

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172  
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2009**

- Meeting Convened                    The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on January 21, 2009, 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                Board President Tom Dickerson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Open Public Hearings                President Dickerson opened two public hearings: a) hearing to consider whether there is a substantial, immediate, or otherwise unavoidable threat to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils of School District Number 172 due to the disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds at district buildings and whether repairs must be made thereto; and b) hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds.
- Business Manager Rich Royalty presented information on the needed repairs which are part of the ten-year Life Safety Survey.
- There were no public comments on either hearing. The hearings remained open for questions until closed later in 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 no questions or comments.
- Consent Agenda                        It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Mays to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:
- a.     Treasurer's Report
  - b.     Board Minutes - December 17, 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.

Reports of  
Superintendent

**1. Martin Luther King Celebration.** Superintendent Lemon reported on the Martin Luther King Celebration on January 19. He said he was proud to be a part of it.

**2. Task Force.** Superintendent Lemon announced that the next meeting of the task force on the academic achievement of low social-economic students will be Monday, January 26 - 6:00 p.m. at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street facility.

**3. Update on bullets in the QHS gym.** Superintendent Lemon thanked Athletic Director Bill Sanders and Security Director Billy Meyer for their actions when bullets were found in the gym during a wrestling meet. The bullets likely had been left in a bag after hunting and had fallen out.

**4. Truancy Efforts.** The Regional Office of Education and Chamber of Commerce are working together with the school district to improve truancy and change attitudes of students and parents. Superintendent Lemon reported on a recent meeting he attended. The Chamber wants the community to know that school attendance is important when employers are looking at potential applicants.

**5. 14<sup>th</sup> Street Move.** The demolition is complete at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street facility and renovation has begun. Superintendent Lemon thanked Dennis Peters and the staff who are working on this project. President Dickerson spoke on moving the Board of Education offices from 1444 Maine to the 14<sup>th</sup> Street facility. He said he knows it is an emotional issue with some. 1444 does not serve students or staff well and hasn't for some time. It is in the best interest of the district to sell the building to an individual or group that can give it the care and design it needs and deserves. It makes sense to utilize property the district already owns to better serve students and staff.

**6. Study Circle Program.** Information was distributed to Board members and audience on the *Many Voices, One Goal Study Circle Program* sponsored by the Human Rights Commission and the YWCA.

**7. JWCC GED Relocation.** Superintendent Lemon reported that JWCC has set up its downtown GED facility upstairs in the maintenance building following their recent fire. He thanked Jody Cooper and Dennis Peters for helping facilitate the relocation so quickly for JWCC.

Curriculum  
Committee

Chairperson Nichols presented the Curriculum Committee report. The committee reviewed the District School Improvement Plan and some changes were recommended. It will be presented to the Board for approval next month. New committee member Ann Behrens replaced Mike Foster who resigned.

Policy Committee

The Policy committee did not meet in January

Building  
Committee

The Building Committee did not meet in January

Finance Committee

Member Daniels presented the Finance Committee report. The committee met at 5:30 p.m. prior to tonight’s meeting for a presentation from PMA on the district’s financial projections. Prior to the presentation, the committee reviewed the check register, Interfund Loan, audit firm recommendation, and bids for food and non-food items.

Check Register-  
Adams County  
Checks

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Mays to approve check #12662 issued to Adams County and check number #12618 issued to Carol Nichols. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, and Mays; and the following members voted Nay: None; and the following members abstained: Members Nichols and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried. Member Nichols abstained because check #12618 was payable to her as a reimbursement. Member Niekamp abstained because he is a member of the Adams County Board.

Balance of Check  
Register

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Mays to approve the balance of the check register dated January 5, 2009 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. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Hire Auditors for  
FY09 Audit

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Nichols to rehire Gorenz and Associates as auditors for FY09 at a cost of \$28,620 which is up slightly from last year’s amount of \$26,750 (Doc. Reg. No. 2357). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Food and Non-  
Food Bids

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Mays to approve the combined bid from Kohl Wholesale and Fox River Foods for food and non-food items at a cost of \$351,468.66. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Reports from  
Representatives of  
the Board

- 1. **Special Education.** No report.
- 2. **Area Vocational Technical Center.** Representative Daniels reported that the November Rotary Students of the Month were Chris Clarkson and Jamie Wensing. December Students of the Month were Krista Mast and Nicole Stephens.
- 3. **Large Unit District Association.** Superintendent Lemon announced that the next LUDA meeting will be February 5 and 6 in Springfield.
- 4. **Insurance.** No report.

Remove from the  
Table and Adopt  
Policies

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Bemis to remove from the table and adopt the following policies: Policy 5:80 – Court Appearances, Policy 5:250 – Leaves of Absence Professional Personnel, Policy 5:310 – Compensatory Time Off. Policy 5:330 – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves Educational Support. On the call of the roll, the

following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

#### Interfund Loan

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to approve the Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan Transfer of \$300,000 from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund (Doc. Reg. No. 2355). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

#### Close Public Hearing-School Safety

President Dickerson asked if there were any comments for the hearing regarding the disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots and whether repairs must be made. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 7:21 p.m.

#### Adopt Motion on School Safety

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Lovelace to adopt the motion determining that there is a substantial, immediate, or otherwise unavoidable threat to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils due to the disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, and Nichols; an the following member vote Nay: Member Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

#### Close Public Hearing on Selling Bonds

President Dickerson asked if there were any comments for the hearing regarding the intent of the Board of Education to sell School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 7:27 p.m.

#### Change February Meeting Date

It was moved by Member Nichols and seconded by Member Mays to change the February meeting of the Board of Education from Wednesday, February 18 to Thursday, February 26. The time and place of the meeting is the same - 7:00 p.m. in the Baldwin School Round Room. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

#### Seniority Lists

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Mays to approve the certified and classified seniority lists with the exception of the classified food service categories (Doc. Reg. No. 2356). Modification to the food service workers contract is needed to align with the job categories on the seniority list. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Lovelace, Mays, Nichols, and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

#### 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, sale and purchase of real estate 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 Nichols 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, Nichols, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Bemis to confirm the recommendation made in executive session to expel one Junior High School 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 Mays to approve the Revised Personnel Addendum as Amended.

**\*REVISED PERSONNEL ADDENDUM  
as amended**

*January 21, 2009*

**Quincy Board of Education**

**PERSONNEL ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION**

**CERTIFIED**

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 1)R **JAMES BREMSER** - QHS Social Studies. BS - 30 yrs experience. 95 days = \$26,661.75 for 2008-2009. Effective January 7, 2009.
- 2)R **LAURA McCLELLAND** - Irving Alternative Access para/certified art teacher. 1 hr certified BS 4 yrs exper - \$31.57/hr. Para 6 hrs/day Level C-4 \$11.31/hr. Effective January 20, 2009.

**INCREASE/CHANGE IN ASSIGNMENT**

- 3)P **ANN DOWNEY** - currently .5 Reading Recovery at Adams will be increased to full time with the additional assignment of .5 Reading Support at Adams. Effective December 15, 2008.
- 4)\$\$ **RYAN WIEMELT** - QHS Drivers Education. BS - 0 yrs experience. 91 days = \$\$16,280.96. Effective January 13, 2009. Ryan was previously a 6 hour para at Irving Alternative and one hour drivers ed at QHS. Effective January 13, 2009.

**RETIREMENT**

- 5)\* **PAUL SAUNDERS**, Baldwin Principal, retiring effective June 30, 2012.

**RESIGNATIONS**

- 6) **PAUL ZILCH** - QHS Social Studies. Effective December 1, 2008.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

- 7) **LINDSEY STEPHENS** - speech language pathologist, requesting maternity leave approximately March 31, 2009 through the end of the

2008-2009 school year.

**COACHING APPOINTMENTS (effective for the 2008-2009 season)**

- 8)R**        **JARED CHRISTNER** - JH assistant wrestling coach (non-employee).  
**9)R**        **MIKE LEWELLYN** - JH assistant volleyball coach.

**-AMENDMENT**

- 10)R**       **ROBERT KLINGBORG** - QAVTC Director. Salary: 235 days - \$91,771.35. Effective for the 2009-2010 school year.

**CLASSIFIED**

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 11)R**       **EMY HILGENBRINCK** - Washington paraeducator. 7 hrs/day - 5 days/week. Step 7-B \$11.28/hr - 97 days = \$7,659.12. Effective January 5, 2009.  
**12)\$\$**      **DENNIS WILLIAMS** - Irving Alternative student supervision. 2 hrs/day - timesheet. \$13.33/hr. Effective January 13, 2009. Dennis also works in the Teen Reach Program.

**RESGINATIONS**

- 13)**        **AMANDA GOLAY** - 4 hr/bus driver, will remain a sub. Effective December 19, 2008  
**14)**        **WAYNE HUGHES** - 2 hr/bus driver, will remain a sub. Effective December 19, 2008.  
**15)**        **CONNIE PERKINS** - SEIU 4 hr/bus driver. Effective January 5, 2009

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  
Request

Attorney Gorman reported on behalf of the superintendent that one Freedom of Information Request was received and is being fulfilled.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Mays 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 member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the regular meeting was duly adjourned.

Thomas Dickerson  
President

Phyllis Stewart  
Secretary