

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2008

- Meeting Convened The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on March 12, 2008, 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 Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present.
- National Anthem and Pledge of Allegiance Quincy Senior High School Concert Choir led by Dan Sherman performed the National Anthem and led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 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.
- Tim Koontz, President of the Quincy Foundation for Quality Education (QFQE) requested to address the Board. He presented some history on QFQE which was created in 1989 to provide financial resources to enhance and extend learning opportunities in the Quincy Public Schools. He outlined some of the programs and initiatives provided including grants for teachers, Child/Family Mentor Program, Science for Life, Literacy Initiative, Circles of Investment, student scholarships and the Alumni Association. QFQE has contributed over \$1 million since its inception. Mr. Koontz asked the Board to present a unified front and positive atmosphere to the public which directly impacts the public's perception, contributions and support of QFQE and Quincy Public Schools.
- Open Public Hearing
BINA President Dickerson opened the hearing on the Bond Issue Notification Act. Business Manager Rich Royalty explained that the Illinois State Board of Education approved the district's application for Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) in the amount of \$5,392,045. These bonds allow qualifying schools to borrow money at a very low interest for Life Safety and other projects. The funds will be used for summer projects at Washington, Dewey, Irving, Baldwin and Quincy Junior High. The largest project, estimated at about \$2.9 million, will update the heating and ventilation system at QJHS.
- Mr. Eddie McLiney, of McLiney and Company, who helped the district secure the QZAB funding, explained that the estimated interest on a Qualified Zone Academy Bond is 1.5% as compared to 4-5% interest on a non-QZAB bond. Mr. McLiney met with local banks about QZAB. Banks benefit by participating in the program as they receive a federal tax credit of approximately 5.5%. In addition, the bank receives a community reinvestment act credit. There were no more comments on the bonds at this time. President Dickerson indicated that the public hearing would continue to be open for comments during the meeting.
- Open Public Hearing President Dickerson opened the Public Hearing on Application for

on School Code Waiver	Modification of Existing Waiver within the School Code and Administrative Rules and Regulations. Superintendent Leahy explained that the waiver is needed in order for the District to hold half-day School Improvement Planning on state holidays that have been waived including Columbus Day, Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day. There were no comments at this time. The hearing remained open during the meeting.
Focus on Students - Good Things Going On!	Congratulations to Quincy High School. QHS Principal Terry Ellerman recognized seniors Jenna Casady and Kaylee Wiesemann who were named National Merit Finalists. He congratulated the QHS Math Team and coaches Todd Klauser and Evie Morrison. The team competed in the Regional Competition at SIU Edwardsville on February 23 and received first place in eight of the 10 categories. QHS Scholastic Bowl had a very successful season. Coach Kay Dyer explained the changes in the Scholastic Bowl this year and highlighted the team's accomplishments.
Consent Agenda	<p>It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Bemis to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Treasurer's Report b. Board Minutes - February 20 and February 29, 2008 c. IHSA Membership Renewal <p>On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.</p>
Curriculum Committee	Chairperson Nichols presented the Curriculum Committee report. The committee heard an overview of the current status of various curriculum areas and considered priorities for the future.
Finance Committee	The Finance Committee report was presented by Members Daniels. The committee reviewed the check register and junior and senior high activity funds. Mr. Eddie McLiney, of McLiney and Company, presented information to the committee on the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds. Business Manager Rich Royalty presented the monthly financial update on revenue and expenditures.
Check Register - Check Number 4686	It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve check number 4686 written to the Adams County Health Department. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays and Nichols; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member abstained: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
Balance of Check Register	It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve the balance of the check register dated March 3, 2008. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
Ad Hoc Prevailing Wage Committee	No report.

Reports from
Representatives of
the Board

1. Area Vocational Technical Center. QAVTC Director Ron Baugher reported that QHS Seniors Ryan Breur and Curtis Terwelp were named February Students of the Month by the Rotary Club. Accounting students attended the JWCC Business Contest placing third out of 11 schools present. Dan Arnsman’s construction class partnered with the Teen Reach program to finish off the basement of the Teen Reach facility on Elm Street. Drafting students competed in the Drafting Educator’s Competition at WIU.

2. Insurance. Representative Daniels reported that the Insurance Committee reviewed revenue and expenditures to date and administrative costs of the insurance plan.

Comments

Member Nichols commented on the Quincy Senior High programs to help with the ACT and PSAE testing. Assistance is provided after school and is community based.

Close BINA Hearing

President Dickerson asked if there were any questions or comments under the Bond Issue Notification Act. There were none. It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to close the public hearing on the Bond Issue Notification Act. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Resolution to Issue
Working Cash Fund
Bonds

The Secretary read the title of the Resolution: *Resolution declaring the intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 172, Adams County, Illinois and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.*

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to approve the Resolution on the Working Cash Fund Bonds (Doc. Reg. No. 2306). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, and Nichols; and the following member voted Nay: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Close Hearing on
Waiver

President Dickerson asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the Waiver of the School Code Application. Hearing none, he closed the hearing.

Approve Application
for Waiver

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to approve the Application to Modify the Existing Waiver which allows the district to recognize President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday (February 12), Casimir Pulaski’s birthday (the first Monday in March) and Columbus Day holiday (the second Monday in October) as attendance days, to allow for attendance and School Improvement Day. . On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Carol M. White PEP
Grant

It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Nichols to approve submission of the Carol M. White Physical Education Program Grant. . On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

President's Comments President Dickerson thanked everyone who participated in the superintendent search forums. He is pleased with Mr. Lemon's appointment and is looking forward to working with him on July 1.

Executive Session It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss student discipline, litigation, collective bargaining, and employment of personnel. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, 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 Nichols to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, 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 Lovelace to adopt the recommendation made in executive session regarding the expulsion of one Quincy Junior High School student and four Quincy High School students. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, 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 Lovelace to approve the Personnel Addendum as presented.

*** REVISED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM**

March 12, 2008

Quincy Board of Education

<p align="center">PERSONNEL CODES</p> <p>\$\$ = New Operating Fund positio (<i>increase in FTE</i>) B = Paid for by Booster Clubs C = Change in classification</p>
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PERSONNEL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

CERTIFIED

COACH APPOINTMENTS (effective for 2007-2008 season)

- 1)R **GARY HANDRICK** - QJHS Head Track Coach
- 2)R **RENEA YATES** - QJHS Assistant Track Coach
- 3)R **MICHAELA FRAY** - QJHS Assistant Track Coach

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008-2009

- 4)R* **TIFFANY BALLOUGH** - speech and language pathologists. Salary: MS+20 with 0 years experience = \$35,875 per year.
- 5)R* **TERESA DOUGLAS** - speech and language pathologists. Salary: MS+20 with 0 years experience = \$35,875 per year.

RESIGNATION

- 6) **LISA WIEGAND**, currently on leave from Irving, is resigning effective February 28, 2008.
- 7)* **NATHAN SIBBING**, 7th grade Geography, is resigning effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 8)* **LAURA GRAMKE**, elementary teacher currently on leave, is requesting a second year of leave effective for 2008-2009.

RETIREMENTS

- 9) **MARY BETH McGEE**, Mentor Program Coordinator, is retiring effective June 27, 2008.
- 10) **STEVEN McMILLEN**, PE teacher at QJHS, is retiring effective September 26, 2008.
- 11) **ANN SOEBBING**, Psychology teacher at QHS, is retiring effective January 26, 2009.
- 12) **PATRICIA DAMM**, Reading/Reading Recovery teacher at Dewey, is retiring effective June 29, 2010
- 13) **SHERRY BECKENHOLDT**, Algebra teacher at QJHS, is retiring effective June 15, 2011.
- 14) **LINDA SKINNER**, Grants Resource at ECC, is retiring effective June 15, 2011.

CLASSIFIED

APPOINTMENTS

- 15)R **TIMOTHY ANDERS JR.** - night custodian .5 ECFC (SEIU Union) and .5 Madison (IFT Union). Salary: 260 days/yr - 8 hrs/day - \$9.44/hr - prorated for 2007-2008 \$9,213.44. Effective March 13, 2008.
- 16)R **PAUL DABNEY** - security guard lunch relief. Salary: 3 hrs/day - timesheet - no benefits = \$10.67/hr. Effective March 3, 2008. Paul had previously been a sub.
- 17)R **JAMES VANDAMENT** - security guard at Madison. Salary: 8 hrs/day - 181 days/yr - \$10.63/hr = \$4,932.32 pro-rated for 2007-2008. James had been the guard for lunch relief. Effective March 3, 2008.
- 18)R **CAROL EGGLEY** - driver, 4 hour bus route effective February 11, 2008.
- 19)R **BILL STRATMAN** - driver, 4 hour bus route effective February 21, 2008.
- 20)R* **CHRIS HARMANN** - QJHS ISS supervisor. Salary: School Support Personnel - Level C - Step 0 - \$10.14/hr - prorate \$4,137.12 for 2007-2008. Effective March 12, 2008.

RESIGNATIONS

- 21) **SANDRA ALLENWORTH**, 2 hr/day cafeteria at Berrian, has resigned effective February 21, 2008.
- 22)* **TERESA HOBBS**, 7 hrs/day cook at Ellington, has resigned effective March 7, 2008.
- 23)* **KEVIN RICHMILLER**, computer technician, has resigned effective March 21, 2008.

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

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Lovelace and seconded by Member Nichols that the regular meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, 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

