

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on February 20, 2013, 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 Vice-President Krause, 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 Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the Vice-President declared a quorum was present.

Moment of Silence

The Vice-President declared a moment of silence and reflection.

Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Krause led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Focus on Students – Good Things Going On!

1. **All State Musicians.** There were 25 Quincy Senior High students named Illinois All-State musicians for 2013. Music Director Kathi Dooley introduced each student. The students performed as members of the All-State Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Honors Chorus, Honors Band and the Jazz Band in Peoria during the Illinois Music Educators Association State meeting in January. More than 285 Illinois schools participated in the auditions. QHS had the second highest number of students selected in the State. QHS music teachers accompanying the students were Kathi Dooley, Paul Shelor, Matthew Gabriel, Marci Wentzel, and Debbie Johnson.
2. **State Wrestling Champ.** The Board congratulated QHS Wrestler Dakota Downs who earned 5th place in State Wrestling Competition.

Questions and Comments

Vice-President Krause 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.

Jeff Kerkhoff distributed some information to the Board on the Common Core Standards and said the districts needs to be extra careful with implementation for the best results. In response, Member Mays spoke about the quality of education for all students and said standards from 1995 had to be updated. He said development of the Common Core standards was a very public process and Illinois people were involved. ISBE took steps to align the standards from grade school through high school.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Board Minutes – January 19, January 22, January 23, and February 1, 2013

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

PTA Report

Jeann Morrison, State PTA Director, reported on PTA activities at Berrian School including third grade recognition ceremony, puppet show, and fun nights at Bonkers and Scotties Fun Spot. She said the Berrian PTA provides funding for school t-shirts, drama club and yearbooks. She also noted the support Berrian students get from the partnerships with Kroc Center and The Crossing 929.

QPS Good News Report

Katie Schelp and Mindy Holthaus, members of Quincy Public Schools Foundation and district volunteers, have put a process in place to distribute information to the media about activities and events happening each week in the Quincy Public Schools. They also post information on a Facebook page. Each month they will also highlight recent news stories at the Board of Education meeting.

QHS Leadership Class

Mr. Ben Dombroski, Math Teacher at QHS, reported to the Board on a new Leadership Class he is teaching at Senior High. Thirty students were chosen for the class from over 100 who applied. He said the class provides an outlet for students to make positive change in their school and an opportunity for them to grow as leaders. It has gone hand in hand with the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) initiative with more student-led assemblies. QHS Junior Gabby Green is in the class. She said she looks forward to the class every day and it has helped students to better themselves. The class has impacted students in a positive way with school-wide presentations on bullying, social media and other current issues.

Building Committee

The Building Committee report was presented by Member Stone. Information was presented on proposed Life Safety Projects for summer 2013 and amendments. The committee recommended the district let bids for the summer Life Safety Projects and for district waste and recycling.

Amendment to Life Safety Projects

It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Mays to approve the amendment to the Life Safety Projects for summer 2013. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Let Bids for Life Safety Projects

It was recommended by the Building Committee and moved by Member Stone to let bids for Life Safety Projects for summer 2013. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Let Bids for Waste Management and Recycling

It was recommended by the Building Committee and moved by Member Stone to let bids for waste management and recycling. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and

the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee report was presented by Chairperson Krause. The committee was updated on district initiatives which will continue with the March meeting. Information was presented on the 7 Habits and Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Proficiency data on former Early Childhood students was reported. Other initiatives reviewed were Comprehensive Intervention Model (CIM), Reading Intensive Class, READ 180, and College and Career Ready (CCR). There was discussion about data analyzed for each program/interventions and prioritizing interventions and programs for the greatest impact on student success in difficult financial times.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee did not meet in February. The committee received the monthly check register, monthly expenditure comparisons, self-insurance fund reconciliation and the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balances for the funds of Education, Operation and Maintenance, Transportation, TORT, Self-Insurance, Special Education, QAVTC, and WCR.

Check Register/Jr & Sr High Activity Fund

It was moved by Member Erwin and seconded by Member Mays to approve the Check Register dated February 15, 2013 and the Junior/Senior High activity funds. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Policy Committee

Chairperson Dickerson said he will be meeting with Attorney Gorman and Interim Superintendent Murphy on Friday to review district discipline policies district wide and handbook language. A meeting will be scheduled for the Policy Committee to review.

Reports from Representatives of the Board

1. **Area Vocational Technical Center.** Director Mark Pfleiger announced the Rotary Club Vocational Students of the Month for the months of December and January. The two December honorees were Evan Meyers, QHS, Engineering Program and Baile Althoff, QHS, Architectural Design Program. The two January honorees were Amber Neff, Southeastern HS, STP Commercial Foods Program and Brett Wilson, QHS, Auto Body II Program. The students were nominated based on their overall performance in their QAVTC class, as well as leadership characteristics and character. These students will be eligible to compete for the \$1,000.00 scholarship provided by the Rotary Club at the end of the school year. The Health Occupations Students Association held an evening bingo activity for Good Samaritan Home residents as one of their service activities. The QAVTC FIRST Robotics Team finished building their robot to compete in a competition scheduled in March in St. Louis. Construction classes are working on tearing out fixtures, cabinets and other materials to prepare for renovation work at the house at 2424 High St. Drafting is developing work plans for the renovation project. Member Mays commended Director Pfleiger on the intricate projects undertaken by vocational students and the involvement of more students.

Approval of Annual Grants

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Mays to approve writing and submitting/participating in the following grants or allocations: Title I, Title II, Title IV, Special Education IDEA Flow-Through, Office of Rehabilitative Services (STEP Grant), Special Education Preschool, Head Start, Reading Improvement, Reading Recovery, School Improvement and Education Improvement Block Grant, Early Childhood Block Grant, Truant Alternative Program, Teen Parent Services, Regional Safe Schools-Subcontract, Adult Education and Family Literacy, WCR Carl Perkins, WCR Career and Technical Education Improvement Grant, Title I Delinquent, Title I Neglected, 21st Century Community Learning Center, Technology Enhancing Education - Competitive and Formula Grants, Advanced Placement, School Library Per Capita Grant, and Beginning Teachers Induction Pilot Program. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Board Member Comments

Member Erwin commented that this has been the best “feel good” school board meeting she has attended. She said the Dewey School *Kindness and Justice Challenge* presentation prior to the meeting was wonderful. She said the other students and programs highlighted tonight including the All-State musicians, State wrestler, QHS leadership class and other *Good News* activities presented by Katie Schelp and Mindy Holthaus has been a great showcase of the many positive things going on in Quincy Public Schools!

Member Krause commented that Trish Viniard is a great grant writer and will be sorely missed by the district.

Executive Session

At 8:10 p.m., it was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Erwin that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss a)the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District, b)collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, f) emergency security procedures, g)student disciplinary cases, and i)pending, probable or imminent litigation. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Resumption of Rules

At 9:05 a.m., it was moved by Member Erwin and seconded by Member Stone to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Mays to adopt the recommendation made in executive session to expel one Quincy Junior High student and one Quincy Senior High student. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

Personnel Addendum

It was moved by Member Erwin and seconded by Member Dickerson to approve the Revised Personnel Addendum as amended. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Daniels. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried.

		PERSONNEL CODES	
		\$\$ - New operating Fund Position (increase in FTE) B - Paid for by Booster Clubs C - Change in classification O - Other P - New Project Fund position PR - Replacement for Project Fund position R - Replacement for vacant Operating Fund Position S - Summer School	
*REVISED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM as amended Quincy Board of Education February 20, 2013			
CERTIFIED			
LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
1		SARA TUTER – BALDWIN N. 6 WKS MATERNITY LEAVE APPROXIMATELY 2/12/13 THROUGH 3/26/13	
2		SHANNON STONE – QJHS. 6 WKS MATERNITY LEAVE APPROXIMATELY 6/14/13	
3		MATT LONGO – QHS ASST GIRLS SOCCER COACH ONLY 1/28/13	
4		ANNETTE JOHNSON – QJHS. FMLA LEAVE 2/15/13 TO APPROXIMATELY 3/29/13	
5		MICHELLE DEEGE – QJHS. MATERNITY LEAVE EFFECTIVE APPROXIMATELY 6/9/13	
6		KRISTINA KLINGELE – QHS. FMLA LEAVE EFFECTIVE 3/8/13 TO APPROXIMATELY 3/25/13	
APPOINTMENTS			
7	P	KRISTEN MCKENNA – VOCATIONAL CAREER FAIR COORD (SOLD PLANNING TIME) EFFECTIVE 1/7/13	
RESIGNATION			
8		ERICA HUNEKE – BALDWIN W. EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR.	
9		KELLY DAMON QJHS ASST SOFTBALL COACH. EFFECTIVE 2/5/13	
10		KRISTA FINKLEA – DEWEY PRINCIPAL. EFFECTIVE 6/30/13	
11	*	JENNIFER DELGADO – QHS PARA. EFFECTIVE 3/6/13	
RETIREMENT/CHANGE IN RETIREMENT DATE			
12		MARGARET WHISMAN-BAUER – WASHINGTON. EFFECTIVE 6/15/16	
13	*	ELIZABETH TOUMBS – BALDWIN. EFFECTIVE 6/15/13 (DATE CHANGED FROM 6/15/15)	
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT			
APPOINTMENTS			
14	R	ANDREW RAINS – QHS PARA – LEVEL B 0 YRS - \$9.87/HR – 68 DAYS = \$4,698.12 EFFECTIVE 2/11/13	
15	R	LINDA GODSEY – BALDWIN S PARA – LEVEL A – 0 YRS - \$9.05/HR – 68 DAYS = \$4,307.80 EFFECTIVE 2/11/13	
16	\$\$	RENEE DEGITZ – MADISON PARA – LEVEL A 0 YRS - \$9.05/HR – 74 DAYS = \$4,687.90 EFFECTIVE 2/1/13	
17	\$\$	TONI SMITH – MONROE PARA – LEVEL C – 10 YRS - \$13.33/HR – 73 DAYS = \$6,811.63. EFF. 2/4/13	
18	R	BROOKE FAILOR – DRIVER AM-PM IFT ROUTE 20 HRS/WK EFFECTIVE 1/29/13	
19	R	GENE EAST – DRIVER PM IFT ROUTE 10 HRS/WK. EFFECTIVE 1/28/13	
20	R	ELAINE SCRANTON – DRIVER MIDDAY NON-UNION RT 8 HRS/WK. RETAINS HER 20/HR WK IFT RT EFF 1/18/13	
MEDICAL LEAVE			
21		KIM STRATMAN – PARA ECFC. EXTENDED LEAVE FROM 2/6/13 TO 2/21/13	
22		LINDA KRAMER – ELLINGTON CUSTODIAN. EXTENDED MEDICAL LEAVE EFFECTIVE 2/24/13.	
23		JOSEPH SISTKO – DRIVER – FMLA LEAVE EFFECTIVE 1/14 THROUGH APPROXIMATELY 4/8/13.	

RESIGNATIONS		
24		JEANETTA BODIFORD – QJHS PARA. EFFECTIVE 2/1/13
25		DAWNIELLE WINFIELD – ECFC PARA – EFFECTIVE 2/13/13
26		NANCY ROST – DRIVER AM-PM IFT ROUTE. EFFECTIVE 1/31/13
27		ARNIE MARTINEZ – DRIVER AM-PM IFT ROUTE. EFFECTIVE 2/16/13
28		CHRISTINE HODGES – DRIVER AM-PM IFT ROUTE. EFFECTIVE 2/23/13
AMENDMENT		
29		STEVE COBB – CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2013. EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 20, 2013

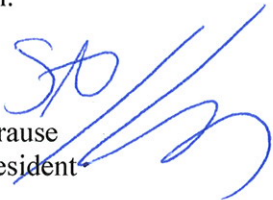
Freedom of Information Request

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

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Erwin and seconded by Member Stone that the regular meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the vice-president declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Steve Krause
Vice-President



Phyllis Stewart
Secretary

