

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON DECEMBER 23, 2009

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in special session on December 23, 2009, at 7:30 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, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared that a quorum was present. Member Mays was present telephonically

Appointment of
Secretary Pro Tem

President Niekamp appointed Member Daniels as Secretary Pro Tem for the meeting.

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 had some questions and comments regarding the audit findings. He said that scheduling this meeting two days before Christmas does not encourage public input. He suggested separate checking accounts for each district fund.

Open Public
Hearing

President Niekamp opened the public hearing pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act (BINA) for the issuance of not to exceed \$16,000,000 Life Safety Bonds

Business Manager Rich Royalty presented an updated listing of proposed 2010 Life Safety Projects including a list of contingency items to make sure the full QZAB amount of \$8,109,110 is maximized. Mr. Kerkhoff commented that he hopes the Board has looked into all legal aspects of securing funds through this process. He suggested Jim Sibbing and Ron Green, past Building Committee members, be invited to provide input on these projects.

Close Public
Hearing

President Niekamp if there were any further comments regarding BINA. It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Bemis to close the BINA public hearing at 7:50 a.m. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Sidewalks, etc.
Hearing

President Niekamp opened the public hearing on 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.

Mr. Royalty reported on the sidewalk and pavement repairs needed at Early Childhood and Family Center, Baldwin, Quincy Junior High and Quincy

Senior High.

President Niekamp asked if the hearing process was required in the past. Mr. Royalty and Attorney Gorman explained the same procedure has been used in the past for any sidewalk repair or replacement or other repairs which are subject to this hearing. Member Krause asked about materials. The asphalt sidewalks will be replaced with concrete which has a life expectancy of 15 to 20 years. Mr. Kerkhoff asked if a net could be placed around the retaining wall at Quincy Junior High until repairs are completed. Architects have said that a net would not hold the wall and provisions to limit traffic around the wall have been made.

No written testimony was offered.

Close Public
Hearing

President Niekamp asked if there were any further comments regarding this hearing. There were none. At 8:00 a.m. it was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Bemis to close the public hearing on the sidewalks. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, and Mays; and the following member voted Nay: Member Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Life Safety
Amendments
QZAB

It was moved by Member Bemis and seconded by Member Daniels to approve Life Safety Code amendments QZAB Projects Exhibit A (Doc. Reg. No. 2422). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, and Mays; and the following member voted Nay: Member Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Life Safety
Amendments
Existing Funds

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Krause to approve Life Safety Code amendments using existing funds Exhibit B (Doc. Reg. No. 2423). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, and Mays; and the following member voted Nay: Member Niekamp; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Freedom of
Information
Resolution

Attorney Gorman explained the new rules effective January 1, 2010 regarding the Freedom of Information Act. A resolution was prepared that designates the superintendent as the district's Freedom of Information Officer and provides for the superintendent to delegate these duties to one or more designees. Revised policies regarding the Freedom of Information Act will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Krause to approve the Resolution on the Freedom of Information Act (Doc. Reg. No. 242). On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Pilot Evening
Program-Ellington

Some information was presented to the Board on a pilot evening program at Ellington School promoting physical and nutritional fitness for families. Member Bemis is involved with this program.

Race to the Top
Program

The Memorandum of Understanding for the State of Illinois Race to the Top application is due January 11, 2010. Member Mays stated that more information is needed for the Board to make an informed decision and other members concurred. More information will be presented and it will be voted upon at a special meeting to be held the first week of January.

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 student discipline. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Resumption of
Rules

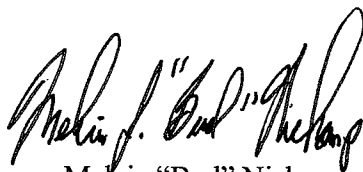
It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Krause to resume the conduct of the special meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Student Discipline

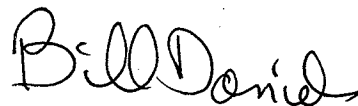
It was moved by Member Dickerson and seconded by Member Bemis to confirm the recommendation made in executive session to expel three Quincy Senior High students. On the call of the roll, the following members voted Aye: Members Bemis, Daniels, Dickerson, Krause, Mays, and Niekamp; and the following member voted Nay: None; and the following member was absent: Member Lovelace. Whereupon the president declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

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



Melvin "Bud" Niekamp
President



Bill Daniels
Secretary Pro Tem