

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172  
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 – 8:00 A.M.**

**Meeting Convened**

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on September 28, 2011 at 8:00 a.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, Dickerson, Erwin, Mays, Niekamp, and Stone; and the following member was absent: Member Krause. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present.

**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 asked if there were any preliminary findings from the audit regarding co-mingling of funds.

**Open Budget Hearing**

President Daniels opened the hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2011-12 fiscal year at 8:04 a.m. There were no comments at this time. President Daniels stated that the hearing would be open for comments until closed later in the meeting.

**Presentation of Amendments**

Business Manager Bud Martin presented the amendments to the Tentative Budget. The District's operating funds, which includes Education, Building, Working Cash and Transportation, totals \$58.7 million. Debt Service, pensions and Tort comprise the remainder of the \$70.2 million budget. Business Manager Bud Martin explained that the Budget is merely a spending plan. None of the figures are final or set in stone. School districts can amend their budgets as needed. The budget is considered balanced by the State of Illinois in that the four main operating funds are projected to have positive balances. However, the District's carry-over debt is \$2.2 million. The carry-over debt had been predicted to be \$4.5 million. When audit findings are submitted to the State later this year, the District will be required to submit a three-year debt-reduction plan delineating how the debt will be resolved.

**Close Public Hearing**

President Daniels asked if there were any more comments regarding the 2011-12 Tentative Budget. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 8:35 a.m.

**Motion by Member Stone**

*It was moved by Member Stone and seconded by Member Mays to reduce the Education Fund salaries line item to 2010-2011 pre-audit amounts, from \$32.5 to \$31.9 million and the benefits line item from \$6.56 to \$6.49 million. Member Stone stated that the District should deal with the \$2.2 million deficit in a*

more responsible manner. The Board discussed the motion and legal issues regarding the September 30<sup>th</sup> deadline to approve the budget. The Board agreed to adjourn the meeting and reconvene when Member Krause can be present to discuss the motion made by Member Stone. The motion remained on the table.

**Adjourn and Reconvene**

*It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Dickerson that the special meeting adjourn and reconvene at 4:55 p.m. today.* On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Erwin, Mays, and Stone; and the following members voted Nay: Member Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Krause. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned to reconvene at 4:55 p.m. on September 28, 2011.

*Bill Daniels*

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President

*Phyllis Stewart*

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Secretary