00	\$1,340.80		Asst. Sup. Trav	Meals, Transportation, Lodging, Registration
				Total for IASPA:		\$0.00	\$1,340.80			
	Illinois Music Education Conference									
	DICIAULA, LAUREN		Peoria Illinois	1/29/2026	2/1/2026	\$0.00	\$260.00		Title II	Registration
				Total for Illinois Music Education Conference:		\$0.00	\$260.00			
	Illinois Music Educator Conference									
	MAUGHAN, HEATHER N.		Peoria, IL	1/29/2026	1/31/2026	\$0.00	\$275.00		Title II	Registration
				Total for Illinois Music Educator Conference:		\$0.00	\$275.00			
	Illinois Music Educators Conference									
	DETER, DENISE		Peoria, IL	1/28/2026	1/31/2026	\$0.00	\$275.00		Title II	Registration
				Total for Illinois Music Educators Conference:		\$0.00	\$275.00			
	IPA WELL Summit									
	COLEMAN, ETHELLYN A.		East Peoria, IL	3/19/2026	3/20/2026	\$0.00	\$275.00		Inservice Trav	Registration
				Total for IPA WELL Summit:		\$0.00	\$275.00			
	JEN- Jazz Education Network									
	RENDER, CHRISTOPHER		NEW ORLEANS, LA	1/7/2026	1/10/2026	\$0.00	\$1,575.00		Title II	Meals, Transportation, Lodging, Registration
				Total for JEN- Jazz Education Network:		\$0.00	\$1,575.00			
	National School Psychology Conference									

<i>Meeting Attendee</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Beginning</i>	<i>Ending</i>	<i>Sub Cost</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Approval</i>	<i>Charge</i>	<i>Expense</i>
HAFNER, NICHOLAS D.		Chicago, Illinois	2/24/2026	2/27/2026	\$0.00	\$744.00		IDEA	Meals, Transportation, Registration
<i>Total for National School Psychology Conference:</i>									
					\$0.00	\$744.00			
<i>National School Social Work Conference</i>									
FOSTER, JILL M.		St Louis Missouri	3/24/2026	3/27/2026	\$0.00	\$2,020.00		IDEA	Meals, Transportation, Lodging, Registration
<i>Total for National School Social Work Conference:</i>									
					\$0.00	\$2,020.00			
<i>ROE 48 Computer Science Learning Cohort</i>									
BRIX, MICHAEL W. JR		Peoria, Illinois	1/27/2026	1/27/2026	\$0.00	\$23.80		per pupil	Transportation
<i>Total for ROE 48 Computer Science Learning Cohort:</i>									
					\$0.00	\$23.80			
<i>The 79th Midwest Clinic</i>									
RENDER, CHRISTOPHER		Chicago, IL	12/17/2025	12/19/2025	\$0.00	\$1,257.00		Title II	Meals, Transportation, Lodging, Registration
<i>Total for The 79th Midwest Clinic:</i>									
					\$0.00	\$1,257.00			
<i>Total for all meetings on this report:</i>									
					\$0.00	\$12,897.20			

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ACTION ITEM

January 26, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT: STERLING MIDDLE SCHOOL 7TH GRADE MUSEUM FIELDTRIP

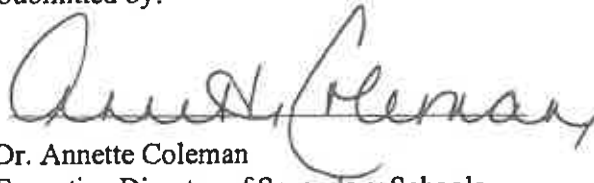
PROPOSED ACTION:

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

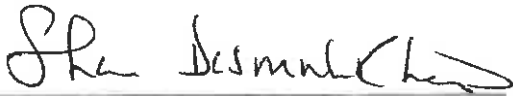
The trip is for students in 7th grade only. There will be 78 student participants and 8 chaperones with 1:10 adult/student ratio.

Submitted by:



Dr. Annette Coleman
Executive Director of Secondary Schools
Director of Community-Based SEL

Approved for presentation to the Board of Education by:



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat
Superintendent

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ACTION ITEM

January 26, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT: FIELD TRIP – VON STEUBEN SIX FLAGS

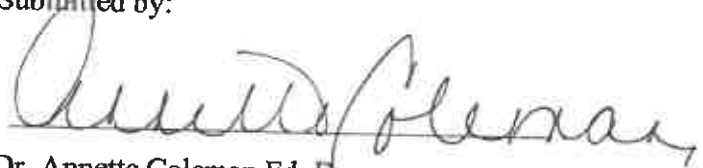
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The trip is for students in 8th grade. There will be 50 student participants and 5 chaperones with 1:10 adult/student ratio.

Submitted by:



Dr. Annette Coleman Ed. D.
Executive Director of Schools

Approved for presentation to the Board of Education by:



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat
Superintendent

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACTION ITEM

REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT: MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE PEORIA
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FY25 TEACHER EVALUATION PROCESS DEVELOPED BY THE RIF
JOINT COMMITTEE

Proposed Action:

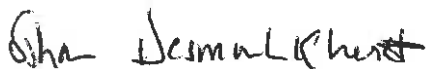
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Submitted by:



Dr. Alexander U. Ikejiaku
Associate Superintendent for Human Resources

Approved by:



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat
Superintendent of Schools

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACTION ITEM

January 26, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT: GLOBAL AMAZING SHAKE COMPETITION

Proposed action:

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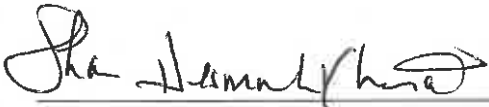
The Global Amazing Shake Competition offers our Peoria Public Schools students an opportunity to compete on a global level with around 300 student finalists from around the world. This is a fast-paced soft skills competition that teaches students the art of the handshake and first impressions, while thinking quickly on their feet. These students are the winners from our inaugural competition with over 142 students that took place over three days in December.

Submitted by:



Dr. Nicole Couri-Malson
Executive Director of Schools

Approved for presentation to the Board of Education by:



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat
Superintendent

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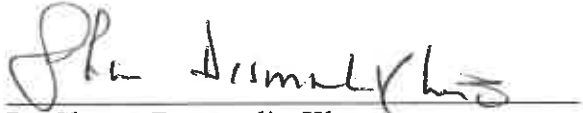
Follett Software has been used by Peoria Public Schools for many years to manage library and resource inventory district-wide. The program licenses purchase one year of access to the Destiny program, which is used for managing the check out and inventory for district textbooks, library books, and resource materials.

Submitted by:



Dr. Tracy Donath
Director of Curriculum

Approved for presentation to the Board of Education by:



Dr. Sharon Desmoulin-Kherat
Superintendent

PEORIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

ACTION ITEM

REGULAR MEETING

January 26, 2026

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

SUBJECT: POLICY NO. 6:315 – HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT FOR STUDENTS IN
GRADE 7 OR 8

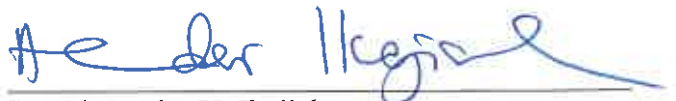
Proposed Action:

That the Board of Education approve the attached **NEW** policy.

Background Information:

This proposed policy was created pursuant to a **new** Illinois Law, Public Act 104-0267, which was signed into law by Governor JB Pritzker on August 15, 2025, and was effective January 1, 2026. The law amends the Illinois School Code to allow students in Grades 7 or 8 to enroll in high school-level courses for credit toward high school graduation requirements. After reviewing the new legislation, the Administration recommended adopting the policy to benefit students in Peoria Public Schools in their college completion endeavors.

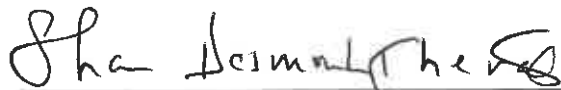
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Approved by:



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Superintendent of Schools