

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2012**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on December 19, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Round Room in the Baldwin Intermediate School Building located at 3000 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Daniels, 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 Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following members were absent: None. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present. Member Mays was present telephonically.

Moment of Silence

The President declared a moment of silence and reflection. He asked that the Board and audience especially remember the victims of the school shooting in Connecticut during this time.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Focus on Students

QHS Music Students surprised the Board and audience with a *flash mob*. Students were sitting among the audience and randomly stood up and joined in singing Christmas carols. Other students filed in and joined from the hallway.

Questions and Comments

President Daniels 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.

Jeff Kerkhoff commented that he thinks it is a wise decision to not go for a tax increase for special education at this time. He distributed some information on the Common Core Standards and asked Board members to keep some of the criticisms of the standards in mind.

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Krause and seconded by Member Erwin to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Treasurer's Report
- b. Board Minutes – November 20, 29, 30 and December 1, 2012

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Building Committee

The Building Committee report was presented by Chairperson Daniels. The committee was updated on the partnership with Knapheide to upgrade district technology. The Building Committee recommended

approval of the proposal for the house at 2424 High Street to be renovated by the QAVTC Building Trade classes, then sold and the proceeds used for another project.

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee report was presented by Member Krause. The committee reviewed the Ellington and District School Improvement Plans and was informed about the new requirement for Illinois school districts to administer a climate survey. The "Illinois 5 Essentials" Climate Survey developed by the University of Chicago Consortium on School Research will be the tool used. Assistant Superintendent Trish Viniard presented some information on the State School Report Card. She said there has been a significant increase in the number of free/reduced lunch families which speaks to the needs of the students. District assessment scores were trending upward previously but for the past four years, scores are going down, a direct result of drastic budget reductions. The higher percentage of low income students and higher mobility rates require more resources at a time when the budget is shrinking. She praised district teachers who continue to do more with less.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report was presented by Chairperson Erwin. The committee reviewed the monthly check register, monthly expenditure comparisons, self-insurance fund reconciliation and the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes to Fund Balances for the funds of Education, Operation and Maintenance, Transportation, TORT, Self-Insurance, Special Education, QAVTC, and WCR. An update on the status of State Aid payments was presented. The Finance Committee recommended the Board approve engaging a law firm to prepare filings to recapture General State Aid and an intergovernmental agreement with the Comptroller's Office to recover debt owed to the district.

Exit of Member Mays

Member Mays disconnected from the meeting at 7:32 p.m. which was duly recorded by the Board Secretary.

Check Register/Jr & Sr High Activity Fund

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Erwin to approve the Check Register dated December 14, 2012 and the Junior/Senior High activity funds. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, 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.

Recalculation of State Aid

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Erwin to approve the Resolution to Engage the Law Firm of Franczek Radelet to conduct an investigation and prepare filings to recapture General State Aid (Doc. Reg. No. 2641). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, 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.

Reports from Representatives of the Board

- a. **Area Vocational Technical Center.** Director Mark Pfleiger reported that two students were named Rotary Club Students of the Month for November. Annie Arnett, QHS Business Marketing and Management Program and Kayla Bunch, QHS Graphic Design Program. Health Occupations Students completed a service project collecting food and clothing for the needy. An Open House

was recently held for The Robotics Club. Parents and business partners toured the robotics lab and learned more about the program. Mr. Pfeleger distributed some information on the proposal for construction students to renovate 2424 High Street.

- b. **LUDA/Illinois Association of School Boards/Illinois Association of School Administrators - Legislation.** Superintendent Lee presented a video entitled *Shift Happens*, which gives a global view of the world we live in and ever-changing technology. He spoke about the sense of urgency to have Quincy students on a level playing field with other students nationally and worldwide. The partnership with Knapheide to upgrade technology will be a start.

Security Report – Risk Management

Security Chief Billy Meyer presented a report to the Board on safety issues in the district. A written report was distributed explaining the history of the security department and highlighting current safety procedures and activities. Suggestions for future improvements were included. Superintendent Lee said he is not aware of any districts that do more to protect students than Quincy. Security guards and metal detectors are located in each building. The Tort Immunity Act authorizes school districts to levy a tax to pay the cost of risk management. The District's Risk Management Plan, which will be approved by the Board under New Business, identifies and establishes an effective risk management process and implementation.

Approve Policy Revisions

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Erwin to remove from the table and adopt the following policies:

2:20	2:30	2:110	2:125	2:200
2:220	4:45	4:70	4:100	5:30
5:125	6:60	6:65	6:110	6:210

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: Member Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Mays. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Approve Resolution Regarding Risk Management Program

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Erwin to approve the Resolution Regarding the Risk Management Program (Doc. Reg. No. 2642). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: Member Stone; and the following member was absent: Member Mays. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried. Member Stone explained that he does not support the Risk Management Plan because it includes subsidizing salaries. He said the purpose of the Tort fund is for insurance and protection from lawsuits, not for salaries.

Resolution to Establish 2012 Levy

Business Manager Joel Murphy presented the tax levy for 2012. He said there are no changes from the tentative levy presented at last month's meeting. The overall projected tax rate is 4.00616, down slightly from 4.03709 in 2011.

It was moved by Member Erwin and seconded by Member Krause to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Directing Tax Levy (Doc. Reg. No. 2639). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, 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.

Intergovernmental Agreement – Illinois Comptroller's Office

It was moved by Member Erwin and seconded by Member Stone to approve the Resolution Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement by and between Illinois Office of the Comptroller and the District regarding Access to the Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program (Doc. Reg. No. 2643). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, 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.

Resolution Regarding Renovating and Remodeling 2424 High Street

It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Dickerson to approve the Resolution Regarding Renovating and Remodeling 2424 High Street (Doc. Reg. No. 2644). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, 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.

Executive Session

At 8:36 p.m., it was moved by Member Dickerson 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, 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, g)student disciplinary cases, and i)pending, probable or imminent litigation. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, 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 9:25 p.m. during executive session which was duly recorded by the Board Secretary.

Resumption of Rules

At 10:25 p.m., it was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Stone to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Erwin to confirm the recommendation made in executive session to expel four QJHS students. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: Member Krause. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Personnel Addendum

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Krause to approve the Revised Personnel Addendum as presented. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.



***REVISED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM**

Quincy Board of Education

December 19, 2012

PERSONNEL CODES

\$\$ - New operating Fund Position (increase in FTE)
 B - Paid for by Booster Clubs
 C - Change in classification
 O - Other
 P - New Project Fund position
 PR - Replacement for Project Fund position
 R - Replacement for vacant Operating Fund Position
 S - Summer School

CERTIFIED

RESIGNATION

1		AMANDA SCHEUERMANN – QJHS. EFFECTIVE 12-21-12
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2		DANETTE MOLIDOR – SPEECH/LANG WASHINGTON. EFFECTIVE 10-24-12
3	*	KELSEA HOSKINS – BALDWIN SOUTH. EFFECTIVE BEGINNING 1-7-13
4	*	JENNIFER SECKMAN – SPEECH/LANG BERRIAN. EFF. FEBRUARY 14 THROUGH APPROX. MARCH 28, 2013

RETIREMENT

5	*	KAREN YOUNG – HOSPITAL TUTOR – EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR (NO CONTRACT)
6	*	MARTI DUNKER – QAVTC – EFFECTIVE 6-15-16
7	*	MIKE MCKINLEY – QHS - EFFECTIVE 6-15-17

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

APPOINTMENTS/CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

8	R	ANTHONY OLIVER – ADAMS SECURITY. 8 HRS/DAY 92 DAYS STEP 15 - \$15.30/HR \$11,260.80 EFF. 01-07-13
9	R	RICHARD STEWART – QHS ISS SUPVSR. 8 HRS/DAY-102 DAYS. SCH SUPP LEV C STEP 10 \$10,844.64. EFF 12-10-12
10	\$\$	CATHERINE RAINS – ADAMS PARA. LEV C 0 YRS \$10.70/HR 113 DAYS \$8,463.70. EFFECTIVE 11-21-12
11	\$\$	GREG WELLMAN – ACRSS ALTERNATIVE ED SUPPORT. PREV. QHS. NO CHG IN SALARY. EFF. 11-26-12
12	R	ALASON VECCHIE – ECFC PARA. LEV C 0 YRS \$10.70/HR 105 DAY \$7,864.50. EFFECTIVE 12-05-12.
13	P	AMY PETERS – CHADDOCK PARA. LEV C 1 YR - \$10.98/HR 15 HRS/WK TIMESHEET. EFFECTIVE 1-7-13
14	R	JEANNA MOWEN – AM-PM IFT ROUTE 20 HRS/WK. PREVIOUSLY 10 HRS/WK. EFFECTIVE 11-26-12
15	R	BROOKE FAILOR – PM IFT ROUTE 10 HRS/WK ADDED TO MD RIDER TOTAL 18 HRS/WK. EFFECTIVE 12-6-12
16	R	RUTH ANGELES – AM-MD-PM SEIU ROUTE. 20 HRS/WK. EFFECTIVE 11-28-12

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

17		JUDY MYERS – DEWEY PARA. EFFECTIVE 12-03-12 THROUGH 2-1-13
18		BARB CONNERS – WASHINGTON FOOD SERVICE. EFFECTIVE 11-10-12 THROUGH APPROX. 12-14-12

RESIGNATIONS

19		TONY NUTT – MAINTENANCE ELECTRICIAN. EFFECTIVE 12-11-12
20		SARAH MUELLER – BALDWIN W. PARA. EFFECTIVE 1-6-13
21	*	NATHAN HENRIKSEN – AM-PM (IFT) 4-HR ROUTE. EFF. 12-6-12. RESIGNED FROM FOOD SERVICE 12-14-12
22	*	LYNN SCHLEPPHORST – SP ED PARA. EFFECTIVE 12-19-12

RETIREMENT		
23		JENNIFER RAKERS – PARA ELLINGTON. EFFECTIVE 6-15-14
24		SHARON OTTO – BERRIAN PARA. EFFECTIVE 5-29-13 NO AGREEMENT
25	*	JANA PRIEPOT – ELLINGTON PARA. EFFECTIVE 6-15-14
26	*	JACKIE SCHLIPMANN – BOE ADM ASST/CURR INST. EFFECTIVE 3-31-14

Freedom of Information Request

Attorney Gorman announced on behalf of the Freedom of Information Officer that several FOIA requests have been received and are in process.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Krause and seconded by Member Stone that the regular meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



Bill Daniels
President



Phyllis Stewart
Secretary