

**DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: March 9, 2010

5:40 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Dan Winter, President  
Dr. Jan Mandernach  
Terry Robinson (7:26 PM)

Dan Oakes  
D. R. Roberts  
LaVell Peete

ABSENT: Kevin Moore

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

President Winter called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Call for Closed Executive Session</b>	President Winter moved to go into a Closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, possible litigation, collective bargaining concerns and the possible sale or lease of property of the public body; no action will be taken during the closed session, seconded by Mr. Oakes. President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roberts, Oakes, Winter, Mandernach, Peete Nay: None Absent: Moore, Robinson Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent	Session began at 5:40 PM.
<b>Return to Open Session</b>	President Winter moved to return to Open Session to take action on the Student Discipline Hearings, seconded by Mr. Roberts.	Information only. Board returned to Open Session at 6:30 PM.
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President Winter called the Open Session back to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	Information only.
<b>Agenda for March 9, 2010</b>	Superintendent Davis recommended approval of the Agenda as presented. Mr. Oakes moved to approve the Revised Agenda, seconded by Mr. Robinson. All were in favor.	Agenda was approved as presented.
<b>Public Participation</b>	Janet Oyer and Sherri Moon from Pershing Elementary School talked to the Board regarding the importance of early childhood learning.	Information only.

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	Miss Magielle Bai, 3670 Moundford Ave, Decatur IL, had signed up to speak but was not present.	
	Martha Henderson, 404 N. Putnam, Moweaqua, IL; Susan Rohman, 2515 Brooks Drive, Decatur IL 62521, Kathy Roberts, 1186 W Cottage Hill Ave, Decatur IL 62522: All raised concerns regarding possible budget cuts.	
<b>Special Presentations and District Highlights</b>	<p data-bbox="407 575 867 604"><b><u>Congratulations and Recognition:</u></b></p> <p data-bbox="407 646 1198 716"><b><u>2009 Illinois Honor Roll Spotlight School Award and 2009 Illinois Academic Improvement Award:</u></b> Oak Grove School, Corinne Holder, Principal</p> <p data-bbox="407 793 1089 823"><b><u>2009 Illinois Honor Roll Spotlight School Awards:</u></b> Baum Elementary School, Debbie Bandy, Principal Dennis Elementary School, Daniel Fuentes, Principal Enterprise Elementary School, Melissa Norfleet, Principal Mary W. French Academy, Matt Andrews, Principal William Harris Elementary School, Kathy Thompson, Principal Robertson Charter School, Cordell Ingram, Principal Stevenson Elementary School, Renee Burdick, Principal</p>	Information only.
<b>Consent Items</b>	<p data-bbox="407 1121 1198 1226">President Winter asked if any board members wanted items removed from the Consent Items. No member had a question or asked for removal of other items.</p> <p data-bbox="407 1268 1198 1337">Superintendent Davis recommended approval of the Consent Items which include:</p> <ul data-bbox="453 1341 1227 1446" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Approval of Minutes, Regular/Closed February 23, 2010</li> <li>B. Bills</li> <li>C. Dell Computer Lease</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="407 1488 1203 1593">Mr. Roberts moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Peete. Hearing no questions or discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p data-bbox="407 1598 1045 1627">Aye: Roberts, Peete, Winter, Oakes, Mandernach</p> <p data-bbox="407 1631 553 1661">Nay: None</p> <p data-bbox="407 1665 792 1694">Absent: Moore and Robinson</p> <p data-bbox="407 1698 919 1728">Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	Motion carried. All Consent Items were approved as presented.
<b>Roll Call Action Items Personnel</b>	<p data-bbox="407 1780 1219 1955">Superintendent Davis recommended approval of all personnel items as presented by Human Resources. Dr. Mandernach moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Peete. Hearing no discussion/questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:</p>	Motion carried. All personnel items presented were approved.

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	<p>Aye: Oakes, Winter, Mandernach, Peete, Roberts            Nay: None            Absent: Moore and Robinson            Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	
<b>Superintendent's Report</b>	<p>Mr. Fred Minner, Director of Student Services, presented a new Index sheet for the Student Code of Conduct handbook for the board's 1<sup>st</sup> reading and review. This information will be returned to the Board at the next meeting for approval. No other changes were recommended.</p>	Information only.
<b>Kindergarten Kickoff</b>	<p>Marla Robinson, Assistant Superintendent – Elementary, updated the Board on the Kindergarten Kickoff with a PowerPoint presentation. Kindergarten Camp will be held July 12 – July 30, 2010 at Scovill Zoo and Rock Springs.</p>	Information only.
<b>Department of Special Programs</b>	<p>Bobbi Williams, Director of Special Programs, updated the Board on her department, Parent Involvement with Talk, Listen, and Collaborate Parent Advisory Committee, Parent University and Building Level Activities, library needs, obesity prevention, gifted summer camp (July 6 – August 4, 2010) and summer school (Session I June 1 – June 30, 2010 and Session II July 3 – August 3, 2010 for High School) (June 7 – July 7, 2010 for PreK – 8) (June 1 – June 30, 2010 – University Path for 8<sup>th</sup> grade).</p> <p>In addition, Mrs. Williams introduced the Librarian Specialists, Chris Oyer and Leanne Grossman who presented to the Board how well the District is meeting Standard #5 (The library media program integrates technology for learning and teaching) and recommendations for improving the District's work with this Standard.</p>	Information only.
<b>Board Discussion Items</b>	<p>There were no items for discussion.</p>	Information only.
<b>Announcements</b>	<p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p>The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:</p> <p>Jennifer Paul Morgan, who passed away unexpectedly last week. Jennifer was a sister to Dennis Paul, social studies teacher at MacArthur High School. Jennifer was a MacArthur alum and her father, Festus Paul, is a retired District 61 band director and later music coordinator.</p>	Information only.

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	<b>Important Dates:</b>	Information only.
<b>MARCH</b>	11 MHS Jazz Bands at the Decatur Civic Center High School Task Force Meeting – Eisenhower High School - 6:00 – 8:00 PM	
	12 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	
	13 Band & Choir Solo/Ensemble Contest at Thomas Jefferson	
	19 Parent Teacher Conferences – Report Card Distribution – Centralized Registration. Enrollment begins at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Teaching Assistants All Day Professional Development at Hope NO SCHOOL – District Offices Open	
	20 Orchestra Solo/Ensemble Contest at Millikin University	
	15-31 Hope Academy Out of School – SOAR in Progress	

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board of Education Room.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Peete.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Information only.

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Dan Winter, President

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Melinda J. Harrington, Secretary