

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 – 8:00 a.m.**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session September 16, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office, Room 214, 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: Member Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone. The following members were absent: Members Ali and Bailey. 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 member of the public and employees of the district, in compliance with state statutes. There were no questions or comments.

Executive Session

At 8:04 a.m., it was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Stone that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss 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. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following members were absent: Members Ali and Bailey. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Members Ali and Bailey Present Telephonically

Members Ali and Bailey were present telephonically for executive session.

Resumption of Rules

At 8:40 a.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 Erwin, Mays, McNay, Niekamp, and Stone; the following members voted Nay: None; and the following members were absent: Members Ali and Bailey. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Members Ali and Bailey Present Telephonically

Members Ali and Bailey were present telephonically for the insurance vote and adjournment.

Approve Insurance Bid

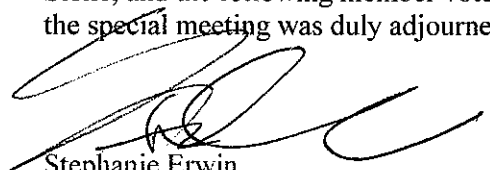
Business Manager Joel Murphy explained that bids for Blue Cross/Blue Shield were received by the District from three different brokers. BC/BS provides identical coverage as the current self-insurance plan for district staff. The bid is for one year at an estimated cost of \$7.7 million. This includes the \$50,000 fee for the broker, Cottingham and Butler. This is a cost reduction of approximately \$500,000. The self-insurance program last year cost \$8.2 million. However, Mr. Murphy clarified that the district will have no surplus remaining in the

self-insurance fund after the Blue Cross/Blue Shield contract goes into effect October 1. By the time the district pays off all remaining claims and outstanding fees “there will be no dollars left in the self-insurance fund,” he said.

It was moved by Member McNay and seconded by Member Mays to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance bid and Cottingham and Butler as broker (Doc. Reg. No.2683). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, McNay, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member abstained: Member Stone. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried. Member Stone abstained because his wife is an employee of the district and he is covered by the district’s health insurance plan.

Adjourn

It was moved by Member McNay and seconded by Member Stone 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