

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
**OF**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172**  
**ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**HELD ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

- Meeting Convened                    The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on September 29, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office Room 214 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, Lovelace, Mays and Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Krause. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present.
- 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. There were no questions or comments.
- Executive Session                    It was moved by Member Mays and seconded by Member Lovelace that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to meet with Larry Dirks, a representative of the Illinois Association of Schools Boards, for the purpose of discussing self-evaluation, practices and procedures or professional ethics. 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; and the following member was absent: Member Krause. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
- Arrival of Member  
Krause                                    Member Krause arrived at 4:14 p.m. which was duly recorded by the Board Secretary.
- Resumption of  
Rules                                      It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Krause 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, Krause, Lovelace, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following members voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.
- Goal Setting and  
Planning                                 Mr. Dirks explained the steps in the process for goal setting and planning. He said the Board needs to identify its core values and beliefs regarding education in the community. The district should have a Mission Statement based on those beliefs, It should clarify the district's unique purpose by trying to answer the question: "What benefits do we want to provide and to whom are we trying to provide those benefits? And at what cost?" The District currently has a Mission Statement that was developed 12 years ago. Most Board members and administrators feel the Mission Statement needs to be updated.

Board members and administrators were asked to brainstorm beliefs on *students and learning, teachers and the teaching process, and the responsibility of the District and the community to each other*. The thoughts were written on post-it notes and organized into bullet points. A committee was formed to review the current mission statement and recommend changes that reflect benefits and benefactors identified at this meeting. The draft will be presented to the Board at the October meeting. Members of the committee are: Jeff Mays and Curtis Lovelace (Co-Chairs), Trish Viniard, Kristen Kendrick, Christie Dickens, and Jody Cooper.

Board members agreed to continue the goal setting and planning process with Larry Dirks at another special meeting to be held prior to the October Board meeting on October 21.

#### 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