MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2026 – 4:00 P.M.

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on October 14, 2026, at 4:00 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, Brock, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: None. 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.

Jack Wilson (Parent of Denman students)
Mr. Wilson expressed concerns regarding the proposed 1% sales tax and questioned the 60% estimate to come from shoppers who live outside Adams County. He encouraged the District to explore opportunities for cost savings and operational efficiencies, citing examples such as energy-efficient lighting, consolidation of services, and electric school buses. He also requested additional information regarding data used in support of the sales tax proposal and encouraged continued consideration of the proposal's impact on local families and taxpayers.

Terri Vahle (Grandparent of QHS student)
Ms. Vahle expressed concerns regarding the District's handling of a student incident involving their grandchild, a special education student. She questioned the communication, safety measures, and administrative response following the incident, including the implementation of a safety plan. She also raised concerns regarding support and services for special education students and requested Board consideration of these matters.

Intergovernmental Agreement on Property Tax Refunds for New Residential Construction

It was moved by Member Davis and seconded by Member Arns to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement on Property Tax Refunds for New Residential Construction (Doc. Reg. No. 4059). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

At 4:14 p.m., it was moved by Member Arns 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; g) student disciplinary cases; i)pending, probable, or imminent litigation; and 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 were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Resumption of Rules

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Dodd to resume the conduct of the special 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, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Davis and seconded by Member Sethaler to adopt the recommendation made in executive session regarding pre-expulsion agreements for four students from QJHS, and expulsion for one student from QHS. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Dodd, Petty, Sethaler, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

At 6:09 p.m., it was moved by Member Arns that the special meeting adjourn. The motion carried with all in favor and the special meeting was duly adjourned.

/s/ Shelley Arns
President

/s/ Kim Wert
Secretary