

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2007**

- Meeting Convened The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on September 19, 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 Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Mays. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present.
- Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Madison School. The students sang the Madison School song directed by music teacher Gayle Tenhouse.
- Arrival of Member Mays Member Mays arrived at 7:07 p.m. which was duly recorded by the Board secretary.
- Executive Session #1 It was moved by Member Nichols and seconded by Member Daniels that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. 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 Lovelace 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.
- 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.
- Mr. Jim Carlock addressed the Board regarding the wiring at Ellington School. He said there are serious problems with overloading the electrical circuits. He also stated that the building needs air conditioning in all classrooms. President Dickerson indicated that this would be addressed as part of the Building Committee report later in the meeting.
- Board/Staff Communication **Public Relations.** Christie Dickens presented the Public Relations report. She told the Board that this is the third year for the Internal Public Relations Committee. They met on September 10 and brain stormed current

issues. The community service project originating last year will be expanded. The project engages students in completing art work and writings which are distributed weekly with: "Meals on Wheels" by the Breakfast Kiwanis. Continued and increased communication to staff on all district issues was discussed. The *School Desk* radio show will feature Kristen Kendrick on "Response to Intervention." The show airs on WGEM-105 FM - Friday 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 6:00 a.m.

Good Things
Going On

1. Portable Speed Sign. Noon Rotary Club representatives Gus Rieckhoff, Suzanne Ellerbrock, and J.T. Dozier presented a donation of a portable speed sign to the District. The following students from Richard Gregory's automotive technology class assembled the sign: Logan Czaplewski, Chris Ames, and Cory Ledbetter.

2. Homecoming. QHS Principal Terry Ellerman announced that the Homecoming Parade will be Thursday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. The football game versus Galesburg will be Friday night, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. The student dance is Saturday, September 22 at 7:30 p.m. This year's theme is *Underwater Fantasy*.

3. IASA Appreciation. President Dickerson read a letter from the Illinois Association of School Administrators in appreciation of the Board's support of Superintendent Leahy's work with IASA. He is currently president of the IASA Board of Directors.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Board Minutes - August 22, 2007

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.

Curriculum
Committee

Chairperson Nichols presented the Curriculum Committee report. Carol Frericks reported to the committee on the implementation of the Rebecca Sitton Spelling Program for grades 1-6. Assessments at Quincy Senior High School were reviewed. Final results for the 2007 AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Report have been received. After four consecutive years of not meeting AYP targets, QHS made AYP in all areas. Changes in QHS proficiency requirements for reading and math were endorsed by the committee.

Policy Committee

Chairperson Dickerson presented the Policy Committee report. New members on the committee are Chris Bunch and Connie Taylor. The committee completed the review of Policy Manual Section 6 - Instruction and recommended it be laid on the table.

Building Committee

Chairperson Lovelace presented the Building Committee report. Mike Smith is a new member. Ellington parents addressed the committee regarding electrical and air conditioning issues. The committee reviewed a complete list of non-air-conditioned classrooms in the district. Business Manager Rich Royalty informed the committee that upgrading the Ellington School electrical system from 400 amps to 800 amp is one of the projects on the ten-year Life Safety Project list. Pending approval by the State Board of Education, the project may be completed summer 2008. Ellington parents and staff should be made aware that the district will endeavor to expedite State approval on this project. The Building Committee also heard an update on the Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) which can be used to fund renovations for low income schools.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee did not meet in September. The committee was mailed financial information for the month including the check register, bids received for 27 used buses, and an update on Interfund loans. All Interfund loans have been paid off.

Prevailing Wage Committee

Co-Chairperson Bemis reported that the Prevailing Wage meetings will be held October 18, November 20 and December 13, 6 - 8 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room. All major taxing bodies are represented. An MBA student intern will be assisting the committee.

Reports of Representatives of the Board

- 1. Special Education.** Special Education Director Kristen Kendrick reported that the Special Education Association of Adams County met on September 12, 2007. A representative from Peoria Medicaid presented an update on Medicaid funding. The 2007-08 budget was reviewed. The group received information on a web-based IEP.
- 2. Area Vocational Technical Center.** Director Ron Baugher reported that the Child Care Center is holding an open house tonight. Teacher of the program is Cinda Hummel.

Check Register - Check Numbers 1087, 1279, and 1280

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Mays to approve check numbers 1087, 1279, and 1280, written to Adams County. 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. Member Niekamp abstained because he is an Adams County Board member.

Balance of Check Register

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to approve the balance of the check register dated September 3, 2007. 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.

Approve Bids for Sales of Used Buses

It was moved by Member Nichols and seconded by Member Daniels to approve the bid from Central States Bus Sales for 27 buses for a total sale price of \$53,400 (Doc. Reg. No. 2286). 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.

Amended 2007-
2008 Calendar

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to amend the 2007-2008 School Calendar (Doc. Reg. No. 2287). The calendar was amended to reflect the half days for heat emergency. 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.

ISBE Application
for Recognition

It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Bemis to approve the 2007-2008 ISBE Application for Recognition of Schools. 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.

Executive Session
#2

It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Lovelace that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss pending litigation 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 Bemis 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.

Appeal of Court
Ruling

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace that the Board instruct legal counsel in the tort levy litigation to take all necessary steps at the appropriate time to appeal the current ruling of the Adams County Circuit Court. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, and Nichols, and the following members voted Nay: Member Niekamp; and the following members voted Present: Members Bemis and Mays. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

President Dickerson stated that it is the majority opinion of the Board to move forward with the appeal if for nothing more than to bring clarity to the issue. This will benefit other districts throughout the state who may be facing the same issue.

Restricting Use of
Tort Funds

It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Daniels that the Board direct the administration to institute appropriate measures to preclude the payment of any salaries of any staff members from the tort levy portion of the tax levy proceeds now on hand, without further authorization of the Board. 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.

Personnel
Addendum

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to approve the Revised Personnel Addendum:

*** REVISED PERSONNEL
ADDENDUM**

September 19, 2007

Quincy Board of Education

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

**PERSONNEL ITEMS
REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

CERTIFIED

TEACHER APPOINTMENTS (effective for the 2007-2008 school year)

- 1)PR ANGELA BROOKHART - 4 hours tutor at ECFC TPS Program. Salary: \$24.93/hr - timesheet - no benefits.
- 2)PR CAROL MOORE - Math tutor for Teen Reach. Salary: \$24.93/hr - timesheet - no benefits.
- 3)R ANN SCHWARTZKOPF - art teacher, Fridays only. M+30 28 yrs - 31 days - .17 FTE prorated = \$9,106.46
- 4)R SARAH STEWART - part-time science QHS. Salary M+30 28.83 yrs exp .33 time = \$17,750.37

COACHING APPOINTMENTS (effective for the 2007-2008 school year)

- 5)R CHRIS MARTIN - 8TH BOYS ASST. BASKETBALL COACH
- 6)R GARY HANDRICK - FRESHMAN BOYS ASST. BASKETBALL COACH
- 7)R TYLER DUSCHINSKY - FRESHMAN BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH
- 8)R TOM LEPPER - SOPHOMORE BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH
- 9)R P.J. MOODY - WRESTLING VARSITY ASST. COACH

MATERNITY LEAVE

- 10) GLORIA KIRBY - Adams School. Effective approximately December 2, 2007 for six weeks.
- 11) KAILEE NIEMANN FLESCHE - QHS special education. Effective approximately October 29, 2007 for six weeks.
- 12) AMY KUHL - Irving School. Effective approximately November 18, 2007 for six weeks.

MILITARY LEAVE

- 13)* COURTNEY ZIMMERMAN - Math 14th St. Alternative. Effective September 18, 2007.

RESIGNATION

- 14) TERRY MAYS - part-time teacher at Irving. Effective August 16, 2007

RETIREMENT

- 15) DON FORD - teacher at QJHS. Effective June 30, 2009.

CLASSIFIED

APPOINTMENTS

- 16)R **CHAD DEAN** - para QJHS. Salary: Level 1C 1 yr exper - \$10.27/hr 7/hrs - 181 days \$13,010.22. Effective for the 2007-2008 school year.
- 17)R **C. BRIGHAM JOHN** - ISS QJHS. Salary: Support \$10.14/hr-8 hrs prorated 171 days \$13,871.52. Effective September 4, 2007.
- 18)PR **KENYETTA McFALL** - Teen Reach. 15 hrs/week. \$10.33/hr - timesheet - no benefits.
- 19)\$\$ **LORI TEEL** - para Ellington. Salary: Level 1C 0 yrs exper - \$9.99/hr - prorated \$11,608.38. Effective September 11, 2007
- 20)R **DEBRA VIAR** - District RN. Salary: 0 yrs exper - \$15.85/hr - 7 hrs/day - 181 days/yr = \$18,972.45. Effective September 4, 2007.
- 21)R **SUSAN WILSON** - job coach. Salary: 2.5 hrs/day - \$7.50/hr - timesheet - no benefits.

RESIGNATIONS

- 22) **RICK GOODAPPLE** - custodian at Baldwin School. Effective September 7, 2007.
- 23) **DEANNA DOWNEY** - SEIU bus driver. Effective August 31, 2007
- 24) **DARRELL DOEBLIN** - bus driver. Effective August 8, 2007
- 25) **LISA EDWARDS** - SEIU bus driver. Effective August 8, 2007
- 26) **PHILIP ELLIGSEN** - bus driver. Effective May 31, 2007
- 27) **HERB STEINKAMP** - vocational house assistant. Effective September 11, 2007.
- 28)* **BETH CLINGING** - SEIU bus driver. Effective September 14, 2007
- 29)* **JILL ANN EKLEBERRY** - bus driver. Effective September 6, 2007.

RELEASE

- 30) **NATE KITTRELL** - maintenance department. Effective September 19, 2007.

TRANSPORTATION APPOINTMENTS

- 31)R **GUY SEELEY** - 4 hr driver effective May 24, 2007. Formerly 2 hr driver.
- 32)R **GREG SCHOENEKASE** - 5 hr SEIU driver effective August 16, 2007. Formerly sub.
- 33)R **CHRIS HOENER** - 5 hr SEIU driver effective August 16, 2007. Formerly 2 hr driver.
- 34)R **CAROL EGGLEY** - 4 hr driver effective August 17, 2007. Formerly 2 hr driver.
- 35)R **SUSAN MAGGART** - 4 hr driver effective August 17, 2007. Formerly 2 hr driver.
- 36)R **DALE WILLIS** - 5 hr SEIU driver effective effective August 17, 2007. Formerly sub.
- 37)R **JUDITH GILLE** - 4 hr driver effective August 17, 2007. Formerly sub.
- 38)R * **DARLA RARDON** - 4 hr driver effective August 17, 2007. Formerly 2 hour driver.
- 39)R * **TRAVIS SHANKS** - 2 hr driver effective September 7, 2007. Formerly sub.
- 40)R * **TODD KNIGHT** - 2 hr driver effective September 7, 2007. Formerly sub.
- 41)R * **TIM WILSON** - 2 hr driver effective September 7, 2007. Formerly sub.

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: Members Bemis and Mays. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Bemis 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.

Thomas Dickerson
President

Phyllis Stewart
Secretary