





(Grundy, Brown, Lincoln). Phase II would include the construction of a new junior high or high school and grade reconfiguration at the elementary and junior high levels.

Dr. Kilpatrick explained his recommendation for Phase I is to expand the 3 elementary schools at a level to accommodate their needs for renovation of existing systems, addition of gyms, expansion of the media centers, and addition of some classrooms and storage. He would maintain Jefferson School during Phase I with minimal investment during that time, but maintain a safe environment. He would recommend the bonds issued for Phase I, if approved by the voters, be scheduled to repay in approximately 6 years. During this 6 year period he would begin discussions and design on both the grade restructuring process as well as the community design of a new junior high or high school. While his recommendation would be to construct a new high school and remodel the current high school as a 5-8 middle school, he recognizes that the cost difference in those two alternatives would be an important community decision.

With the construction of the new school in Phase II, Jefferson School would be closed, the remaining 3 elementary schools would be converted to K-4 schools, and the reconstituted middle school would contain grades 5-8 with a 5-6 house and a 7-8 house.

Mr. Neeley thanked Dr. Kilpatrick for his recommendation. The Board will take his thoughts into consideration as they discuss the facility plans at the May 18 meeting.

#### **Arts in the Park –**

Mr. Smock reported that he attended the Arts in the Park program in downtown Peoria earlier in the day. He commended the teachers and students for an excellent performance.

#### **Spring Musical –**

Mr. Johnson reported that approximately 1000 people attended the high school spring musical “South Pacific” that ran April 29, 30, May 1 and 2. He commended the staff and very talented students that took part in the play’s success.

#### **President’s Report -**

Mr. Neeley reported that he and Dr. Kilpatrick had presented Certificates of Recognition to the High School MASSA volunteers – Chris Roberts, Jayne Eisenmann and Kristin Lucas. MASSA is an after-school homework, tutoring program at the high school.

Mr. Neeley also noted that today is Crossing Guard appreciation day in Illinois. He recognized the role our crossing guards play in getting students to and from school safely.

Mr. Neeley reported that the Morton Community Foundation recently presented grants to the Jr. High for new wall mats in the gym, the high school band and to the high school for the purchase of kindles, a platform for electronic books.

**Discussion Items –****High School Closed Campus –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reminded the Board that at this time last year the administration recommended the closing of the high school campus to freshman and sophomores for the 2009-2010 school year. Their plan was to phase in the closed campus to the upper grades after review of the 2009-2010 school year. The conclusion of the administration at this time is to close campus next year for grades 9, 10 and 11. While a great deal was learned this year, and the staff did an outstanding job of supervising and enforcing the program, adding two more grade levels to the closed campus at lunch time would create too much crowding this next year. The Board will take action on the recommendation at the May 18 meeting.

**High School Class Rank –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reminded the Board of Marjorie Johnson's report last year concerning her research into the value of a system of class rank. Mrs. Johnson gave an update to the Board at the March 16, 2010, meeting. Based on her research, the administration is recommending the elimination of the reporting of class rank on transcripts in the future. This change would begin with the class of 2013, which is this year's freshman class. The class rank would also be eliminated for the current 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade classes with the parents/students in those grades having the option of having it reported on the transcript. He noted that the school would still recognize the top 10 students at graduation, but in alphabetical order or some other plan that might be designed. The staff is working on a plan of communication for both students and parents. The Board will take action on the recommendation at the May 18 meeting.

**Action Items –****Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center Rates –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reviewed the proposed rental rate increase for the Berth Frank Performing Arts Center. He explained that a recent review compared the operating costs based upon the number of hours that the facility is in use to the estimated costs of operation including staff time and depreciation of the facility.

The Board asked that a review be done next year to attempt to recover costs in Category V (commercial use).

Motion by Mr. Applen, second by Mr. Riddle, that the Board of Education approve the schedule of rental rates for the Bertha Frank Performing Arts Center.

Roll Call Vote:

Yea 7

Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Approve 2009-2010 School Fees –**

Dr. Kilpatrick reported the administration’s recommendation for a 10% increase for the elementary, jr. high and high school textbook rental and supplies and activities fees. In addition, the administration is recommending that High School parking passes be increased to \$30 per year from the current \$10. In the past, a \$20 fee has been charged for Driver’s Education taken during the summer. The administration is recommending that all Driver’s Education students, not just summer students, be charged a \$25 fee. Lunch prices are recommended to increase by approximately 5%.

Motion by Mr. Riddle, second by Mr. Heinold, that the Board of Education approve the recommended student fees for the 2010-2011 school year.

Roll Call Vote:                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda –**

Motion by Mrs. Overcash, second by Mrs. Kaiser, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approve Suspension Reports for Filing
- Amend 2009-2010 School Calendar
- Approving and Signing Minutes of the April 13, 2010, Regular Meeting and April 20, 2010, Regular Meeting.
- Approve 2010-2011 School Board Meeting Calendar
- Approve March 2010 Treasurer’s Report
- Approve Bills and Payroll

	<b>Bills 4-30-10</b>	<b>Payroll 4-23-10</b>
Ed. Fund	\$192,427.27	\$374,295.68
Bldg. Fund	92,506.17	27,461.97
Trans.Fund	7,440.54	6,947.57
Payroll Accts. Pay.	--	326,085.84

Roll Call Vote:                                      Yea 7                                      Nay 0

Motion carried.



