

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON OCTOBER 8, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on October 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Room 214, 1416 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tem (in the absence of the Board Secretary)

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Dodd that in the absence of the Board Secretary, Member Arns will serve as Secretary Pro Tem. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Members Brock and Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Arns, who called the roll. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Davis, Dodd, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Members Brock and Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

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.

Arrival of Member Brock

Member Brock arrived at 6:05 p.m., which was duly noted by the secretary pro tem.

Hazard, Young, Attea Superintendent Search Process and Plan

The Board heard from Dr. Brian Harris and Dr. Karen Sullivan from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) to review the superintendent search process. The consultants outlined the four phases of the search: engagement with stakeholders, recruitment of candidates, board interviews, and support during the transition of the new superintendent. All board members confirmed access to HYA's digital portal, where materials and updates will be shared. The board discussed the advantages of different search formats and agreed to proceed with a confidential search process to attract the strongest applicant pool.

Executive Session

At 6:31 p.m., it was moved by Member Davis and seconded by Member Dodd 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; j) attorney/client privilege 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, Brock, Davis, Dodd, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following member was absent: Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared the motion

Resumption of Rules

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Davis to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Dodd, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following member was absent: Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

At 7:02 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