

**DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: February 9, 2010

6:00 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Dan Winter, President
LaVell Peete
Terry Robinson

Dan Oakes
D. R. Roberts
Kevin Moore

ABSENT: Dr. Jan Mandernach

STAFF: Superintendent Gloria J. Davis
Board Secretary Melinda J. Harrington
Attorney Everett Nicholas, Attorney Susan Nicholas
Attorney Colette McCarty
and Others

President Winter called the session to order at 6:00 PM.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Work Session	<p>President Winter acknowledged that this work session was in open session and thanked everyone for joining the group.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis noted that the group from Special Education, Debbie Wiley and Kathy Massey had been working diligently on the language of the Joint Agreement for the Special Education Coop to meet some of the priorities that the Decatur School Board had emphasized in previous meetings.</p> <p>Attorney Nicholas noted the most specific changes in summary for the Boards: The attached Joint Agreement for the Macon-Piatt Special Education District has been revised in several significant ways. There were a number of clean-up changes made in the Agreement to make references to <i>The School Code</i> and the <i>Intergovernmental Cooperation Act</i> more accurate. Several deletions were made to eliminate duplicative language and a few additions were made to make the meaning more clear. The more significant changes made to the Agreement are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. All measures adopted by the Governing Board must have a majority vote of the Executive Board. Certain items, such as finance and budget matters and employment of the Executive Director will require approval by 80% of the Executive Board. Dissolution of the Cooperative will require approval by 80% of the school boards.2. Section 3.5.e. will permit either the Cooperative or the	<p>Session began at 4:45 PM.</p>

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Administrative District on behalf of the cooperative, to negotiate with appropriate Unions.

3. No member district administrator can be assigned supervisory responsibilities without the consent of the member district superintendent.
4. Section 9.2 addresses withdrawal from the Cooperative. This section was added to comport with new legislation. It provides that a member school district may adopt a resolution at least one year prior to its intended withdrawal and submit such to the Board of Control. The Petition will then be voted upon by every school district, and if unanimously approved, the withdrawal will become effective the following July 1. A school board will have six months in which to vote on the matter.
5. Alternative language was also inserted in Section 9.2 Agreement to permit a school district to seek withdrawal through the appropriate Regional Board of School Trustees. It is unclear if a school district can seek to withdraw in the fashion any longer, but if it is determined that it continues to be a viable option, the Agreement will not need to be modified at a later date to permit such.
6. Language was also added to provide that the schedule of any full-time employee who works more than 50% of the time in a particular school district will conform to the schedule of that particular school district. This change was also necessitated by new legislation.
7. Article XIV addresses dissolution of the cooperative. If dissolution is requested by a member school district, a resolution must be adopted by the member school district and submitted to the Governing Board. The Governing Board will then submit the proposal to the boards of education of each of the member school districts. Those boards will have at least ninety days to approve or disapprove the proposal. If a board fails to vote it will be deemed to have voted in favor of dissolution.

Board members asked questions and discussed the Agreement. President Winter asked for a consensus on the question to accept the newly drawn Agreement and the Board consensus was favorable. This information will be brought back for approval at the next Board meeting.

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Adjournment	Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the Work Session, seconded by Mr. Moore. All were in favor.	Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Daniel Winter, President

Melinda J. Harrington, Secretary