

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172**  
**ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**HELD ON JULY 2, 2009**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on July 2, 2009, at 6:25 p.m. in the Round Room in the Baldwin Intermediate School Building located at 3000 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.

Questions about  
Calling the  
Meeting to Order

President Niekamp indicated that he would not call the meeting to order. Attorney Gorman explained that it is the duty of the president to call the meeting to order. If the president declines, another chairman would need to be appointed to lead the meeting. Member Lovelace told President Niekamp that nothing bad would happen if he called the meeting to order. Attorney Gorman told President Niekamp there is no challenge to him sitting in the president's position.

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 members were absent: None. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present. Member Mays was present telephonically.

Election of  
President

Attorney Gorman explained that there would be no need for election of president unless President Niekamp resigned.

Election of Vice  
President

Nominations were presented for vice president. Member Bemis nominated Member Dickerson for vice president. President Niekamp nominated Bill Daniels who declined. He then nominated Steve Krause, Curtis Lovelace, and Jeff Mays. Each declined. On the call of the roll, the following members voted for Member Dickerson as vice president: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Lovelace, May, and Niekamp. Whereupon the president declared Member Dickerson to be vice president.

Vice-President Dickerson told the audience he appreciated every one attending and appreciated their concern. He apologized for what the Board is going through. He said there will be better days and the Board will move forward.

Questions and  
Comments

President Niekamp opened the meeting for questions and comments.

Mike McKinley addressed President Niekamp's efforts to not conduct "business as usual." He said times change and the district needs to react to that change or our district will crumble. He said voting no does not constitute change and is not the answer to anything. Unfortunately, borrowing is necessary to exist in these times.

President Niekamp said that when businesses are looking to locate in Quincy, they do not ask about education because they know it is good. They ask about the tax rate. He said the school district needs to hold down taxes to encourage businesses to locate in Quincy.

Member Bemis thanked Board members Lovelace, Dickerson, Daniels, Mays, Krause and Superintendent Lemon and his staff for keeping his decision to resign in absolute confidence until a formal announcement. He thanked Member Dickerson for his assistance in this process.

Rick Jones asked President Niekamp to resign. He said these meetings have been a fiasco and it would be better for the community if he would resign.

Jim Carlock said the financial error discovered by Mr. Bastean was a simple problem and has been corrected. It had no bearing on the district’s total balances. He said he had his accountant review the information and it is correct. There is no need for a forensic audit. There is no missing \$11,000,000.

Superintendent Lemon said he has faith in the resolve and integrity of this Board as a whole. He said he has faith in his abilities and in his staff. He said we will be okay.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Lovelace and seconded by Member Dickerson 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 members voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Mays.. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned.

Melvin J. “Bud” Niekamp  
President

Phyllis Stewart  
Secretary