

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2007

- Meeting Convened The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on January 17, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Room in the Baldwin Intermediate School Building located at 3000 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.
- Roll Call The meeting was called to order by President Dickerson, who directed the secretary to call the roll. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp.. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present.
- Questions and
Comments President Dickerson opened the meeting to questions and comments to members of the Board, by members of the public and employees of the district, in compliance with state statutes. There were none.
- Pledge of
Allegiance President Dickerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Focus on Students **Martin Luther King Essays.** Two Quincy School District students were winners of the NAACP Martin Luther King Jr. Essay contest: *What is the dream?* Amy Wentura, QJHS, introduced by Assistant Principal Cindy Crowe, and Madeline Selby, 5th grader at Baldwin South, introduced by Principal Mike Hayes, read their winning essays. Both girls received a \$25 savings bond and also read their essays at the celebration held on January 15 at Bethel AME Church.
- District
Announcements **Quincy PTA Council Meeting.** President Dickerson announced that the next Quincy PTA Council Meeting will be January 18, 2007, 6:30 p.m. at Adams School.
- Board/Staff
Communication **1.Public Relations.** Public Relations Director Christie Dickens announced that the next Internal Communications Committee meeting will be February 5 - 4:00 p.m. at Dewey School. This month's *School Desk* program on WGEM 105.1 features school psychologists and social workers. The program airs at 6:00 a.m. on Sundays and 6:30 p.m. on Fridays.
- 2. Paraeducator Recognition.** Christie Dickens explained some of the many duties performed by district paraeducators. Paraeducators provide support to students one-on-one, assist teachers in a classroom, or help students access computer and library resources. She stated, "Although their tasks vary, all paraeducators help increase the opportunities for academic and social success of students. Their *everyday greatness* makes a difference in the lives of many every day." The Board thanked the District's 162 paraeducators.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Fletcher and seconded by Member Nichols to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Treasurer's Report - December 2006
2. Minutes of December 20, 2006

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Reports of the Superintendent

None.

Board Committee as a Whole

Member Nichols reported that two volunteers are continuing to research the data from the Search Institute Survey to determine the at risk and good behaviors of students in the Quincy area.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee report was presented by Chairperson Nichols. The committee heard a report on Adequate Yearly Progress for grades 3-8. Results for the PSAE grade 11 have not been received. The committee is reviewing policies relating to Curriculum and Instruction.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee report was presented by Superintendent Leahy. The committee continued review of the Policy Manual with Section 3 - General School Administration. The Policy Committee recommended without objection that Section 3 be laid on the table subject to possible revision by administration to reflect practices specific to the district. Revised Policy Manual Sections 1, 2 and 3 will be removed from the table and voted upon at the February meeting.

Interpretive Guideline for Policy Manual

Attorney Hal Oakley read the following Interpretive Guideline for the Policy Manual:

The School Board for School District No. 172 is reviewing and updating its Policy Manual section by section. This process will continue for several months. Because the revision and amendment of the District's policy manual is being completed incrementally, there may be ambiguities and inconsistencies among certain recently adopted policies and previously-existing policies that have yet to be revised or amended. During this transitional period, it is the policy of the School Board that the interpretation of the Policy Manual provisions should be by common sense and reasonable reading. The policies are to be construed and applied to promote the underlying purposes of the District, namely to protect and promote the best interests, safety and security of its students and staff. Cross-references are to be understood permissively, so that any inconsistencies or ambiguities, in particular those due to cross-references to statutes, other law, student handbooks, and other policy sections, do not cause any unintended, negative consequences or contravene existing law. Cross-references to statutes, other law, student handbooks, and other policy sections shall be given their intended meanings, unless to do so would be inconsistent with approved policies or existing law.

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to approve the Interpretive Guideline for Policy Manual as presented (Doc. Reg. No. 2233). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye:

Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

- Building Committee** The Building Committee did not meet in January. Chairperson Jackson stated that the committee will review the status of Life Safety Code projects at next month's meeting.
- Finance Committee** Chairperson Daniels presented the Finance Committee Report. The committee reviewed the check register, junior and senior high activity funds, food and non-food bids, and the monthly financial report. The committee recommended seeking quotes for a line of credit, sale of used buses and seeking pricing on new bus leasing.
- Check Register** It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to approve the check register dated January 3, 2007 with the exception of check #49647. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
- Check Register
Check #49647** It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Jackson to approve check #49647. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Member Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member abstained: Member Nichols.
- Food and Non
Food Bids** It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve the bids for food and non-food items at a cost of \$279,393.71 as submitted by Kohl Wholesale (Doc. Reg. No. 2241). Kohl was the only vendor submitting a bid. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
- Line of Credit** It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve seeking quotes for a line of credit in the amount of \$3 million. The line of credit will be needed to complete the fiscal year in the event final state aid payments are delayed. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
- Sales of Used
Buses** It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve seeking quotes for the sale of used buses. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
- Pricing on New
Bus Leasing** It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve seeking pricing on new bus leasing. On the call of the roll,

the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Ad Hoc Revenue

No report.

Ad Hoc
Technology

Chairperson Lovelace presented the Ad Hoc Technology report. The committee received information on vendors for student information systems, improving the speed of the district's Internet connections, and the Internet filtering system. The committee is continuing the review and update of the Technology Plan. The foreign language area at Junior High and west wing at Baldwin are being updated with Internet connections.

Reports from
Representatives of
the Board

1. Special Education. Representative. Special Education Director Kristen Kendrick reported that the Special Education Co-op will meet in February. A survey of special education parents is being mailed out.
2. Planning Commission. None.
3. Area Vocational Technical Center. QAVTC Director Ron Baugher reported that the Tech Prep Induction will be held next Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m.
4. Large Unit District Association/Illinois Association of School Board/Illinois Association of School Administrators/Legislation. Superintendent Leahy reported that representatives of the Quincy District will be presenting information on the Professional Learning Communities at the LUDA Conference to be held February 8 and 9.
5. Insurance. Representative Daniels reported that the Insurance Committee meets next Tuesday, January 23 - 4:00 p.m. in the Board Office Conference Room.

Seniority Lists

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to approve the Classified and Certified Seniority lists (Doc. Reg. No. 2234). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Announcement

President Dickerson announced that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, January 18 - 7:30 a.m. on renewal of the physical education waiver.

Executive Session

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Fletcher that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss student discipline, sale of property, evaluation of personnel and employment of personnel. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Resumption of
Rules

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Fletcher to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted

Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to adopt the recommendation made in executive session regarding the expulsion of seven Quincy Junior High School students. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Resolution Sale of Property

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to adopt the RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY (Doc. Reg. No. 2235). This is for the Quincy Vocational Technical School house built by students at 3333 Fox Run East and part of 3401 Fox Run East. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Personnel Addendum

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Fletcher to approve the Revised Personnel Addendum as presented:

REVISED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM

** Revisions*

January 17, 2007
Quincy Board of Education

PERSONNEL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

CERTIFIED

APPOINTMENTS

- 1)\$\$ **CODY GRIMES** - special education teacher .5 Baldwin and .5 QHS. Salary: BS degree with 0 years experience prorated 99 days = \$16,462.71. Effective January 3, 2007.
- 2)R **SHEILA DON** - QHS Math 2 hrs per day. Salary: MS degree with 19 years experience @ .33 time prorated = \$7,957.38. Effective January 3, 2007.
- 3)\$\$ **PAT SALAMONE** - Math teacher for PSAE/ACT review at First Baptist. Timesheet.\$24.27/hr.
- 4)\$\$ **LAURIE FIORENZA** - English teacher for PSAE/ACT review at First Baptist. Timesheet \$24.27/hr.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 5) **MARIA MAST**, teacher at Baldwin South, is requesting 12 weeks family medical leave beginning January 15, 2007.

RESIGNATIONS

- 6) **JOHN TIGNOR** - assistant superintendent administrative services. Effective June 30, 2007.
- 7) **ALEXIS ENGELBRECHT-VILLAFANE** - English teacher at QJHS.

PERSONNEL CODES	
\$\$	= New Operating Fund positio (increase in FTE)
B	= Paid for by Booster Clubs
C	= Change in classification
D	= Full day reinstated

- Effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.
- 8) **JOSE VILLAFANE** - Spanish teacher at QHS. Effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.
- 9)* **SANDRA TIGNOR** - Math teacher at 14th St. Alternative. Effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year.
- 10)* **DENNIS RINEBERG** - Math teacher at QHS. Effective January 11, 2007.

RETIREMENT

- 11)* **SANDRA HOLMES** - Kindergarten teacher at Ellington. Effective June 17, 2009

CLASSIFIED

APPOINTMENTS

- 12)P **JANELLE WATHEN** - occupational therapist. Salary: \$30.00/ hr - 8 hrs/day - 181 days/yr. Prorated 77 days = \$18,480. Effective February 5, 2007.
- 13)R **MARIAH KINDHART** - paraeducator Baldwin. Salary: Level 1-C - 0 years experience - 7 hrs/day - 181 days/yr - \$9.73/hr prorated = \$6,742.89. Effective January 3, 2007.
- 14)\$\$ **DOROTHY OELKLAUS** - library paraeducator .5 Washington .5 Monroe. Dorothy was formerly a paraeducator at Monroe. Salary: Level 3-C - 22 years experience - \$16.61/hr prorated = \$11,161.92. Effective January 8, 2007.
- 15)R **CATHERINE ORTBALS** - 2 hours cafeteria supervisor Monroe School. Salary: \$10.13/hr - 2 hrs/day. Timesheet - no benefits. Effective January 10, 2007.
- 16)R * **TAMMY PARRISH** - paraeducator Monroe School. Salary: Level 1-C - 0 years experience 7 hrs/day - 181 days/yr - \$9.73/hr prorated = \$6,198.01. Effective January 16, 2007.

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- 17) **KELLI HUDSON** - paraeducator Baldwin South. Effective January 17, 2007.
- 18)* **JOANN WIEMELT** - cafeteria supervisor at Berrian. Effective January 31, 2007. *Joann is still employed as a 4-hour bus driver.*
- 19)* **JUDITH KENDRICK** - bus driver. Effective January 17, 2007.

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Fletcher that the regular meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Fletcher, Jackson, Lovelace, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the regular meeting was duly adjourned.

Thomas Dickerson
President

Phyllis Stewart
Secretary