

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JULY 16, 2008

- Meeting Convened The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on July 16, 2008, 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 Dickerson, 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, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following member was absent: None. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present.
- Pledge of Allegiance Superintendent Lonny Lemon led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Open Public Hearing President Dickerson announced that the public hearing pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act was open. There will be \$648,000 in new Life Safety bonds issued to complete projects at Ellington and Early Childhood/Family Center. Business Manager Rich Royalty updated the board on all Life Safety and QZAB projects. There were no public comments at this time. The hearing remained open for comments and written comments could be submitted to the Board Secretary during the meeting.
- Questions and Comments President Dickerson 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. There were none.
- Consent Agenda It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
- a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Board Minutes - June 18, 2008
 - c. EAP Agreement with Blessing Hospital (Doc. Reg. No. 2331)
 - d. Resolution on Presentation of Tentative QAVTC Joint Agreement Budget (Doc. Reg. No. 2332)
 - e. Resolution on Presentation of Tentative Special Education Joint Agreement Budget (Doc. Reg. No. 2333)

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Reports of
Superintendent

Superintendent Lonny Lemon reported on the LUDA meeting he attended in June. He said he received information from other districts on the Illinois County School facility Occupation Tax. This law authorizes the county board to impose a Retailer's Occupation Tax on certain tangible property to be used exclusively for school facility purposes. Several Board members have attended informational meetings on the tax. All other Adams County school districts have voted to participate but as the largest district, Quincy must approve it to require placement on the ballot. At its meeting last week, the Adams County Board tabled the issue until the Quincy School District makes a decision.

Curriculum
Committee

The Curriculum Committee did not meet in July. Chairperson Nichols reported that the committee is waiting for Adequate Yearly Progress(AYP) results. The district has been notified by ISBE that there will be some delay as there are problems with the data.

Building
Committee

The Building Committee did not meet in July.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee report was presented by Chairperson Daniels. The committee reviewed the check register, junior/senior high activity funds, bids for food and non-food items, and Interfund Loan information. Business Manager Rich Royalty presented information on the County School Facility Tax and gave an update on year-to-date finances.

Check Register

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve two checks issued to Adams County, check numbers 7194 and 7367. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, and Nichols; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following member abstained: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried. Member Niekamp abstained because he is a member of the Adams County Board.

Balance of Check
Register

It was recommended by the Finance Committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve the balance of the check register dated July 1, 2008 and the Junior/Senior High Activity Funds. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Food and Non
Food Bids

It was recommended by the committee and moved by Member Daniels to approve the following bids for food and non-food (Doc. Reg. 2334).

Milk	Prairie Farms Dairy	\$267,928.75
Bread	Interstate Brands	\$97,776.41
Food/Non-Food Items	Kohl's	\$576,079.49

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Member Nichols suggested the district check state guidelines as to whether other dairy foods could be substituted for the milk requirement due to the high price of milk.

Illinois County
School Facilities
Tax

Business Manager Rich Royalty presented background information on the Illinois County School Facilities Tax. The question can be placed on the ballot by a majority vote of the County Board or School Boards representing at least 51% of the student enrollment in the county. The current Illinois sales tax base rate is 7.75% which includes 1.5% purchase tax for the City of Quincy. Hannibal’s sales tax is 8.6% and Keokuk’s is 7%. A 1% rate would generate \$4,280,000 per year and would be an approximate equivalent amount of \$.60 on our levy. Estimated levy rate for the three existing life/safety bonds will be approximately \$.30 each year for the next nine years - through fiscal year 2017. Estimated levy rate for remaining projects on the 2006 ten-year survey would be approximately \$.30-35 (\$20 million, 4% over 10 years.) If the County Facilities Tax is approved, the district’s property tax rate could be reduced. The County School Facilities Tax will be further discussed and considered at a special board meeting.

Prevailing Wage
Ad Hoc Committee

Attorney Gorman reported that papers have been filed to challenge the Illinois Department of Labor’s wage rates in Adams County.

K-5 Neighborhood
Schools
Information

Member Nichols presented a PowerPoint report on *The Elementary School System in Quincy, Illinois Neighborhood Regional Schools - Operation GEM-STAR* (Doc. Reg. No. 2335). She emphasized that the report is informational only. Ideas were presented to address higher energy costs with regard to gas and electricity, the increased cost of borrowing money, and continuing to maintain, manage and improve the district. The oldest K-3 building is Madison built in 1890. The newest is Monroe built in 1959. Senior High and Lincoln School were built in 1969. Lincoln was sold in 1982 to JWCC. Member Nichols’ plan proposes building 4 new “green” energy-saving buildings, renovating Baldwin as a K-5 center, and dividing up attendance centers in five quadrants with Baldwin at the center. Funds for the new buildings could come from the Adams County Option Tax and state/federal programs aimed at replacing buildings over 50 years old. The K-3 buildings would be equitable, use the same resources, have the same size facility and school yard, and be energy efficient. The location of the buildings would follow the population to avoid over-crowding in some buildings and under-use in others. The K-5 concept, supported by many in the community, would reduce the number of transitions for students and each school would have special education classes. The new “green” buildings would provide better air quality, disease prevention, asthma control, etc. thereby reducing absenteeism in students and staff.

President Dickerson thanked Member Nichols for her hard work in preparing this report. The Board will consider whether further study is needed at a future meeting and whether a committee will be formed.

Close Public
Hearing

President Dickerson asked if there were any questions, comments or written comments received regarding the bonds. Hearing none, the public hearing on the Bond Issue Notification Act was closed.

Corrective
Resolution on
Working Cash
Fund

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to approve the Corrective Resolution on Working Cash fund (Doc. Reg. No. 2336). This is to correct a loan for \$2,000,000 made from the Working Cash Fund to the Educational Fund which was inadvertently treated as an abatement on the records. The loan will be repaid and immediately thereafter effect an abatement. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Interfund Loan

It was moved by Member Bemis and seconded by Member Mays to approve the Interfund Loan of \$400,000 from Transportation Fund to the Education Fund (Doc. Reg. No. 2329). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, and Nichols; and the following member voted Nay: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Announcement

President Dickerson announced that the custodial contract would be voted upon following executive session. He recognized Custodian Union President Jim McNeil and Vice-President Gary Crail and thanked them for their hard work.

Executive Session

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Bemis that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss student discipline, litigation, collective bargaining, and employment of personnel. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Resumption of
Rules

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Bemis to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Lovelace and seconded by Member Daniels to adopt the recommendation made in executive session regarding the expulsion of one junior high student. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Personnel
Addendum

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to
approve the Revised Personnel Addendum.

*** REVISED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM**

July 16, 2008

Quincy Board of Education

PERSONNEL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

CERTIFIED

APPOINTMENTS (effective for 2008-2009 school year)

1)\$\$	STEPHANIE BURRY - 7 th grade Irving Alternative	BS 18 yrs \$43,177
2)R	ANDREA NEWTON - QHS Math	BS 0 yrs\$31,748
3)\$\$	DARON WILDRICK - QHS Drivers Ed	BS 0 yrs\$31,748
4)\$\$	JOSH McCURREN - PE .2 Irving Alternative	BS 5 yrs -.33\$11,524.59
5)R	CHARLOTTE CEARLOCK - Sp Ed Autism Baldwin W	BS 3 yrs\$33,653
6)R	MICHELLE EAGER - 2 nd grade Adams School	MS 14 yrs\$42,860
7)R *	ANN DOWNEY - District Reading Recovery .5 time	BS 0 yrs @.5\$15,874
8)R *	SERA JARVIS - Washington Kindergarten	BS 0 yrs\$31,748
9)R *	NICHOLE McVEIGH - Ellington 3 rd grade	BS 3 yrs\$33,653

REAPPOINTMENTS (effective for 2008-2009 school year) - formerly released

10)\$\$	LISA BEARDEN - PE .8 Irving Alt/.2 TPS ECFC	BS 11 yrs\$38,733
11)R *	ALISA SANDERS - Dewey Reading Recovery .5 time	MS 0 yrs @.5\$16,985
12)\$\$ *	CARLA LOTZ - Irving Alternative English	BS 0 yrs \$31,748

CHANGE OR ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENT (2008-2009 school yr)

- 13)O CYNDI OTT - ECC nurse changed last month from 3 days/week to full time - is now certified. Salary increased from \$26,492.97 to BS degree - 6.21 years exp = \$35,558/yr.
- 14)R * SHANNON SLEE - Spanish Club sponsor
- 15)\$\$ * PAT DAMM - formerly .5 Reading Support and .5 Reading Recovery at Dewey to full time Reading Support.(.5 Reading Support is a new position).

RESIGNATIONS

- 16) MIKE LLEWELLYN - QJHS assistant volleyball coaches. Effective July 16, 2008.
- 17) KRISTEN McKENNA - QJHS assistant volleyball coaches. Effective July 16, 2008.
- 18) MIKE McKINLEY - QHS Spanish Club sponsor. Effective July 7, 2008.
- 19) DAN SHERMAN - part-time QHS choirs director. Effective June 2, 2008.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- 20) MARCI LIKES KELLER - 3rd grade teacher at Ellington. Effective for the 2008-09 school year.

RETIREMENT

- 21) BARB OSTROWSKI - teacher at ECFC. Effective June 30, 2010.
- 22) GARY HANDRICK - health teacher at QJHS. Effective June 15, 2011.

CLASSIFIED

APPOINTMENTS (effective for the 2008-2009 school year)

- 23)R KATHY ANASTAS** - paraeducator Adams School. Level 1C 0 yrs \$13,002.04/yr
24)R CURTIS PETERS - paraeducator QHS. Level 1C 0 yrs \$13,002.04/yr.
25)\$\$ STEPHANIE WEIMER - Kindergarten access para Monroe School. Level 1C 7 yrs \$15,302.04/yr.
26)R *QUINCY SMITH - ISS supervisor QHS. Level C 8 yrs \$17,781.44/yr.

CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT (effective for the 2008-2009 school year)

- 27)O JOSH McCURREN** - ISS supervisor Irving Alternative 6 hrs/day. Salary: \$12.04/hr - 6 hrs/day - 181 days = \$13,075.44 Josh is also PE teacher (TRS) two hours per day.
28)R STEPHANIE DICKENS - School Support QHS Learning Center. Salary: 1 yr exper - \$10.69/hr - 7 hrs/day - 181 days = \$13,544.23.

RESIGNATIONS

- 29) JOHN ADAM** - bus driver. Effective at the end of the day May 27, 2008.
30) VANESSA COONS - paraeducator Washington School. Effective July 7, 2008.
31) BRYAN LAMBORN - general maintenance and delivery. Effective July 24, 2008.
32)* JUNE STAGNER - cafeteria manager at Baldwin. Effective July 15, 2008.

On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Agreement with
Custodial Staff

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Bemis to approve the Agreement between Quincy School District 172 Board of Education and Quincy Custodial Staff Local 4350 (Doc. Reg. No. 2337). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Agreement with
Brokers' Risk

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to approve the Agreement with Illinois Association of School Boards sponsored Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (Doc. Reg. No. 2338). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Freedom of
Information
Requests

Attorney Gorman announced on behalf of the superintendent that multiple Freedom of Information requests have been received and are being fulfilled.

Adjournment

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

Thomas Dickerson
President

Phyllis Stewart
Secretary

