

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

DATE/TIME: March 23, 2010

4:00 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Dan Winter, President Dan Oakes
Dr. Jan Mandernach, Vice President Kevin Moore (5:26 PM)
Terry Robinson (5:45 PM) LaVell Peete

STAFF: Superintendent Gloria J. Davis
Board Secretary Melinda J. Harrington
Colette McCarthy, Attorney
and Others

ABSENT: D. R. Roberts

President Winter called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

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Call for Closed Executive Session	<p>President Winter moved to go into a Closed Executive Session to conduct a student discipline hearing, and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, sale and/or lease of property and collective bargaining concerns; no action will be taken during the closed session, seconded by Dr. Mandernach. President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Peete, Winter, Mandernach Nay: None Absent: Moore, Robinson, Roberts Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	Session began at 4:00 PM.
Return to Open Session	<p>The Board returned to Open Session. President Winter explained that the Board had been in Closed Executive Session to hold a student discipline hearing and would now take action on that hearing. He called for a recommendation.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis recommended that Student #0910-0008, be expelled from the Decatur Public Schools, all events and activities and all property of the District for the remainder of this school year and all of the 2010-2011 school year with a stay for alternative education at Phoenix III.</p> <p>Dr. Mandernach moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for the Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mandernach, Winter, Peete, Oakes</p>	<p>Motion Carried. Board returned to Open Session at 4:30 PM.</p> <p>Motion carried. Student #0910-0008 was expelled for the remainder of this</p>

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	<p>Nay: None Absent: Moore, Robinson, Roberts Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>school year and all of the 2010-2011 school year with a stay for alternative education at Phoenix III.</p>
Return to Closed Executive Session	<p>Mr. Winters moved to return to Closed Executive Session to continue discussions on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, collective bargaining budget related strategies, possible sale of property and possible litigation; no action will be taken during the closed session. Dr. Mandernach seconded the motion. President Winter called for the Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Winter, Mandernach, Oakes Nay: None Absent: Roberts, Moore, Robinson Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. The Board returned to Closed Executive Session at 4:42 PM.</p>
Return to Open Session	<p>President Winter moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Oakes. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Board returned to Open Session at 6:55 PM.</p>
Pledge of Allegiance	<p>President Winter noted that the Board had been in Closed Executive Session for the purposes mentioned earlier.</p> <p>President Winter led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
Approval of Agenda, March 23, 2010	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the Revised March 23, 2010 Agenda as presented. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Revised Agenda was approved as presented.</p>
Public Participation	<p>The following persons spoke to the Board regarding the budget and various aspects of concern over the Education Fund concerns specifically:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Julie Boeckenstedt, Parsons Elementary School Booster Club President. 2. Tina M. Bateman, 2411 Longwood Drive, Decatur IL. (Parsons parent also). 3. Christine Frank, 2242 Captain Lane, Decatur IL. 4. Dr. Irma Brooks, Director of the Decatur Education Coalition <p>Mrs. Jan Martinie, 1166 E Lincoln Street, Decatur IL 62521, spoke regarding the two high schools and the process that the</p>	<p>Information only.</p>

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Special Presentations and District Highlights	<p>Task Force and Facilitating Teams have been through. She noted the positive experience it had been and asked the Board and public to give this project their sincere attention.</p> <p>President Winter noted that we would be recognizing students from our high schools who had been honored as “Illinois State Scholars”.</p> <p>The Illinois Student Assistance Commission recognized 19,345 high school students from 752 schools across the state as “Illinois State Scholars.” The winners rank in the top 10 percent of high school seniors. Selection is based on SAT, ACT and/or Prairie State achievement exam scores and/or class rank at the end of the junior year. "Illinois State Scholars are among the best and the brightest in our state’s high schools. We salute them, along with their partners in reaching for the stars — their families and teachers — for this stellar achievement."</p> <p>While the recognition does not include a monetary award, winners are encouraged to cite the award on applications for college admission and scholarships. And, to celebrate the golden anniversary of the Illinois State Scholars program, ISAC is giving each awardee a free, 18-month subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Online.</p> <p><i>Congratulations to this year’s winners:</i></p> <p><u>Eisenhower High School:</u> Lezlie Bauler, Nicholas Birch, Jacob Justice, Richard Keyes, Luke Leach, Mikaela Ostrander, Jenny Skow, Zachary Smith, Courtney Steinkamp, Reed Sutman, Valdimir Talley, Priscilla Washburn</p> <p><u>MacArthur High School:</u> Nikisha Adams, Macklin Andrick, Sean Beal, Adam Blakey, Alex Bullard, Sarah Funk, Connor Gaddy, Natalie Henneberry, Emily Kinney, Thomas Massutti, Megan McCauley, Rachel Owens, Kinzie Sellers, Andrew Serbe, Zack Shaw, Rachel Sosan, Aspen Sprague, Katherine Stowell, Michael Vercellino, Alexandra Warden-Michi, Bryson Weaver</p> <p><u>In addition to the Illinois State Scholar Award, Lezlie Bauler</u> has been selected to be among the one hundred members of the <u>Golden Apple Scholars</u> of Illinois Class of 2010. The Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois is a highly competitive program that seeks the best and brightest of Illinois youth interested in a teaching career. Those selected receive advanced teacher preparation through Summer Institutes that give them early practice and exposure to the art of teaching and financial</p>	Information only.

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assistance for college. Over 2100 nominations were received this year for the program and the selection process evidences the excellence of the Scholars chosen. It also reflects wonderfully on the school system that prepared them. Lezlie will be honored at a reception celebrating the Class of 2010 Scholars at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 25th at the DePaul University's Lincoln Park Campus. **Congratulations Lezlie!!**

Congratulations to the MacArthur Jazz Band and Director Jim Culbertson on another winning season!

North Shore Jazz Festival (Glenbrook High School)

1st in Class A Big Bands, Runner up to the grand champion, 2nd place Class A Combo

Eastern IL University Jazz Festival (Charleston)

1st place Class A big bands, Best score of all bands participating. 1st place all classes of combos and best score of the day. Best musical award of the day, Keith Rawlings. Soloist awards: Macklin Andrick, Adam Blakey, Alex Kidd, Daniel Hinze

Jazz in the Meadows (Rolling Meadows High School):

1st place Class 2A big band division. 23rd time in the past 25 years. 2nd place combo division. Outstanding soloist award, Class 2A, Adam Blakey. Soloist award, Daniel Hinze.

All-State Musicians: Adam Blakey, Daniel Hinze, Alex Kidd

MacArthur High School has won the grand championship award 14 times in the 25 year history of the festival!

Congratulations to the Eisenhower Elite Energy!

3rd runner-up honors at the Crystal Classic at Fairfield High School in Fairfield, Ohio. The 42 member Elite Energy was among seven high school show choirs in the competition ranked in the top 20 in the nation by Show Choir Ratings System. Elite Energy was ranked 19th before Saturday. J.T. Talley was named outstanding male soloist of the show choir competition, and sophomore Whitney Wilder was named outstanding performer for Elite Energy.

**A. Presentation to the Board from Decision4Decatur:
Tri Chairs, Brian Briggs, Patti Swinford and Dave Weber**

The Board of Education approved the administrative team moving forward with a process to review, discuss and engage the community to improve our high school facilities, including the Technical Academy. Working since February, 2009, the process has had over 100 participants in a High School Task Force touring buildings, putting puzzle pieces together, and finally

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	<p>presenting to the Board the findings of the Task Force in October, 2009. Following the Task Force, the Board granted permission to continue Phase II. A Facilitating Team was formed and a finance subcommittee was also established. Phase II of our process was to find out what the community thought about the future of our high schools and tech academy. It is now time for the results of the community engagement process to be presented to the Board of Education.</p> <p>The Tri-Chairs were introduced by Superintendent Davis: Brian Briggs, Patti Swinford and Dave Weber. Patti Swinford began with a PowerPoint presentation describing the process. Rod Wright, UnicomARC, presented the results of the public telephone opinion survey noting the consistency results with the surveys. The results showed an overwhelming desire to have two high schools and use a sales tax to fund remodeling. Dave Weber presented the results from the Finance Subcommittee which included the results from the community feedback forms and public telephone survey which led the committee to look at the sales tax and some bonding refinancing. Sam Johnson presented new drawings for possible remodeling based on the community feedback and public opinions and to meet the dollar amounts verified by the finance committee, lowering the costs of the project. Dave Weber summarized the recommendations for the Board with follow up from other members: Recommendations include: 1) Renovation of the two high schools 2) If the Board wants to go with the one campus high school the recommendation would be to use the Stephen Decatur facility. 3) A property tax will not pass, but a sales tax should pass based on the results of the public input and the committee recommends the board review this possibility further.</p> <p>Board members asked various questions and the committee responded. The process will now continue with receiving feedback from the community and bringing all recommendations back to the board for approval at one of the June Board meetings.</p>	
Consent Items	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve all Consent Items as presented, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval of Minutes: Regular/Closed, March 9, 2010 and Work Session March 15, 2010 B. Monthly Financial Condition Report C. Treasurer's Report D. Health Insurance Report E. Baum, Dennis and Enterprise Elementary School Health/Life Safety Amendments 	Information only.

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	<p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Robinson. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Robinson, Peete, Mandernach, Oakes, Winter Nay: None Absent: Roberts Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. All Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>
<p>Roll Call Action Items Pearlee Charter School</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis noted that Rev. Aubrey Hudson has submitted a letter withdrawing his proposal for the Pearlee Charter School. Therefore, no action is needed on this item at tonight's meeting.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
<p>Personnel Items</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended that all personnel items received by the Human Resources Department be approved as presented.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
	<p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Robinson, Winter, Mandernach, Moore, Peete, Oakes Nay: None Absent: Roberts Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. All Personnel items were approved as presented.</p>
<p>Student Code of Conduct and Parent Handbook</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended that the Student Code of Conduct and Parent Handbook recommended changes be approved as presented by Mr. Fred Minner, Director of Student Services.</p>	<p>Motion carried. Student Code of Conduct and Parent Handbook was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Mandernach, Oakes, Peete, Winter, Robinson Nay: None Absent: Roberts Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	
<p>Superintendent's Report</p>	<p>Mr. Fred Minner, Director of Student Services and Kathy Massey, Assistant Director, Special Education, Decatur updated the Board on Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS). This report was for information purposes only. Board members discussed the program and issues presented. It was noted that 80% of the staff must agree with this program or it will not be implemented. 4 schools presently have volunteered to participate</p>	<p>Information only.</p>

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Adjournment	Mr. Moore moved to adjourned, seconded by Mr. Peete. All were in favor.	Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Daniel Winter, President

Melinda J. Harrington, Secretary