

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172  
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 AT 8:00 A.M.**

**Meeting Convened**

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session September 30, 2014 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, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member was absent: Member McNay. 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 commented on the audit and graduation honors.

**Approval of Secretary Pro Tem**

*It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Ali to approve the appointment of Pat Cook as Secretary Pro Tem* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member McNay. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

**Proposal on Graduation Honors**

*It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Stone to approve the following proposal on graduation honors:*

- *The valedictorian and salutatorian designations remain.*
- *Keep the current speech presenters: Valedictorian and Class President*
- *Add two endorsements: Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude, and limit the number of students eligible to receive these designations through high grade point bar.*

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

**Executive Session**

*It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Stone 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.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, Niekamp and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member McNay. Whereupon the president declared the motion

carried.

**Resumption of Rules**

*At 8:20 a.m., it was moved by Member Ali 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, Nickamp and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member McNay. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

**Employee Compensation for 2014-2015**

*It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Bailey to approve compensation for 2014-2015 for administrators and staff not covered by a bargaining agreement (Doc. Reg. No. 2741).* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member McNay. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

**Senate Bill 16 Comments**

Member Mays presented information to the Board on Senate Bill 16, referred to as the "School Funding Reform Act of 2014." He said he will be asking Board members to approve a resolution at next month's meeting to join a coalition pushing for passage of the bill. The legislation would alter the way state aid payments are calculated. Rather than give school districts a prorated percentage of the amount they are eligible to receive, SB16 calls for issuing money to districts on a per-pupil basis according to financial need. Many districts outside the Chicago area, including Quincy, would benefit financially from the change. Quincy would receive approximately \$4.75 million more in state aid under this proposed formula. Many of the more affluent parts of the state are opposing the legislation because their schools would receive less money. A resolution to join the coalition and support SB16 will be on the October Board agenda.

**Adjourn**

*At 8:45 a.m., it was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Mays that the special meeting adjourn.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Ali, Bailey, Erwin, Mays, and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member McNay. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned.



Stephanie Erwin  
President



Pat Cook  
Secretary Pro-Tem