

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MARCH 12, 2012 – 4:30 P.M.**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on March 12, 2012 at 4:30 p.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 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, Erwin, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following members were absent: Members Dickerson and Krause. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present. Member Mays was present telephonically.

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 informed the Board and audience that the Working Cash forums are being rebroadcast by Comcast. He presented some information on the cost to the district if the Working Cash Bonds are approved.

Arrival of Members Dickerson and Krause

Member Dickerson arrived at 4:31 p.m. and Member Krause at 4:43 p.m. which was duly recorded by the Board Secretary.

Open Public Hearing

President Daniels declared the public hearing on the Board of Education's possible decision to reduce the number of certificated employees and honorable dismissals at 4:44 p.m.

Jessica Cate-Martin, parent and Policy Council member at ECFC, spoke in support of the Early Childhood programs. She said national data shows it impacts kindergarten readiness and it provides many services to struggling families.

Allison Lawler, a junior at Quincy High School, spoke in support of the music program and how music has impacted her life.

Valerie Bordenkircher, QFT President, asked the Board to let smaller class sizes and opportunities for all students be at the forefront of the budget reduction discussions.

Jeff Kerkhoff emphasized that the Working Cash Bond issue and the budget reductions are two separate issues. He said the cost to issue the Working Cash Bonds is equivalent to seven teaching positions.

Business Manager Bud Martin said that would be comparing apples to oranges. You cannot pay teachers out of the fund that will pay for the Working Cash Bonds. He explained that the bonds will eliminate the need to borrow money each year which costs the district over \$30,000 in interest and is a permanent solution to the cash flow problem. It will move the debt out of the Education Fund and into the Debt Service Fund freeing up more money for students.

Tim Koontz, parent and member of Quincy Public Schools Foundation, said he is concerned that more administrative positions will be consolidated. He asked the Board to evaluate any further reductions of administrators and the impact that would have on the ability of those buildings to perform well with regard to what the challenges are for that building. Regarding Working Cash, he said the bond raters have suggested that there is no other solution to improve the district's bond rating.

Close Public Hearing

Hearing no further comments, President Daniels closed the public hearing at 4:55 p.m.

Executive Session

At 4:57 p.m., it was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Dickerson that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss pending/threatened litigation, collective bargaining emergency security procedures, and employment of personnel. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member vote Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Stone. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Exit of Member Niekamp

Member Niekamp exited the meeting during executive session at 6:31 p.m. which was duly recorded by the Board Secretary.

Exit of Member Mays

Member Mays disconnected telephonically at 8:05 p.m. at the end of executive session.

Resumption of Rules

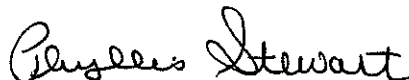
It was moved by Member Krause and seconded by Member Erwin to resume the conduct of the special meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause and Stone; and the following member vote Nay: None; and the following members were absent: Members Mays and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Krause and seconded by Member Dickerson at 8:10 p.m. that the special meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Krause, and Stone; and the following members were absent: Members Mays and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned.



Bill Daniels
President



Phyllis Stewart
Secretary