

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

DATE/TIME: May 11, 2010

5:03 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Dan Winter, President
Dr. Jan Mandernach
LaVell Peete

Dan Oakes
D. R. Roberts
Kevin Moore

ABSENT: Terry Robinson

STAFF: Superintendent Gloria J. Davis
Jonni Clark, Director of Human Resources
Board Secretary Melinda J. Harrington
Attorney Susan Nicholas
and others

President Winter called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Call for Closed Executive Session	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. Moore. President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roberts, Oakes, Mandernach, Moore, Peete, Winter Nay: None Absent: Robinson Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent	Session began at 5:03 PM.
Return to Open Session	President Winter moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Oakes. All were in favor.	Board returned to Open Session at 6:30 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance	President Winter called the Open Session back to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.	Information only.
Agenda for May 11, 2010	Before making her recommendation the Superintendent requested that Item B, Tentative Amended Budget for 2009-2010 under the Superintendent's Report be moved to item E. under Roll Call Action Items and in so doing, she recommended the Board approve tonight's Revised Agenda as presented. Dr. Mandernach moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Moore. Hearing no discussion, President	Revised agenda was approved as presented.

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Winter called for a vote with all in favor.

Public Participation	No one requested to speak to the Board.	Information only.
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Special Presentations and District Highlights	<p>President Winter recognized and congratulated Jim Culbertson and Steve Schepper for their many years of service with the Decatur Public School District. Superintendent Davis also thanked them and recognized them for all they have done for the students whose lives they have touched.</p> <p>President Winter congratulated Penny Dunning, Science Teacher at Eisenhower High School, for being named Decatur Noon Rotary Teacher of the Month for May.</p> <p>Debbie Alexander, Chief Communications Officer, presented the Superintendent's Youth Advisory Council student officers, and their assistant, Amy Lehman to the Board. Alex Kidd, MacArthur High School, began the presentation followed with other presenters: Tiara Butler, Desiree Neal and Amide Amoda. They are working on peer mediation, counseling and school respect this year as ongoing discussion projects, including a program to teach leadership during freshmen orientation. All were congratulated on a great year and thanked for their work to improve our high schools.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis asked that the Gifted Presentation be moved up from the Superintendent's Report to allow these students to be able to get home earlier rather than waiting until the end of the meeting and all were in favor.</p> <p>Deanne Hillman, Director of Teaching and Learning, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the gifted program. Linda Anderson, Julie Pajer and Diane Brandt also assisted her in the presentation touching on all aspects of our Gifted Program.</p> <p>The 6th graders who had taken the SAT were presented with certificates. Julie Pajer reviewed the 4 in 1 camp for Gift Students which will be held this summer for 3 – 6 graders and 4 – 7 graders July 6 – August 4 at Millikin.</p> <p>In addition, Morgan Green, MHS and Shaneice Johnson, MHS, presented their Scholars and Mentors project which was a script they had written for a musical play including constructing, set design, etc. They also invited everyone to visit them on Friday at noon, PDI, when they will be presenting their project.</p>	Information only.
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Consent Items	<p>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>Superintendent Davis recommended approval of the Consent Items which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approval of Minutes, Regular/Closed April 27, 2010 and Special Called Meeting Minutes, April 29, 2010. B. Bills C. Redact Closed Session Minutes: August 25, September 8, September 22, October 13, October 27, November 10, November 24, December 8, 2009 and January 26, February 9, February 23, March 9, March 23, 2010. D. Destruction of Audio Recording Closed Meeting Minutes: March 18, April 8, April 22, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24, July 22, August 12, August 26, September 9, September 23, and October 14 and 28, 2008. E. Roof Replacement: Stevenson Elementary School (Bid) F. Bid: Paper Towels G. Agreement for Credit Collections 	Information only.
	<p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Dr. Mandernach. Hearing no questions or discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roberts, Moore, Winter, Mandernach, Peete, Oakes Nay: None Absent: Robinson Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent</p>	Motion carried. All Consent Items were approved as presented.
Roll Call Action Items Personnel	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended approval of all personnel items as presented by Jonnie Clark, Director of Human Resources. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion/questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Mandernach, Oakes, Peete, Roberts, Moore, Winter Nay: None Absent: Robinson Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	Motion carried. All personnel items presented were approved.
2010-2011 School Calendar	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the 2010-2011 School Calendar be approved as presented. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion or questions, President Winter called for</p>	Motion carried. 2010-2011 District calendar was approved as presented.

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	<p>a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Winter, Moore, Peete, Oakes, Mandernach Nay: Roberts Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 1 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	
Learning Points Proposal/Contract	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the Learning Points Proposal/Contract as presented. Dr. Mandernach moved to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Mr. Moore asked for clarity on grant funding for the project and requirements for teachers regarding the proposal, specifically how staff would be selected to participate and how they would be compensated, including with what funds. Deanne Hillman, Director of Teaching and Learning along with Superintendent Davis explained the funding mechanisms and staff would be selected and compensated. Hearing for further discussion or questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Oakes, Roberts, Winter, Mandernach Nay: Moore Absent: Robinson Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 1 Nay, 1 Absent</p> <p>Mr. Moore asked that administration bring the Board a breakdown showing salaries versus professional development with our Title I funding.</p>	<p>Motion carried. Learning Points Proposal/Contract was approved.</p> <p>Administration will prepare a breakdown of Title I funding.</p>
Health Insurance Consultant Agreement and Business Associate Agreement	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the Health Insurance Consultant Agreement and Business Associate Agreement as presented. Superintendent Davis noted that Mr. Neil Seltz was present and could answer questions if any Board member needed further clarification. Dr. Mandernach moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Mr. Seltz introduced himself to the Board following a brief update of the process from Dr. Blount. Mr. Seltz noted his scope of service would be 1) Plan Design 2) Vendor Selection 3) Implementation of wellness and disease programs. Recommendations will be back to the Board in time for the October 1 renewal dates which means the first phase will be in place by June 1 running through to the Board meeting in the fall. Hearing no further discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Roberts, Winter, Mandernach, Oakes, Moore, Peete Nay: None Absent: Robinson Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. The Health Insurance Consultant and Business Associate Agreement were approved as presented.</p>
Neil M. Seltz Insurance Consulting & Brokerage, Inc.		

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FY 10 District Tentative Budget Amendment	<p>Superintendent Davis moved to approve the FY10 District Tentative Budget Amendment as presented. Dr. Mandernach moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Dr. Becky Blount, Director of Business Affairs, presented a PowerPoint to explain the revenues and expenditures of the Tentative Budget Amendment, noting that public notice would be given and a public hearing held on June 22, 2010 before action is taken on this tentative budget amendment. Board discussion followed and when finished, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:</p> <p>Aye: Mandernach, Roberts, Peete, Oakes, Moore, Winter Nay: None Absent: Robinson Roll Call Vote: 6 Ay, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Tentative Amended Budget for 2009-2010 was approved as presented. Hearing will be held on June 22, 2010 for the public to comment.</p>
Superintendent's Report	<p>There were no additional reports.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
Board Discussion Items	<p>There were no items for discussion.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
Announcements	<p>The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:</p> <p>Judith Ann Denney, who passed away on April 20, 2010. Mrs. Denney was a retired secretary from Eisenhower High School.</p> <p>Dr. Bill Lewis, professor emeritus at Millikin and retired head of the Education Department, passed away following a long-time illness. Dr. Lewis worked closely with District 61 administrators and teachers to place Millikin student teachers in District 61 classrooms. Bill was also very active in the Decatur Illinois Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa. Bill's widow, Yvonne Lewis, retired as an elementary teacher from Baum Elementary School.</p> <p>Opal Rhodes Hunt, who passed away May 2, 2010. Ms. Hunt was a retired Lakeview High School secretary.</p> <p>Important Dates: MAY 12 Stephen Decatur Middle School Choir Concert, 7:00 PM Auditorium 13 Stephen Decatur Middle School Band Concert, 7:00 PM Auditorium 13 MacArthur High School Awards Night, 7:00 PM, MHS Auditorium</p>	<p>Information only.</p> <p>Information only.</p>

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	14 MHS & EHS Life Skills Graduation, 3700 N. Westlawn, Decatur - 10:30 – 2:00 PM	
	14 & 15: MacArthur High School Play, “ 25 th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee” → MHS, 7:30PM	
	15 Community Canvass – Meet at Hope Academy at 8:00 AM	
	15 6 th Annual Power Drill Team Extravaganza at EHS, 6:00 PM	
	15 NAACP Banquet, Decatur Conference Center, 6:30 PM	
	16 African American Heritage Graduates at RCC, Shilling, 5:30 – 7:00 PM	
	MacArthur High School Baccalaureate, 1:30 PM, First Lutheran Church, 250 West Decatur Street, Decatur IL	
	17 Eisenhower High School Baccalaureate – 7:00 PM – EHS Auditorium	
	20 Retirement Tribute: Stephen Decatur Middle School Galleria 6:30 PM	
	Eisenhower and MacArthur Senior Day – Graduation Practice and Picnic	
	21 Boys Track IHSA Sectionals, 4:15 PM at Lincoln High School	
	Girls Track IHSA Regionals, 4:15 PM, Springfield Lanphier	
	Girls Soccer IHSA Regionals, 4:00 PM, Eisenhower	
	23 High School Graduation at the Decatur Civic Center	
	2:00 PM: Eisenhower High School	
	6:00 PM: MacArthur High School	
	The next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in the 1 st Floor Board of Education Room.	

Adjournment

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moore.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Information only.

Dan Winter, President

Melinda J. Harrington, Secretary