

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172  
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON JUNE 16, 2014 AT 5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Convened**

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session June 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at Quincy Senior High School, located at 3322 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 distributed copies to Board members of his comparison of building proposals and alternatives.

**Consent Agenda**

*It was moved by Member McNay and seconded by Member Ali to approve the following items on the consent agenda:*

- a. Board Minutes – May 21 and May 29, 2014
- b. Hazardous Busing Resolution (Doc. Reg. No. 2718)
- c. Physician indemnification (Doc. Reg. No. 2719)
- d. 2014-2015 School Board Meeting Resolution – Calendar (Doc. Reg. No. 2720)
- e. Appointment of delegate to IASB Conference – Jeff Mays

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, McNay, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Mays. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

**Arrival of Member Mays**

Member Mays arrived at 5:37 p.m. which was duly recorded by the Board secretary.

**Curriculum Committee Report**

Chairperson Mays presented the Curriculum Committee report. The committee heard an overview of the past year's Junior Achievement Program on financial literacy. There were 3,016 students taught by 140 volunteers. Volunteers spent 445 hours in QPS classrooms. The Curriculum Committee reviewed a textbook adoption proposal for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades that will be voted upon at the July Board meeting. The committee recommended the approval of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing for 2014-15 to replace Stanford testing.

### **Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)**

*It was recommended by the Curriculum Committee and moved by Member Mays to approve the Measurers of Academic Progress proposal.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **Discipline Sub-Committee**

The Discipline Sub-Committee report was presented by Scott Stone. Discipline data for the past year and proposed handbook changes were reviewed. There was a discussion about community service options for students who have been suspended. More information on potential legal issues is needed.

### **Prevailing Wage Resolution**

Attorney Dennis Gorman explained the consequences for not approving a Prevailing Wage Resolution. The District is required by law to approve the prevailing wages and failure to do so could shut down district projects and cause the attorney general to take action against the District. Member Niekamp said that he has voted against the prevailing wage for 24 years and feels the district needs to take a stand. Member Stone indicated he could not support prevailing wage and has consistently voted against it. Member Mays also expressed disagreement with the prevailing wage.

*It was moved by Member McNay and seconded by Member Bailey to approve the Resolution Determining Prevailing Wage (Doc. Reg. No. 2721).* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, and McNay; and the following members voted Nay: Member Niekamp and Stone. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **Social Emotional Learning Grants**

*It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Stone to approve submission of the following Social Emotional Learning Grants: School Climate Transformation Grant, Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) Grant, Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court Grant, and Developing Knowledge About What Works to Make Schools Safe.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **Summer Athletic Travel**

*It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Stone to approve the athletic summer travel for 2014 as presented (Doc. Reg. No. 2722).* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **QHS Yearbook Trip**

*It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member McNay to approve the QHS student yearbook trip to St. Louis.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **Steering Committee Recommendation on Facilities.**

Steering Committee spokespersons George Crickard and Jim Whitfield presented an overview of the process to develop a facilities master plan for the District. In addition to the committee, input was received from area/level employee groups including physical education, cafeteria, music, library, technology, security, transportation,

nursing, maintenance, building principals and teachers. Architect Todd Moore presented details of the Steering Committee's recommendation to the Superintendent and cost estimates:

- Move to a grade configuration of K-5 elementary schools, 6-8 junior high school, and 9-12 senior high school.
- To accommodate the grade changes, renovate the senior high and building four new elementary schools to house five sections of each grade and up to 800 students per building.
- The goal is to deliver a building project with an estimated cost of between \$85,000,000 and \$89,000,000 that would be funded through bonds authorized by a voter approved referendum.

Mr. Moore explained that Phase II, if approved by the Board, will include more specific details of the building proposals, 3-D models, floor plans, fixtures, etc. Business Manager Joel Murphy explained that if the Board approves a referendum to be placed on the ballot, there would be no increase in the district's tax rate as some existing bonds will be paid off prior to selling the bonds for the new configuration. One K-5 school would be built at the Monroe Site but land would need to be acquired for the other three buildings. When the committee analyzed the seven current K-3 buildings, it was determined that in their current condition, the buildings do not provide an adequate solution to meet the educational needs of the district. Classrooms are small, there are no spaces for special needs education, the shared use spaces do not support the student learning or are non-existent, the sites are not sufficient size to support a safe and efficient transportation infrastructure, and the buildings are not Americans with Disabilities Act compliant. In addition, the buildings are energy inefficient and will continue to require significant funds to maintain or to upgrade these facilities. To maintain current buildings, Life Safety improvements are estimated to be \$66,000,000 over the next 20 years. Dr. Crickard said that new buildings are needed to match the quality education going on inside the buildings.

Architects responded to questions by Board members. The plans for new buildings will include storm shelter areas which are expected to be mandated for new buildings by State legislation. The new buildings will be equipped with the latest technology. Phase II will include more accurate cost estimates but exact costs will not be known until building sites are determined and bids are received. Seven to ten acres are needed for each K-5 building. Phase II will be completed in approximately six weeks. Determining boundaries was not part of the Steering Committees' charge. Boundaries will be drawn after sites are secured.

*It was moved by Member Ali and seconded by Member Mays to approve proceeding with Phase II of the facilities plan not to exceed \$123,750.* Phase II will include detailed plan and estimates based on the recommendation accepted by the Board. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **Girls Basketball Coach**

*It was moved by Member Ali and seconded by Member Mays to approve the appointment of Brad Bergman as QHS Girls Basketball Coach.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Member Ali, chair of the girls' basketball coach search committee, thanked the members of the committee. He said it was a good process and netted some excellent candidates. He said he is excited about plans Coach Bergman has for the team. A press conference was held prior to executive session to introduce Coach Bergman.

### **Executive Session**

*At 6:40 p.m., it was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member McNay 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, and i)pending, probable or imminent litigation.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay,

Niekamp and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **Resumption of Rules**

*At 7:55 p.m., it was moved by Member McNay and seconded by Member Stone to resume the conduct of the special meeting under rules.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

### **Adjourn**

*It was moved by Member McNay and seconded by Member Bailey that the special meeting adjourn.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned



Stephanie Erwin  
President



Phyllis Stewart  
Secretary