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**School District #428**  
**Board of Education**  
**Minutes of a Special Meeting Conducted**  
**Tuesday, December 2, 2008**  
**10:00 a.m.**

On Tuesday, December 2, 2008 a Special Meeting of the School District #428 Board of Education was conducted at the central offices of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice at Springfield, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Director Kurt C. Friedenauer, Board President. The following members were present: Ms. Christina Meyer, Dr. Theresa Saunders, and Lourdes Monteagudo, Esq. Paul Swanstrom, Ph.D attended via teleconference. Others present for the Board: Dr. Lanée Walls, School District #428 Superintendent; David Tracy, IDJJ Legal Counsel; and Diana K. Shreck, Executive Secretary III at IYC Kewanee. Ms. Shreck served as the Recording Secretary.

Director Friedenauer welcomed everyone and introduced Acting Deputy Director Ron Smith, Acting Deputy Director Janice Shallcross, Behavioral Health Services Administrator Dr. Jennifer Jaworski, and Acting Chief of Training Jeff Hooker, all of whom were then excused from the meeting.

Ms. Monteagudo introduced her intern, Rosa Aguilar, who remained present for the meeting.

On a motion by Dr. Saunders, seconded by Director Friedenauer, the minutes of the special meeting conducted October 29, 2008 were approved as written. All ayes, with the exception of Ms. Monteagudo, who abstained.

There were no members of the public present who expressed a desire to make comments.

Director Friedenauer presented the President's Report, noting the austere budget situation. Last year IDJJ was allotted \$124MM; however, following a 3% reserve requirement this was reduced to \$122MM. The original budget called for \$132MM. Director Friedenauer explained the budget allocation, noting there are line items for each facility and most expenses (78%) are primarily fixed personnel costs. In addition are other overhead costs, such as utilities, etc.

Director Friedenauer reported the first class of Juvenile Justice Interns will be graduating December 12, 2008. He noted that previous education requirements were a high school diploma or GED and age 18 or over. Within the Juvenile Justice legislation, a minimum of a

baccalaureate degree is required and age 21 or more. The new educational requirements do not apply to the existing workforce as of July 1, 2006 as they were 'grandfathered'. Out of 55 applicants screened, 11 were selected for the first class.

Director Friedenauer reported the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board will meet here tomorrow. He expects that at some point this Board may meet with them as they have some overlapping responsibilities.

Dr. Walls presented the Superintendent's Report, and provided a written summary of actions taken since the 10/29/08 Board meeting. She reported on the progress of a pilot project working with Chicago Public Schools. A referral process is being developed to enroll our youth in the event they do not want to return to their former school. It is hoped this process will be enacted during January, 2009. All SD#428 principals will be instructed regarding this referral process. Once this process is up & running Chicago Public Schools will provide Dr. Walls with monthly reports on enrollment. It is planned that once this pilot project progresses we will reach out to the rest of the counties to develop this same process. There appeared to be general consensus of approval among the board members regarding this project, with expressed comments to expand throughout the state.

Dr. Walls reported that all vacant EFA positions have now been filled. All principals recently received training to electronically enroll our students. Azalea McEwen has been appointed as the Director of Special Education for SD#428. Her office is located at IYC Joliet.

Dr. Walls gave an update on her ongoing contact with Dr. John Perkins, ISBE liaison, regarding funding issues. She noted the ISBE is holding a meeting on December 19, at 1 p.m., at Dr. Koch's office to present the IDJJ SD#428 audit report. Dr. Walls and Director Friedenauer will be attending this meeting; if any board members are interested in attending they are to contact Dr. Walls on her cell phone at 312/590-6091.

Dr. Walls reported that she has begun the waiver process for the Career and Technical Grant through ISBE. This is a lengthy process and it is expected that the application will be for the 2009-2010 school year. At the appropriate time this will be brought before the Board for approval consideration.

There was discussion regarding Local Professional Development Committees. Dr. Swanstrom commented that they disbanded theirs some time ago and recommended that either the Regional Office or Dr. Perkins may be able to provide assistance with this. Dr. Swanstrom commented that LPDCs are no longer required because it's up to individual responsibility to maintain certification.

Regarding policies and procedures, Dr. Walls noted that our Chief of Planning John Platt has been researching national school policies and these will be brought to the board in the future.

Ms. Meyer inquired about ESL for our youth. Dr. Walls responded that we do not yet offer ESL in our district. She also noted that we have a large population of ED youth, most of whom are at IYC Kewanee, for whom we are also unable to offer the extent of educational services required at this time.

Ms. Meyer inquired about staff development, whether it was site-based or agency-wide. Dr. Walls responded that it is a combination. Dr. Walls provides the topics to be addressed for teacher institutes. Ms. Meyer asked about libraries at the facilities. Dr. Walls stated that we have three librarians, and noted that many of our books are dated. Director Friedenauer commented

that this is a new beginning for our school district. He noted that although we have many compliance issues to be addressed he felt confident that we will continue building the school district with Dr. Walls' leadership. Ms. Monteagudo inquired about the budget for SD#428. Director Friedenauer responded that it is \$9MM (out of the total \$121MM for DJJ) and remarked that our per capita cost per student is lower than any other school district in Illinois.

The board members reviewed the Board Meeting Schedule for the 2008-2009 school year. The schedule will be amended to include the regular meeting time at 10 a.m. Mr. Tracy noted that the meetings need to be conducted at locations accessible to the general public. It was moved by Ms. Monteagudo to accept the proposed Board Meeting Schedule as amended, and seconded by Ms. Meyer. All ayes.

Director Friedenauer reported that since we have been unable to reach Brian Ali, despite numerous attempts, the ISBE has rescinded his appointment to this Board. The ISBE has extended an appointment offer to Mr. Preston Williams, of the Urbana School District and we are hopeful that we will have a full complement of board members by the next meeting.

Director Friedenauer welcomed Ms. Monteagudo and Ms. Saunders and asked them to give a brief bio. Both expressed their pleasure at being members of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lanée T. Walls, Ed.D.  
District #428 Superintendent

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