

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172**  
**ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2009**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on September 25, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. in the Board of Education Office Room 231 located at 1416 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.

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. Members Krause and Mays were present telephonically as they were out of town for business purposes and would be voting.

Questions and  
Comments

President Niekamp 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.

Mr. Gus Rieckhoff commented on the Board of Education Open House held on September 21. He said the move out of 1444 Maine has brought the district offices into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. He praised Superintendent Lemon for initiating the move.

Open Public  
Hearing

President Niekamp opened the public hearing on the Tentative Budget for 2009-2010 at 7:05 a.m. He indicated the hearing would be open for questions or comments at any time until the hearing is closed later in the meeting.

Business Manager Rich Royalty distributed information on the 2009-2010 revised budget compared with the 2009-2010 tentative budget. He highlighted the changes. In the Education Fund, there is a reduction in salary/benefit expenditures of \$453,397. This is due to the fact that the first payroll of the 2009-2010 school year has been completed and firm figures are known. The State Aid calculation increased by \$500,548. Federal funding also increased \$131,040 with state funding decreasing \$101,845. Revenue in the Building Fund increased \$80,000 due to the district receiving a Clean Energy Grant. There were no changes in the other funds.

Scott Stone asked about carryover funds. He said if those are not included, the deficit will increase which will affect the district's bond rate. Mr. Royalty said PMA will need to address that issue in the district's financial projections for next year.

Jeff Kerkhoff asked about expenditures in the Tort Fund for salaries. No teacher salaries are paid from Tort. He asked for an explanation of

“purchased services” in the Tort Fund. Mr. Royalty responded that those include workmen’s compensation, liability insurance, commercial liability, and attorney fees. He asked about the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund which included this past summer’s Life Safety Projects. Bonds for the projects were sold last year but the work was completed this year. He also asked about interest rates and bus leasing costs.

Member Mays pointed out that the salaries and benefits in the Education Fund decreased even though all staff received a pay increase for 2009-2010 according to the various collective bargaining agreements.

Member Daniels distributed a spreadsheet on revenue and expenses showing the balance in funds *with* the state carryover and *without* the state carryover. He said if the State continues next year with the delay, the deficit will double and the district will need to access the line of credit earlier in the year. He noted the \$3 million carryover is actually from last year, not revenue for this year.

Close Public  
Hearing

President Niekamp asked if there were any other questions or comments regarding the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget or amendments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 7:36 a.m.

Approve  
Amendments to  
Tentative Budget

It was moved Member Daniels and seconded by Member Dickerson to approve the amendments to the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget (Doc. Reg. No. 2406). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Lovelace, Mays and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Adopt Tentative  
Budget as  
Amended

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Dickerson to approve the 2009-2010 Tentative Budget as Amended as the 2009-2010 District Budget (Doc. Reg. No. 2406). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Lovelace, Mays and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Melvin J. “Bud” Niekamp  
President

Phyllis Stewart  
Secretary