

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON APRIL 23, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on April 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Room 214, 1416 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Arns, 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 Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Moment of Silence

President Arns declared a moment of silence and reflection.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Arns.

Questions and Comments

President Arns opened the meeting to questions and comments to members of the Board, by members of the public. There were none.

Consent Agenda

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

- a) Treasurer's Report March 2025*
- b) Minutes – March 26, 2025*
- c) Check Register and JH/SH Activity Fund Reports*
- d) Acknowledge receipt of the Freedom of Information Log: March 22 – April 18, 2025
(Information Only)*
- e) IESA Membership*

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Reports of the Superintendent

The Super's 8 Highlights

1. Students at the Academy have enjoyed using their new ping pong table as a recreation option for the last 15 minutes of their lunch break.
2. Kindergarten classes at Iles won the school-wide reading challenge, earning them an ice cream party and book for each student to take home.
3. I began my annual spring speaking tour at local service clubs this month. This year, I am joined by Mr. Steinke, QHS principal, as we highlight the various pathways students can take to graduate from QHS. Our goal is to provide options for their future endeavors.
4. Rooney students from Onraka have been holding a recycling drive for the month of April for their house purpose project.
5. Students from Baldwin visited QAVTC this month where the high schoolers set up stations to showcase the programs available there. The fifth graders learned about automotive technology, health occupation, welding, food service, and more.
6. Kinsey from the University of Illinois Extension Office visited Iles Elementary for Ag in the Classroom Day. Students made seed balls so that they can grow their own flowers at home.
7. A woodwind ensemble from Quincy University performed for the music classes at Lincoln-Douglas this month.
8. Fifth graders from each of the five elementary schools will be participating in the inaugural House Showdown Spectacular on April 29 at Flinn Stadium. This gives students the chance to meet fifth graders at other schools before they become classmates at Jr. High next year.

Building Committee

The Building Committee did not meet in April.

District Improvement Committee

Chairperson Arns reported that the District Improvement Committee recommended several curriculum updates for the 2025–2026 school year:

- Early Childhood and Family Center: Approval was recommended to pilot the *Frog Street Curriculum*, which offers a structured, comprehensive program aligned with Head Start and Early Learning Standards. ECFC has used the *Creative Curriculum* for the past fourteen years.
- QAVTC Horticulture: The committee recommended approval of a *Horticulture* course to address a gap in FFA and agriculture-related offerings.
- Emergency Medical Responders Course: Approval was recommended for an *Emergency Medical Responders* course designed to introduce students to emergency response skills and serve as a bridge to the full EMT program.
- QAVTC Digital Graphics Course: A revised *Digital Graphics* course was recommended for approval to align with John Wood Community College expectations. The course will

be split into two semester-long classes, *Graphics I* and *Graphics II*, both eligible for dual credit.

- Accelerated Spanish I/II: The committee also recommended approval of an *Accelerated Spanish I/II* course, which would allow freshmen to progress to AP-level Spanish by their senior year.

ECFC Frog Street Curriculum Pilot

It was recommended by the District Improvement Committee and moved by Member Arns to approve the ECFC Frog Street Curriculum Pilot Request for the 2025-2026 school year. (Doc. Reg. No. 3932). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

QAVTC Horticulture New Course

It was recommended by the District Improvement Committee and moved by Member Arns to approve the QAVTC Horticulture New Course Request (Doc. Reg. No. 3933). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

QAVTC Emergency Medical Responders New Course

It was recommended by the District Improvement Committee and moved by Member Arns to approve the QAVTC Emergency Medical Responders Course (Doc. Reg. No. 3934). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

QAVTC Digital Graphics Course Updated to Align with JWCC for Dual Credit

It was recommended by the District Improvement Committee and moved by Member Arns to approve the updated QAVTC Digital Graphics Course to align with JWCC for dual credit (Doc. Reg. No. 3935). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

QHS Accelerated Spanish I/II New Course

It was recommended by the District Improvement Committee and moved by Member Arns to approve the QHS Accelerated Spanish I/II Course (Doc. Reg. No. 3936). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee did not meet in April.

Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee did not meet in April.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not meet in April.

2024-2025 Amended Calendar/Set Last Day

It was moved by Member Dodd and seconded by Member Arns to approve the 2024-2025 Amended Calendar and to Set the Last Day for students as May 23, 2025, and the last day for teachers as May 28, 2025. (Doc. Reg. No. 3937). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 6:16 p.m., it was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Davis 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; g) student disciplinary cases; i) pending, probable, or imminent litigation; j) attorney/client privilege; and k) approval of certain closed session minutes for distribution to the public; or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following member was absent: Member Brock. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Arrival of Member Brock

Member Brock arrived at 6:19 p.m. for executive session which was duly noted by the board secretary.

Resumption of Rules

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Sethaler to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Brock Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Davis to approve the Resolution Authorizing Executive Session Minutes for Public Release from October 23, 2024 through March 26, 2025, and Authorizing Destruction of Records Closed Session more than Eighteen Months Prior to March 26, 2025 (Doc. Reg. 3938). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Brock Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Brock to adopt the recommendation made in executive session regarding pre-expulsion agreements for three students from QHS, and to modify the expulsion for a QJHS student to return to The Academy in the fall of 2025. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Brock Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Personnel Addendum

It was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Sethaler to approve the Personnel Addendum. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Brock Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members voted Nay: None and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

PERSONNEL CODES

\$\$ - New operating Fund Position (increase in FTE)
B - Paid for by Booster Clubs
C - Change in classification or position
O - Other
P - New Project Fund position
PR - Replacement for Project Fund position
R - Replacement for vacant Operating Fund Position
S - Summer School

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM

QUINCY BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 23, 2025

CERTIFIED

APPOINTMENT (EFFECTIVE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)

1	PR	KELLY OBERT - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	03/17/2025	TIMESHEET, \$30/HR, TITLE 1 ESSA GRANT FUNDS
2	PR	HANNAH MARKS - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	03/17/2025	TIMESHEET, \$30/HR, TITLE 1 ESSA GRANT FUNDS
3	PR	TAWNYA SPARROW - TITLE 1 EXTENDED DAY TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	03/17/2025	TIMESHEET, \$30/HR, TITLE 1 ESSA GRANT FUNDS
4	P	MARY CHRISTENSEN - PART TIME TITLE 1 TUTOR - ST. DOMINIC	04/15/2025	TIMESHEET, \$30/HR, TITLE 1 ESSA GRANT FUNDS
5	R	KATIE HOGGE – 1 ST GRADE TEACHER - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
6	R	BRANDI PATTON – 4 TH GRADE ACC. TEACHER - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
7	R	BELYNDA BERNZEN – 2 ND GRADE TEACHER - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
8	R	ANJAY HEINECKE – SPECIAL ED TEACHER - QHS	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
9	R	REBECCA KREGER – SPECIAL ED TEACHER - QHS	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
10	R	HALEY RUTHS – SPECIAL ED ED (3-5) - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
11	R	NICOLE BROWNING – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY

12	R	TONYA BOKER – SPECIAL ED CROSS CAT - QJHS	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
13	R	KRISTEN HOUSTON – 8 TH SOCIAL STUDIES - QJHS	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
14	R	KERI BERGMAN – 1 ST GRADE TEACHER - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
15	R	TABBATHA HILDEBRAND – 2 ND GRADE - BALDWIN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
16	R	TAMMY FRENCH – SPECIAL ED CROSS CAT (GRADES 3-5) - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
17	R	ERIN ARMBRUSTER – SPECIAL ED TEACHER - ACADEMY	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
18	R	JOANNA HOCHGRABER – INSTRUCTIONAL COACH - BALDWIN	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
19	R	FLORENCE “DEE” FLEMING – PRE-K TEACHER - ECFC	25-26 SCH YR	NO CHANGE IN SALARY
20	R	SHEA COYLE – 3 RD GRADE TEACHER - LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	25-26 SCH YR	SALARY TBD
21	R	ANDREW WAGGONER – EDGENUITY TEACHER - THE ACADEMY	25-26 SCH YR	
22	R	CATHERINE MILLER – 5 TH GRADE ACC. - BALDWIN	25-26 SCH YR	
23	R	EMY MONSALVE – 1 ST GRADE TEACHER - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	
24	R	MORGANNE SHARROW – POSITION/SALARY TBD	25-26 SCH YR	POSITION/SALARY TBD
25	R	TERESA MCDOWELL – ELA - QJHS	25-26 SCH YR	
26	R	AMBUR EGER - TR (CBE) – SPECIAL ED AUTISM - QJHS	25-26 SCH YR	
27	R	KAYLAH WARNEKA – HISTORY TEACHER - QHS	25-26 SCH YR	
28	R	NATALIE IBERG – 1 ST GRADE - DENMAN	25-26 SCH YR	
RESIGNATIONS				
29		KELLY OBERT – 3 RD GRADE TEACHER – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
30		COURTNEY ERFFT – 4TH GRADE ACCELERATED TEACHER – DENMAN	06/30/2025	
31		TERESA “TRACY” ROSE – SPECIAL ED TEACHER – QHS	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
32		KENDRA RAMSEY – 2 ND GRADE TEACHER – ILES	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
33		CHRISTIE WERT – 3 RD GRADE TEACHER – ILES	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
34		LOREIN KEELY – 4 TH GRADE TEACHER – ILES	03/28/2025	
35		WHITNEY EDWARDS – K-5 SPECIAL ED COORDINATOR – ILES	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	(RESIGNING STIPEND POSITION ONLY)
LEAVE OF ABSENCE				
36		ALI ASKEY – TEACHER – QAVTC		03/28/2025 – 05/14/2025
37		JENNIFER OITKER -TEACHER – DENMAN		03/18/2025 – 04/11/2025
38		KAILEY RECKERS – TEACHER – DENMAN		09/23/2025 – 12/16/2025
39		ERIN DE SOUZA – TEACHER – QJHS	UPDATE	03/15/2025 – 04/28/2025
40		SAYLOR DRAWE – TEACHER – BALDWIN	UPDATE	02/11/2025 – 04/08/2025
RETIREMENTS				
41		KERRY KRAUS - SCIENCE TEACHER – QHS	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
42		MILICENT DEMPSEY – SPECIAL ED COORDINATOR – QJHS	06/30/2025	
EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT				
CLASSIFIED				
APPOINTMENT (EFFECTIVE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)				
43	R	TERI STEINKOENIG – SECRETARY – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	03/28/2025	203 DAYS, STEP 5, \$17.97/HR
44	R	JOSHUA GIBLEON - GROUNDSKEEPER -DISTRICT	04/07/2025	260 DAYS, STEP 0, \$7,637.20 (61 DAYS)
45	O	HEATHER CANNADY - ASST. VOLUNTEER TRAP COACH – QHS	25-26 SCH YR	VOLUNTEER COACH
RESIGNATIONS				
46		LOGAN GAINES – MID-DAY CUSTODIAN – DENMAN	03/20/2025	
47		KAREN HOWELL – KITCHEN HELPER – QJHS	03/21/2025	
48		LAUREN TAYLOR – OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST – DISTRICT	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
49		MEGAN MAIN – ATTENDANCE AND ATHLETIC SECRETARY – QJHS	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
50		BRIAN OITKER – TECHNOLOGY	03/28/2025	
51		SARAH TIPTON – PARA – ECFC	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
52		TINA SEAGO – PT CASE MANAGER – DISTRICT	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	
53		ANA FOX – PARA - QJHS	03/28/2025	
54		KRISTIN HAMILTON – ASST. VOLLEYBALL COACH – QHS	04/08/2025	
55		PATRICK CARROLL – SSFL – THE ACADEMY	END OF 24-25 SCH YR	

56		JORDAN BOYER – PARA – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS	04/25/2025	
57		LISA BARNES – KITCHEN HELPER – ROONEY	04/25/2025	
TERMINATIONS				
58		SHAMMIE WAGNER – CAFETERIA COOK – ROONEY	04/16/2025	
LEAVE OF ABSENCE				
59		KAREN MASON – CAFETERIA COORD. – ILES		02/25/2025 – 03/25/2025
60		MARISA AHERN - PARA – QHS	UPDATE	01/04/2025 – 03/24/2025
61		LACEY KAMPHAUS -SECRETARY – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS		04/07/2025 – 04/17/2025
62		ROSE FINLEY – SCHOOL NURSE – LINCOLN-DOUGLAS		04/09/2025 – 05/22/2025
63		CYNTHIA GOEHL – PARA -STUDY HALL - QHS	UPDATE	10/17/2024 – 04/21/2025
64		CHEYENNE GRISSOM – PARA - QJHS	UPDATE	01/07/2025 – 04/01/2025
65		SHAMMIE WAGNER – CAFETERIA COOK – ROONEY	UPDATE	08/15/2024 – 04/16/2025
66		NANCY GALLAHER – TRANSPORTATION	UPDATE	02/14/2025 - 04/02/2025
67		KAREN MASON – CAFETERIA COORD. - ILES	UPDATE	02/25/2025 – 03/31/2025 WITH RESTRICTIONS
68		LOUANN GOEHL – FOOD SERVICE - DENMAN		04/01/2025 – 04/14/2025
69		STEVEN MCNEILLY – MAINTENANCE	UPDATE	03/12/2025 – 04/14/2025 WITH RESTRICTIONS
70		ERICA DIETERLE – PARA – ROONEY	UPDATE	02/27/2025 – 04/22/2025
71		STEPHANIE WHITE – STUDENT SUPPORT – QJHS		04/11/2025 – END OF 24-25 SCH YR
RETIREMENTS				
72		SUSAN MAGGART – TRANSPORTATION – DRIVER	08/01/2025	
DISCIPLINE				
73		BRIANA HELMS – PARA - ROONEY	04/02/2025 – 04/04/2025	SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY
74		BRIANA HELMS – PARA - ROONEY	04/14/2025 – 4/23/2025	SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY
75		BRIANA HELMS – PARA - ROONEY	4/23/2025	TERMINATION

Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of Canvass/Certificates of Election

The Board acknowledged the receipt of canvass and certificates of election from the Canvassing Board of Adams County, Illinois. (Doc. Reg. No. 3939).

Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m., it was moved by Member Arns that the regular meeting adjourn. The motion carried with all in favor and the regular meeting was duly adjourned.

/s/ Shelley Arns
President

/s/ Kim Wert
Secretary