

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2015 AT 8:00 A.M.**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session January 13, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. the Board of Education Office, located at 1416 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Erwin, 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 Ali, Bailey, Erwin, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member was absent: Member Mays. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present.

Questions and Comments

President Erwin 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. Jeff Kerkhoff asked for clarification on the points paid on the bonds recently sold. Member Stone said the actual points were 1.4%.

Telephonic Presence of Member Mays

Member Mays joined the meeting telephonically at 8:10 a.m.

Construction Manager Discussion

Member Stone reported that proposals received from four construction manager firms were reviewed by the Building Committee held last week. The committee narrowed the firms to at least two firms with whom . Member Stone said interviews need to be held. Several Board members said that before going ahead with interviews, direction is needed from the Board as whether a construction manager approach will be used. Member Stone said a construction manager with experience building 40-50 schools is needed and would be better able to manage the budget. President Erwin expressed her opinion that a general contractor could do the same thing and there would be a better chance that the work would be kept local. She said a construction manager is an extra expense that the Board did not inform the public about until after the November 4 election when the bond issue was passed. Member Stone emphasized the importance of completing the QHS addition by fall 2016. There would be complications moving students in the middle of a school year. He said a construction manager could better keep the timeline. Member McNay asked about the negatives of bumping the project back 12 months. Mr. Murphy said that would accelerate or alter the schedule for the construction of the other buildings, with two to three being built at the same time. Local contractors would likely be unable to meet that demand. Member McNay suggested a hybrid, combination of construction manager and general contractor. Member Bailey suggested moving forward with a combination of construction manager firm for high school. Member Ali also favored the combination of construction manager and general contractor. The strength of construction manager would be beneficial for the complex

high school project. The general contractor could do the elementary school on the Monroe site. Mr. Murphy said the construction manager would work as an agent for the district.

Construction Manager

It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Bailey to give direction to administration to move forward with selecting a construction manager for the Quincy Senior High addition and design phase of the elementary building at the Monroe site.

President Erwin asked that the motion be separated into two motions. Member Stone withdrew the motion.

It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Bailey to move forward with recommending and selecting a construction manager for the entire Quincy Senior High addition. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Mays, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: Member Erwin. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried. The superintendent's committee will interview the two firms to be considered and make a recommendation to the Board.

It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Ali to move forward with recommending and selecting a construction manager for the design phase of the elementary building on the Monroe School site with the intent to utilize a general contractor for building phase. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Mays, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: Member Erwin. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

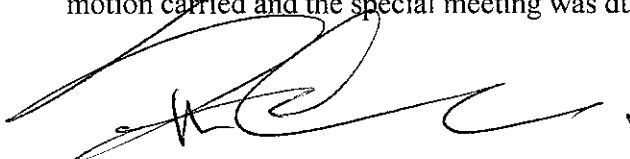
Resignation of Member Mays

Member Mays stated he will submit his resignation to Board Secretary Phyllis Stewart at the close of this meeting. He has been appointed director of the Illinois Department of Employment Security by Governor Rauner which will require his full attention. He said that at this time, the demands on school board members' time has never been greater as the course is set for the re-design and build project. He urged the Board to seek resumes from interested parties and move to fill his vacancy with haste so a full complement of seven members can contribute to the decision making process.

President Erwin said that even though the last couple months there have been disagreements, she appreciated his support as vice-president. She said this Board has done great things. She wished him the best and said he will be missed. Member Stone said Member Mays recruited him for the Board and working with him has been great. Other Board members thanked him for his service.

Adjourn

At 9:15 a.m., it was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Ali that the special meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned.



Stephanie Erwin
President



Phyllis Stewart
Secretary