

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2009

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on December 12, 2009, at 9:00 a.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, Krause, Lovelace, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member was absent: None. 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. Mr. Jeff Kerkhoff spoke about the efforts to use the courts to dislodge President Niekamp as a board member and president. He said the board president should not need to submit a Freedom of Information request to obtain information about the hiring of a board member's wife. He said the Board needs to hit the brake and not the accelerator with regards to spending. Member Lovelace responded that the Board is considering proposed expenditures very carefully, taking tours and reviewing the Life Safety Projects. Member Lovelace said that President Niekamp would not respond when asked why the decision to hire his wife should be put on hold.

Life Safety
Amendments

Member Daniels distributed some information on the original bonds from the mid 1990's and 2002 refinancing. The Board reviewed information on bonds sold to date from the 2005 Life Safety Survey and 2010 Proposed Bonds. Business Manager Rich Royalty said the amount approved for low-interest Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB) allocation is \$8,109,110. This can only be used for projects at schools that qualify under income guidelines. Member Daniels also distributed a breakdown of the 2010 required and recommended Life Safety Projects by building. The Board discussed not saddling future boards with excessive debt. Member Mays pointed out that if the Board does not issue more debt, it will have paid down the debt it inherited from \$18.4 million to \$15.6 million by 2011. Member Krause commented that the repairs need to tie into long term goals. The district should not continue to pour money into buildings for repairs and then find out the building needs to be replaced. Some buildings are very old and energy inefficient. After reviewing the required and recommended proposed Life Safety projects for 2010 at a total of over \$16 million, the Board agreed that only those projects qualifying for the QZAB low-interest funds should be done. Member Dickerson stressed the importance of completing required projects and deferring those that are not a priority. Quincy Junior High administrators Diane Glaub and Rick Owsley addressed the Board about the retaining wall at Junior High and the serious consequences should the wall collapse. Most Board members concurred that the HVAC replacement at Senior High and retaining wall repair at Junior High were a priority. Both projects qualify for QZAB. The rest of the QZAB funds would be spent on projects deemed priority work. There is also approximately \$800,000 left over from 2005 Life

Safety Projects that the state requires to be used prior to spending any new dollars.

The Board directed administration to prepare Life Safety Code amendments to be submitted to the state using the QZAB and funds left from 2005. This will be voted upon at the special meeting and public hearing to be held December 23.

Resolution for
Public Hearing

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Mays to adopt the Resolution calling public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds on December 23, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. (Doc. Reg. No. 2419). 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.

Resolution Public
Hearing Threat to
Safety

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Mays to adopt the Resolution calling a public hearing on December 23, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. to consider whether there is a substantial, immediate, and otherwise unavoidable threat to the health, safety, or welfare of pupils of School District Number 172, Adams County, Illinois, due to the disrepair of school sidewalks, playgrounds, parking lots, or school bus turnarounds and whether repairs must be made thereto (Doc. Reg. No. 2420). 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.

Executive Session

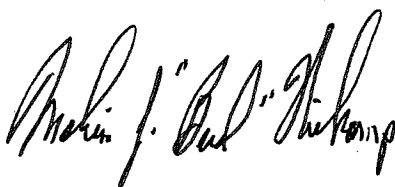
It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Daniels that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and employment of personnel. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Lovelace, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Resumption of
Rules

It was moved by Member Daniels and seconded by Member Dickerson 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 member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Daniels 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 member voted Nay: None. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried and the special meeting was duly adjourned.



Melvin "Bud" Niekamp
President



Phyllis Stewart
Secretary