

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

DATE/TIME: April 27, 2010

4:30 PM

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

PRESENT: Dan Winter, President  
Dr. Jan Mandernach, Vice President  
Terry Robinson (6:03 PM)  
D. R. Roberts (5:40 PM)

Dan Oakes  
Kevin Moore (6:05 PM)  
LaVell Peete

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

President Winter called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
<b>Call for Closed Executive Session</b>	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: Peete, Mandernach, Winter, Oakes Nay: None Absent: Moore, Robinson, Roberts Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent	Session began at 4:30 PM.
<b>Return to Open Session</b>	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.  Superintendent Davis recommended that Student #0910-0013, be expelled from the Decatur Public Schools, all events and activities and all property of the District for the remainder of this school year, all of the 2010-2011 school year, and through to April 27, 2012, with a stay for alternative education at Phoenix III.  Mr. Oakes moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Mandernach. Hearing no discussion, President	Motion Carried. Board returned to Open Session at 5:05 PM.          Motion carried. Student #0910-0013 was expelled for the

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	<p>Winter called for the Roll Call Vote:            Aye: Winter, Mandernach, Peete, Oakes            Nay: None            Absent: Moore, Robinson, Roberts            Roll Call Vote: 4 Aye, 0 Nay, 3 Absent</p>	<p>remainder of this school year, all of the 2010-2011 school year and through April 27, 2012 with a stay for alternative education at Phoenix III.</p>
<b>Return to Closed Executive Session</b>	<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: Oakes, Peete, Mandernach, Winter            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 5:10 PM.</p>
<b>Return to Open Session</b>	<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 6:30 PM.</p>
<b>Pledge of Allegiance</b>	<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>
<b>Approval of Agenda, April 27, 2010</b>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the April 27, 2010 Agenda as presented. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Robinson. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Agenda was approved as presented.</p>
<b>Public Participation</b>	<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"> <li>1. Jeffrey Perkins, President, NAACP. Mr. Perkins noted his concerns with the employment of African Americans in the community and in District 61. He asked for the following information:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How much stimulus money did the District receive?</li> <li>• How was this stimulus money used?</li> <li>• How much business is given to African American</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<p>Information only.</p>



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	<p>Winter this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.</p> <p>Mr. Winter thanked all staff members in the District for all they do for our students.</p>	
<b>Consent Items</b>	<p>President Winter asked if any Board member want to pull items from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Moore asked that under the Job Descriptions: Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator be pulled for separate discussion and vote. No other items were pulled from the Agenda.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve all Consent Items as presented, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Approval of Minutes: Regular/Closed, April 13, 2010</li> <li>B. Monthly Financial Condition Report</li> <li>C. Treasurer’s Report</li> <li>D. Health Insurance Report</li> <li>E. Job Descriptions: Instructional Technology Coordinator Reading/Language Arts Coordinator, Reading Interventionist Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator and Science/Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Robinson. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mandernach, Robinson, Roberts, Moore, Oakes, Winter, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay,0 Absent</p> <p>President Winter asked Mr. Moore if he was ready to discuss the Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator. Mr. Moore asked questions for clarity which include: if this was a administrative or administrative support position, did it fall under the restructuring plan at PDI, where will the person be housed, will it be a TRS or IMRF position, how will the salary be determined, who will this person report to, how many employees report to Director of Research and Information. Superintendent Davis and Deanne Hillman, Director of Teaching and Learning, answered his questions.</p> <p>President Winter asked for other Board members questions, hearing none he asked for the recommendation.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator Job Description as</p>	<p>Information only.</p> <p>Motion carried. All Consent Items listed were approved as presented.</p>

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	presented. Mr. Robinson moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no further discussion, the Roll Call was called: Aye: Peete, Winter, Oakes, Roberts, Robinson, Mandernach Nay: Moore Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Nay	Motion carried. Job Description for Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator was approved as presented.
<b>Roll Call Action Items</b>		
<b>Personnel Items</b>	Superintendent Davis recommended that all personnel items received by Jonnie Clark, Director of Human Resources be approved as presented.  Mr. Robinson moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Mandernach. Hearing no questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Winter, Oakes, Moore, Roberts, Robinson, Mandernach Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay	Information only.  Motion carried. All Personnel items were approved as presented.
<b>Physical Education Task Force Recommendations</b>	Superintendent Davis recommended that the recommendations of the Physical Education Task Force be approved as presented.  Mr. Robinson moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Mandernach. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Oakes, Roberts, Robinson, Mandernach, Peete, Winter Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay	Motion carried. Physical Education Task Force recommendation was approved as presented.
<b>Resolution for Consideration and Action – Retailers’ Occupation Tax</b>	Superintendent Davis recommended approval of the Board’s consideration and action on a Resolution requesting the County Board of The County of Macon, Illinois to certify to the County Clerk of Macon County the question of imposing a retailers’ occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of Macon County at the general election on November 2, 2010.  Dr. Mandernach moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Robinson. A 40-minute discussion followed with major concerns noted from Mr. Peete and Mr. Moore. Answers to their concerns were	

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	<p>given by Superintendent Davis, Dr. Becky Blount and Kevin Wills from 1<sup>st</sup> MidStates to explain some of the misconceptions. Superintendent Davis noted that numerous meetings and even workshops had been presented to the Board and to the public regarding a sales tax possibility and what the timeline was as well as how it would work. There is no sunset law so the tax does remain in effect until such time the Board would decide to petition to remove it. Mr. Wills shared some of the logistics of the sales tax noting exceptions to the sales tax will include: prescription drugs, all titled and licensed vehicles, such as automobiles, trucks, motor homes, boats, all farm implements and equipment, groceries. Superintendent Davis reminded the Board that the money follows the student so all the money stays in Macon County but everyone benefits. The other Board members shared their thoughts and reasons to move forward. Dr. Mandernach called for the question.</p>	
	<p>President Winter asked the Board Secretary, Mrs. Harrington, to read the motion again for clarity on the vote which she did. He then asked for the Roll Call Vote:  Aye: Winter, Roberts, Robinson, Mandernach, Oakes, Peete  Nay: Moore  Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 1 Nay</p>	<p>Motion carried.  Resolution was approved as presented.</p>
<b>Superintendent's Report</b>	<p>Assistant Superintendent Marla Robinson presented the 2010-2011 School Calendar in the absence of Mrs. Mann. The calendar is attached. Mr. Roberts noted his dislike of the spring break and Easter holiday for the record. There were no other comments.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
	<p>Deanne Hillman, Director of Teaching and Learning gave the Board an update on the Elementary Reading Program with a PowerPoint presentation. Mrs. Hillman has scheduled a meeting with Mrs. Robinson and the people from the reading curriculum company, MMH for May 17, 2010.</p>	
	<p>Mrs. Hillman also presented a proposal for Learning Points Associates to the Board, noting that Superintendent Davis and the Curriculum Team would like to partner with this firm to help us with a curriculum audit. Lisa Palacios, Senior Program Associate with Learning Point Associates, presented a background history of the company and noted her goal for building capacity so that the design will ensure Decatur can create this process in other curricular areas besides math. Superintendent Davis noted this will return to the Board for approval at an upcoming meeting.</p>	

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<b>Board Discussion Items</b>	There were no committee reports.	Information only.

Mr. Moore asked for an update on Race to the Top and where administration was with the plan that was to be referred to the Board for approval. Superintendent Davis will have an update report prepared.

<b>Announcements</b>	The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:	Information only.
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Adam Walter Carter, 12 year old son of Timothy and Shannon Carter, who passed away on April 23, 2010. Shannon Carter is a teaching assistant for the District.

Judith Ann Denney, who passed away April 20, 2010, is a former Eisenhower High School employee.

Patricia Ann Guyse-Harvey who passed away on April 17, 2010. Ms. Harvey served as a Teaching Assistant for the Decatur Public School District.

Harlin B. Taylor, who passed away on April 20, 2010. Harlin worked for the District in the maintenance department for over 20 years, retiring in 1994. His wife, Violet, retired from the District as a Special Education secretary. She survives.

#### **Important Dates:**

**APRIL** Registration Continues!  
28-29 PS&E Exams

**MAY**

- 6 Technical Academy Recognition at the Civic Center – 6:30 PM
- 8 MacArthur High School and Eisenhower High School Prom
- 20 Retirement Tribute – 6:00 PM – SDMS Galleria
- 23 Graduation: EHS 2:00 PM – MHS 6:00 PM – Civic Center
- 24 Last Full Day of School for Transportation and Meals
- 25 Report Card Distribution Day – Last Day of School!

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<b>Next Meeting</b>	The next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 11, 2010 in the 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Board of Education Room. There is also a Special Called Meeting for Thursday, April 29, 2010, 5:30 PM in the Board Room for the Board to take action on the sale/lease of property of the public body.	Information only.
<b>Adjournment</b>	Mr. Moore moved to adjourned, seconded by Mr. Peete. All were in favor.	Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

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Daniel Winter, President

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Melinda J. Harrington, Secretary