

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

DATE/TIME: February 26, 2013

4:45 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Daniel S. Winter, President
Sherrri Perkins
Brian Hodges
Kevin Moore, Vice President (arrival 4:58 PM)

LaVell Peete
Dan Oakes
Jackie Bullard

STAFF: Superintendent Gloria J. Davis
Board Secretary Melissa Bradford
Attorneys Everett Nicholas, Collette McCarty and others

President Winter called the meeting to order at 4:45 PM.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Call for Closed Executive Session	<p>President Winter moved to go into Closed Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Perkins to conduct a student discipline hearing and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, possible litigation and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of it employees.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Winter called for a roll call vote: Aye: Bullard, Perkins, Oakes, Peete, Winter Nay: None Absent: Moore (arrival 4:58 PM), Hodges Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:45 PM.</p>
Return to Open Session	<p>Mr. Winter moved to return to Open Session to take action on the student discipline hearing, seconded by Mr. Peete. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Board returned to Open Session at 5:03 PM to take action on the student discipline hearing.</p>
Student Discipline Hearing	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended that Student #1213-0023 be expelled from the Decatur Public School District 61, all events, property and activities of the District for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year and all of the 2013-2014 school year, with a stay for alternative education.</p> <p>Ms. Bullard moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no further discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:</p>	<p>Motion carried. Student #1213-0023 was expelled from the DPS District 61 for the remainder of the 2012-2013 and all of the 2013-2014 school year.</p>

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	<p>Aye: Peete, Bullard, Perkins, Oakes, Winter Nay: None Abstain: Moore (due to arrival to meeting) Absent: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent</p>	
Return to Open Session	<p>The Board of Education has been in 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, possible litigation and collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of it employees.</p>	Information only.
	<p>No action was taken during closed executive session.</p>	
Pledge of Allegiance	<p>President Winter led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	
Approval of Agenda, February 26, 2013	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the agenda for February 26, 2013 as presented. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. All were in favor.</p>	Agenda was approved as presented.
Special Presentations and District Highlights	<p>The Board of Education joined in supporting the National Education Association (NEA) in its focus on motivating children and teens to read through events, partnerships and reading resources in its Reading Across America motivation and awareness program. This year’s celebration takes place on Friday, March 1, 2013. Normally, the Celebration coincides with the birthday of Dr. Seuss on March 2, but this date falls on a Saturday, therefore, the celebration has been moved up a day. Please join your child in making reading a priority as we proclaim Reading Across America week in District 61!</p>	Information only.
	<p>The Board of Education and Superintendent Davis congratulated the Thomas Jefferson Raiders 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team! The 8th grade basketball team won regionals with a 51 – 39 victory over Taylorville, but lost to state runner-up Springfield Jefferson in the Sectionals. The TJ staff is extremely proud of these student athletes. And, they not only excelled on the basketball court, but in the classroom as well. We also would like to send a very special thank you to the TJ staff and coach, who provided the extra help for students, when needed.</p>	

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Coach: Charles Jones

8th Grade Team: Bryson Bonds, Cayleb Dehority, Jakob Davis (7th), Seth Greenwell, Robert Johnson, Julian Jones, Jessie Love, Kyler Stanley, Cincere Turner (7th), Michael White and Martez Whitherspoon

Principal Nate Sheppard, Assistant Principal Ken Rufener, Athletic Director Rick Austin and Assistant Coach Justin Bear were also recognized.

The Board of Education and Superintendent Davis also congratulated the Robertson Charter School 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2013 IESA State Championship! The Robertson Charter School's 7th Grade Team won the IESA State Basketball Tournament with a 54 – 49 victory over Normal Metcalf. This is their 2nd State Title.

Coaching Staff: 7th Grade Head Coach Brandon Springfield, Assistant Coach Randy Thaxton and Manager Xavier Young

7th Grade Team: Toby Britton, Karlnelius Brown, Quinnton Brown (6th), Amir Brummett, Armon Brummett, Cameron Currie, Ke'Arius Evans (6th), Kameron Harper, Jaylen Howard, Omari Morgret, Ray Neal, Martiece O'Neal, Steven Phillips, Simeon Smith and Majaleous Thomas

The Board of Education and Superintendent Davis also congratulated the Robertson Charter School 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team on winning the 2013 IESA State Championship! The Robertson Charter School's 8th Grade Team won the IESA State Basketball Tournament with a 57 – 39 victory over Altamont Junior High School.

This is their 3rd State Title.

Coaching Staff: 8th Grade Head Coach Curtiss Lindsey, Assistant Coach Cordell Ingram and Manager Levi Lindsey

8th Grade Team: Steven Billegas, Stephon Bobbitt, Shane Boyster, Quantellis Bradford, Pierce Bradford, Avante Flesch, Stefon Jarrett, Tysen Jennings, Quantrevius Mann, Deion Norfleet, Tyrell Simmons, Randy Thaxton, Eric Thomas, Zaryan Woodley and Ramar Young

The Board of Education and Superintendent Davis also congratulated Elite Energy! EE is made up of students from Eisenhower and MacArthur High Schools and this year they have received the following placement in competitions:

- Mt. Zion Show Choir Invitational: 4th Runner-up
- Midwest Show Choir Classic in Danville, IL: 1st Runner-up
- DeKalb Show Choir Invitational in DeKalb, IN: 2nd Runner-up

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	<p>EE competed on February 16, 2013 at the Sullivan Show Choir Invitational in Sullivan, IL and placed 1st Runner-up. And, Eisenhower High School Senior Anthony Bond was named best male soloist! EE’s final competition will be March 8-10, 2013 at the Wheaton Warrenville Choral Classic, Wheaton, Illinois. <u>They will also be performing at the Senior Spotlight Showcase on April 14 at 2:00 PM at Eisenhower High School.</u> This is a great way for our families and the community to come out and see the very talented Elite Energy!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Best of Luck to All of our Students!!!</i></p>	
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>Tayisha Nelson and others spoke to the board regarding “Teens Against Tobacco Use” (TATU). There were 12 students from Eisenhower and MacArthur High Schools who performed and trained for Macon County’s first TATU program.</p> <p>Tracie Riggen spoke to the board regarding the PBIS Incentive Program with Brit Miller at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.</p> <p>Paula Busboom, President of The Decatur Federation of Teaching Assistants (DFTA), spoke to the board regarding the proposed 2013-2014 budget reductions and the Open Board of Education Work Session that was held on February 20, 2013.</p> <p>Suzanne Kreps, President of The Decatur Education Association, spoke to the board regarding the proposed 2013-2014 budget reductions and the Open Board of Education Work Session that was held on February 20, 2013.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
<p>Consent Items</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve all of the Consent Items as presented which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Minutes: Regular/Closed, February 12, 2013 B. Financial Conditions Report C. Treasurer’s Report <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Bullard, Winter, Moore, Oakes, Perkins, Peete Nay: None Absent: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. All Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>

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Roll Call Action Items	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve all Personnel Items listed in the Memo from Jonnie Clark, Director of Human Resources.</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Moore. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Perkins, Oakes, Moore, Peete, Bullard, Winter Nay: None Absent: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. All personnel items were approved as presented.</p>
Administrator Appointment	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the appointment of Kathy Massey for the position of Director of Macon-Piatt Special Education at a base salary of \$99,152.00, Level 18, Step 8, with an effective date of July 1, 2013 as presented.</p> <p>Ms. Bullard moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Moore. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Winter, Oakes, Perkins, Moore, Bullard Nay: None Absent: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Kathy Massey was appointed as Director of MPSED as presented.</p>
District Technology Integration Plan for 2013-2016	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the District Technology Integration Plan for 2013 – 2016 as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Perkins.</p> <p>Director of Information and Technology Jim Altig stated this plan has to be submitted to Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to qualify for the E-Rate funding. This plan explains our goals for technology starting July 1, 2013.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Winter, Oakes, Moore, Bullard, Perkins, Peete Nay: None Absent: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. The District Technology Integration Plan was approved as presented.</p>

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DPS 61 Athletics to Petition Central State 8 Conference	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve for Decatur Public School District 61 Athletics to Petition Central State 8 as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Winter.</p> <p>Deputy Superintendent Mann stated that per the Board Members request for input at the February 12, 2013 board meeting, the District only received one email which was sent to our “We Listen” account via the website. The Herald and Review also did a poll with the community being 60% in favor.</p> <p>President Winter stated that he has received mixed comments regarding the switch to this Athletic Conference.</p> <p>Athletic Consultant Mel Roustio stated when you look at the data, projections and comparisons with the Big 12 and the Central State 8, we are making the right choice for our future athletes who will be representing Decatur Public Schools.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Peete, Oakes, Winter, Perkins, Bullard Nay: None Absent: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. DPS 61 Athletics to Petition Central State 8 Conference was approved as presented.</p>
Closure of Brush College Elementary School as an Attendance Center	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board the Closure of Brush College Elementary School as an Attendance Center at the end of the 2012/2013 school year as presented.</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: Peete, Perkins, Bullard, Moore, Oakes, Winter Nay: None Absent: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. The Closure of Brush College Elementary School as an Attendance Center was approved as presented.</p>
Superintendent’s Report Student Services Department Update	<p>Director of Student Services Dr. Rochelle Clark presented a Department update.</p> <p>Mr. Peete thanked the staff for their hard work with our families who receive the special services.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>

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	<p>President Winter thanked the school secretaries for their hard work as well.</p>	
ISAT Update	<p>Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator Jenny Mullins presented on the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) cut scores.</p> <p>Ms. Mullins noted that the current Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) status will be determined by Spring 2013 ISAT scores by using the new performance cut scores. And, communication will be sent to our families regarding the new implementation.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis noted that the issue is the implementation timeline from the State of Illinois not the rigor.</p>	Information only.
Budget Reduction Recommendations for 2013-2014 school year	<p>Superintendent Davis and Deputy Superintendent Lisa Mann presented information on the 2013-2014 Budget Reduction recommendations for Decatur Public Schools and Assistant Director of Macon-Piatt Special Education presented information on the 2013-2014 Budget Reduction recommendations for Macon-Piatt Special Education District.</p> <p>Discussion and input will continue and come back at the March 12, 2013 board meeting for a vote from the Board of Education.</p> <p>Mr. Oakes noted that any time you are not receiving revenue, budget cuts will have to be made and 90% of the budget goes to salaries and benefits. When we had the open forum for the budget, no one offered a suggestion. Hopefully, this is the end of these issues from the State of Illinois.</p> <p>Ms. Bullard noted that children cannot vote, but the adults could call their legislator and governor's office regarding these revenue issues.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis noted that it is very hard to function when the revenues have decreased and the State of Illinois is asking for Districts to pick up the pension costs.</p> <p>Mr. Oakes noted that we have one of lowest administrator to student ratios in Central Illinois.</p> <p>President Winter noted that he rode with the DEA leadership team to Springfield regarding a meeting on pensions. The State of Illinois is broke and funding may have to come from local revenues.</p> <p>President Winter noted that PBIS is grant funded. This program does not come out of District funds and is not a part of the budget.</p>	Information only.

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Board Discussion Items	No other board reports.	Information only.
Announcements	<p>The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of:</p> <p>Eileen A. Wetzel, who passed away on Tuesday, February 5, 2013. Mrs. Wetzel was a retired Teaching Assistant for Decatur Public Schools and the mother of Mike Wetzel, Maintenance Worker and Union Leader in the Buildings and Grounds Department for Decatur Public Schools.</p> <p>Mary Ann Mulverhill, who passed away on Friday, February 8, 2013. Mrs. Mulverhill was a retired Executive Secretary from the Vocational Center through Decatur Public Schools and the sister-in-law of Mary Wortman, retired Principal from Stephen Decatur Middle School and a current Hearing Officer for student expulsions.</p> <p>Gerald E. Ray, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Mr. Ray is the father of Josh Ray, Maintenance Worker in the Buildings and Grounds Department in Decatur Public Schools.</p> <p>Thomas G. Kullik, who passed away on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. Mr. Kullik is the father of Kathy Moore, Science Teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.</p> <p>Clara M. Wagner, who passed away on Saturday, February 16, 2013. Mrs. Wagner was 106 years old and is the grandmother of Jim Andrews, Information and Technology Network Manager for Decatur Public Schools.</p> <p>Roberta Jean Beard, who passed away on Sunday, February 17, 2013. Mrs. Beard is the mother of Marsha Blackwell, Secretary at Stevenson Elementary School.</p> <p>Bevie Padgett, who passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2013. Mrs. Padgett is the wife of Dean Padgett, retired Stephen Decatur High School Teacher, Coach and Driver's Training Instructor.</p>	Information only.
Important Dates	<p>February 28 Public Meeting – District-Wide Utilization Plan – 6:30 PM, Enterprise Elementary School, 2115 S. Taylor Road</p> <p>March 4-15 Illinois Standards Achievement Testing (ISAT) 8-10 Elite Energy Competition – Wheaton Warrenville Choral Classic</p>	Information only.

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April 13	Informational meeting for EHS and MHS Students interested in auditioning for Elite Energy	Information only.
5-16	Tryouts for Elite Energy	

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, March 12, 2013 in the 1st Floor Board of Education Room.

Adjournment Mr. Peete moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moore. Board adjourned at
All were in favor. 8:54 PM.

Daniel S. Winter, President

Melissa Bradford, Secretary