

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON MARCH 26, 2011

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on March 26, 2011 at 3:30 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 Niekamp, 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 Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Lovelace, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member was absent: None. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present. Member Daniels was present telephonically.

Questions and
Comments

President Niekamp 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. Richard Jones addressed the Board regarding future bids. He suggested that instead of soliciting one bid from general contractors, to break out the bids to the sub contractors directly. This would save money as the general contractors may mark up bids from the subcontractors.

Mr. Jeff Kerkhoff addressed his continuing concerns regarding separate checking accounts for the Special Education Association and QAVTC. He said the Board should have delayed the superintendent's contract extension until the new board was seated.

QHS HVAC
Replacement

It was recommended by the Building Committee and moved by Member Lovelace to approve the bid from Peters Heating in the amount of \$4,475,419 for the heating and air-conditioning phase 2 Life Safety Project at Quincy Senior High School (Doc. Reg. No. 2520). On the call of the roll, the following members vote Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Lovelace, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Bus Lease

Attorney Gorman indicated that the bus lease agreement is not ready. As soon as the documents have been completed, another special meeting will be called.

City of Quincy
Crossing Guards

Board members discussed the request from the City of Quincy for the school district to reimburse one half of the cost of crossing guards retroactive to the beginning of the school year. There were questions as to whether the parochial schools would also share in the cost. Some other options were presented such as using volunteers or additional duty for staff or security personnel. Member Dickerson suggested more discussion is needed with city officials. The district has not budgeted for this expense this year. This matter was tabled for a future meeting.

Comments by
Member Lovelace

Member Lovelace responded to comments made by Mr. Kerkhoff at the beginning of the meeting about extending the superintendent's contract. He said that the board cannot stop doing business or postponing action because there will be an election and new board in a few weeks. The superintendent's contract is extended each year. This was not done last June and the extension was just catching up. The new Board will have an opportunity to extend Mr. Lemon's contract or not next June. Superintendent Lemon said he approached Attorney Gorman about extending the contract now since it had not been done in June.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Lovelace and seconded by Member Krause that the special meeting adjourn. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Lovelace and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned.

MELVIN J. "BUD" NIEKAMP
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President

Phyllis Stewart
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Secretary