

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JULY 31, 2008

- Meeting Convened The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on July 31, 2008, at 7:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Board of Education Building, 1444 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. Mr. Bemis was present telephonically.
- 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.
- Sales Tax Option Board Members discussed the issue of requesting the County Board to submit to the electors the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes. The Board Secretary read into the record the title of the resolution. President Dickerson asked each Board Member to comment on the tax. He said it is a unique opportunity to fund building projects as opposed to property tax and will give voters a chance to say how they prefer to pay for those projects. Member Mays expressed concern that, although the present Board is unified on how the tax will be used, this does not bind future Boards as to how to use the money. He feels it is a tax that will not go away. He said there are tremendous building needs but he is not sure sales tax should be used to address those needs. Member Nichols stated she is in favor of letting the voters decide. She also said it would not be fair to the county schools who have already voted to put it on the ballot for Quincy not to join in. Member Niekamp said that the Board is not doing a good job of being stewards of the taxpayers' money. He said the Board always goes for back door referendums. He indicated he will abstain from today's vote because he is also a county board member. Member Bemis said he is not sure what would happen down the road but he would favor some tax relief. President Dickerson stated that if a 1% tax was approved by the voters, the Adams County Board could reduce the tax or not enact it. Member Daniels explained that every ten years, the State requires a Life Safety Survey. The District is required to complete the repairs outlined in the survey. The District issues bonds to pay off the costs over time with interest. This tax could be an alternative funding source for projects the District is required to complete. He said either way, the community pays and should be able to decide in what manner to pay. Member Lovelace stated he is in favor of the voters deciding and cited the checks and balances provided through the

involvement of the county board.

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to approve the Resolution requesting the County Board of The County of Adams, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2008 (Doc. Reg. No. 2339). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, and Nichols; and the following members voted Nay: Members Bemis and Mays; and the following member voted Present: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried. Attorney Gorman reminded Board Members absent future advice to the contrary, they are bound by the ethics law regarding the county tax issue and can not be an advocate for or against the issue. Board Members can provide information.

Approve Bid from
Janssen Electric

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to approve the bid from Janssen Electric for replacement of the electrical service panel upgrade at Early Childhood and Family Center at a cost of \$49,452.00 (Doc. Reg. No. 2340). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Executive Session

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session for the purposes of collective bargaining, pending litigation, 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 member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Resumption of
Rules

It was moved by Member Lovelace and seconded by Member Nichols to resume the conduct of the special meeting under rules. 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.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols that the special 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 special meeting adjourned.

Thomas Dickerson
President

Phyllis Stewart
Secretary

