

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2015 AT 8:00 A.M.**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session February 4, 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, Krause, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member was absent: None. 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. There were none.

Construction Manager Firm Ranking Order

Superintendent Cobb told the Board that the three construction firms have been interviewed and ranked by the superintendent's committee. Areas reviewed included pre-construction services, construction services, and on-site personnel. Members of the committee with Superintendent Cobb are Member Stone, Member Bailey, Joel Murphy, and Todd Moore.

It was moved by Member Bailey and seconded by Member Stone to approve the rankings as follows: 1) S. M. Wilson, 2) Russell Construction, and 3) Holland Construction for the purpose of negotiating a contract for the complete QHS addition and design phase of the Monroe School site.

Member McNay asked for clarification on the ranking and contract negotiations. If an agreement is not reached with S. M. Wilson, negotiations will ensue with Russell Construction. There will be no further interviews with the committee. If no agreement is reached with Russell, then negotiations would ensue with Holland. Members Stone and Bailey indicated that all three firms are competent and could do the job. There were very minor differences. Member Bailey cited the many projects S.M. Wilson has completed in Quincy including those at Blessing Hospital and said they are well-known in the community. Member McNay said he had heard from some local contractors that they have not had the best experience with S. M. Wilson and were dissatisfied. Member Stone said it is his experience that sub-contractors do not always like the construction managers. President Erwin pointed out that Member McNay's top choice was Holland. She said he is disappointed they did not make the top two. She said she has not been in favor of hiring a construction manager firm but since the Board has approved hiring a construction manager firm, she will support it.

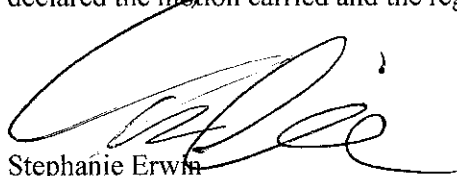
On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Krause, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member was voted Nay: Member McNay. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Freedom of Information Requests

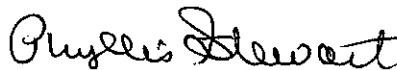
Attorney Gorman announced on behalf of the Superintendent that several FOIA requests have been received and are in process.

Adjournment

At 8:30 p.m., it was moved by Member Ali and seconded by Member Bailey that the regular meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Krause, McNay, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the regular meeting was duly adjourned.



Stephanie Erwin
President



Phyllis Stewart
Secretary