

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

DATE/TIME: March 12, 2013

4:45 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Daniel S. Winter, President
Dan Oakes
Brian Hodges
Jackie Bullard

Kevin Moore, Vice President
LaVell Peete
Sherri Perkins

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

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call for Closed Executive Session	President Winter moved to go into Closed Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Bullard 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 its employees.	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:45 PM.

Hearing no questions, President Winter called for a roll call vote:
Aye: Moore, Bullard, Peete, Oakes, Winter, Hodges, Perkins
Nay: None
Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

Return to Open Session – Call for the Public Hearing Honorable Dismissal of Certificated Employees	President Winter opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 PM and noted for the Board and public that this hearing is to give an opportunity to the public and Board Members to present any written or oral testimony and/or comments on the Honorable Dismissal of Certificated Employees based upon economic necessity. There will be discussion and action on possible reduction of staff, programs and other related items that reflect our educational fund needs. Previously, a series of meetings were held with a budget committee, which had representation from all union groups, other staff members, administration and the Board of Education.	Board returned to Open Session at 6:50 PM.
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President Winter asked if any written comments had been received and/or if anyone wanted to present written comments. None had been received and none were presented.

President Winter asked if any one wished to speak on this subject and no one requested to speak, including Board Members.

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	<p>President Winter noted he had given an opportunity for public participation, oral and written testimony, and then declared the public hearing closed at 7:00 PM.</p>	
<p>Open Session Continued</p>	<p>President Winter noted that the Board of Education has been in Closed Executive Session 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. No action was taken during Closed Executive Session.</p>	
<p>Pledge of Allegiance</p>	<p>President Winter led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	
<p>Approval of Agenda, March 12, 2013</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the agenda for March 12, 2013 as presented. Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Agenda was approved as presented.</p>
<p>Special Presentations and District Highlights</p>	<p>None at this time.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>Kristina Sommer, Baby Talk Program Coordinator for Phoenix II, spoke to the Board of Education regarding the importance of the Phoenix II Program.</p> <p>Hayley Kaufman, recent MHS graduate from the Phoenix II Program, spoke to the Board of Education regarding the importance of the Phoenix II Program.</p> <p>Regina Abraham, Baby Talk Program Manager and Home Visitor for Phoenix II, read a letter from former student, Brittany Critchfield, regarding the importance of the Phoenix II Program and its success in her life. This student was unable to attend this board meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Peete congratulated the graduates from the Phoenix II Program and thanked Baby Talk and Central Christian Church for their hard work and dedication in helping our students in their program.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis noted that some allowances have been made as it relates to the concerns of the Baby Talk – Phoenix II Program.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>

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Consent Items	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve all Consent items as presented which include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Minutes: Special Open Work Session, February 20, 2013, Regular/Closed, February 26, 2013 B. Monthly Bills C. Financial Conditions Report D. Treasurer’s Report E. Purchase of Paper Towels for Warehouse: 500 cases of 9” x 400’/roll and 500 cases of 8” x 425’roll F. 2013 Contract with the Decatur Park District for Camp Connections G. 2013 Contract with Millikin University for SMASH Camp H. 2013 Contract with YMCA for Middle School Summer School I. 2013 Contract with Workforce Investments for Eisenhower High School Students/ Summer Program 	<p>Motion carried. All Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Moore.</p>	
	<p>Director of Special Programs Bobbi Williams shared information regarding the 2013 Summer School Camps. The Workforce Investments for EHS students is new this year and is being paid through the School Improvement Grant (SIG) for approximately forty students. Something similar will be done for the MHS students through the 21st Century Grant.</p>	
	<p>Mr. Hodges thanked the Park District, Millikin University and the YMCA for their partnership and collaboration with our summer programs.</p>	
	<p>Mr. Winter noted the success of our summer programs and they will be filled with Decatur Public School students first.</p>	
	<p>Hearing no further discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Bullard, Oakes, Moore, Hodges, Peete, Perkins, Winter Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	
Roll Call Action Items	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve all the Personnel Items and the Supplemental listed in the Memo from Jonnie Clark, Director of Human Resources as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Peete. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Winter, Oakes, Moore, Bullard, Hodges, Perkins, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. All personnel items and the supplemental were approved as presented.</p>

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Resolution to Dismiss Full Time Educational Support Personnel	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board Adopt the Resolution to Dismiss Nathan Murphy, the Full-Time Educational Support Personnel Employee 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: Oakes, Winter, Moore, Hodges, Perkins, Bullard Nay: None Abstain/Present: Peete Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent, 1 Abstain/Present</p>	<p>Motion carried. The Resolution to Dismiss Full Time Educational Support Personnel Employee listed was approved.</p>
Budget Reductions for 2013-2014 School Year Decatur Public School District 61 and Macon-Piatt Special Education District	<p><u>Budget Reduction Recommendations/Plan:</u> Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve the Budget Reduction Recommendations for the 2013-2014 School Year for Decatur Public School District 61 and Macon –Piatt Special Education District at a Total Estimated Savings of \$7,436,197.00.</p> <p>Ms. Bullard moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Moore.</p> <p>Director of Business Affairs Dr. Todd Covault presented and shared information on the Budget Reduction Recommendations. Dr. Covault reiterated that our issues are revenues not expenditures. The District is continuing to have declining revenues.</p> <p>Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Winter, Oakes, Hodges, Perkins, Moore, Bullard Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. The Budget Reduction Recommendations /Plan for 2013-2014 School Year was approved as presented.</p>
Reduction in Force and Non Reemployment of Certified Staff and Non Certified Staff	<p>President Winter explained how the Reduction in Force and Non-Reemployment of Certified Staff and Non-Certified Staff for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Decatur Public School District 61 and – Macon-Piatt Special Education District <p>Notices of Non Re-Employment will be read for Decatur Public School District 61 and Macon Piatt Special Education District.</p>	
	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the following Resolutions be approved by the Board of Education for Decatur Public School District 61 as follows:</p>	
Decatur Public School District #61	<p><u>Resolution #1:</u> Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #1...”Authorizing issuance of notice to the employees listed, who are Non-Tenured Full-Time First, Second or Third Year Teacher/Teachers, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #1 was approved as presented.</p>

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Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes.
Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Bullard, Oakes, Perkins, Moore, Winter, Hodges, Peete
Nay: None
Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

Resolution #2: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Motion carried.
Resolution #2...”Authorizing issuance of notice to the employees listed, Resolution #2 was
who are Certified Staff, that they will be honorably dismissed at the end of approved as
the 2012-2013 school term.” presented.

Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes.
Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Perkins, Peete, Hodges, Moore, Winter, Oakes, Bullard
Nay: None
Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

Resolution #3: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Motion carried.
Resolution #3.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Non-Tenured Resolution #3 was
Retired Teacher/Teachers listed, that they will not be re-employed for the approved as
2013-2014 school term.” presented.

Mr. Hodges moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs.
Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call
Vote:
Aye: Peete, Bullard, Hodges, Perkins, Oakes, Winter
Nay: None
Abstain/Present: Moore
Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent, 1 Abstain/Present

Resolution #4: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Motion carried.
Resolution #4...”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Administrative Resolution #4 was
Support Staff listed, that he will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 approved as
school term.” presented.

Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes.
Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Oakes, Bullard, Perkins, Hodges, Winter, Moore, Peete
Nay: None
Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent

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Decatur Public School District #61	<p>Resolution #5: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #5... ..”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Schedule B Staff listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 School term.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Bullard. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Winter, Bullard, Hodges, Moore, Perkins, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #5 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #6: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #6.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Full-Time Teaching Assistant/Teaching Assistants listed that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Bullard. Hearing no further discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Bullard, Hodges, Winter, Perkins, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #6 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #7: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #7.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Part-Time Teaching Assistant/Teaching Assistants listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Bullard, Perkins, Hodges, Moore, Winter, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #7 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #8: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #8.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Teamster Worker listed, that he will no longer be employed as of February 1, 2014.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Hodge, Perkins, Bullard, Moore, Winter, Oakes, Peete Nay: Hodges Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #8 was approved as presented.</p>

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Decatur Public School District #61	<p>Resolution #9: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #9.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Maintenance Workers listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Perkins, Bullard, Hodges, Moore, Winter, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #9 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #10: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #10.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Custodians listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Bullard, Peete, Perkins, Winter, Oakes, Hodges Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #10 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #11: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #11 ...”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Full-Time Office Personnel listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mr. Moore. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Bullard, Hodges, Moore, Winter, Perkins, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #11 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #12: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #12...”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Full-Time Office Personnel listed, that she will no longer be employed as of April 30, 2013.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Bullard, Hodges, Moore, Winter, Oakes, Perkins Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #12 was approved as presented.</p>

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Decatur Public School District #61	<p>Resolution #13: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #13.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Part-Time Office Personnel listed, that she will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Perkins, Bullard, Hodges, Peete, Winter, Oakes, Moore Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #13 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #14: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #14.....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Full-Time Hourly Non-Contract Staff listed, that he will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Ms. Bullard. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Winter, Perkins, Hodges, Moore, Bullard, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #14 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #15: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #15....”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Full-Time Hourly Non-Contract Staff listed, that she will no longer be employed as of April 30, 2013.”</p> <p>Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Ms. Bullard. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Oakes, Hodges, Moore, Bullard, Perkins, Winter Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #15 was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Resolution #16: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #16...”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Part-Time Hourly Non-Contract Staff listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</p> <p>Ms. Bullard moved to approve the recommendation, seconded Mr. Moore. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Winter, Perkins, Hodges, Moore, Bullard, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #16 was approved as presented.</p>

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Macon-Piatt Special Education District	<u>Resolution #1:</u> Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #1.... "Authorizing issuance of notice to the Macon-Piatt Special Education District First, Second, or Third Year Non-Tenured Teachers listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term."	Motion carried. Resolution #1 was approved as presented.
	Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Bullard, Hodges, Moore, Winter, Peete, Perkins Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent	
	<u>Resolution #2:</u> Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #2..... "Authorizing issuance of notice to the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Part-Time Non-Tenured Teacher listed, that she will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term."	Motion carried. Resolution #2 was approved as presented.
	Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Ms. Bullard. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Peete, Oakes, Hodges, Moore, Bullard, Perkins, Winter Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent	
	<u>Resolution #3:</u> Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #3..... "Authorizing issuance of notice to the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Part-Time Retired Teachers listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term."	Motion carried. Resolution #3 was approved as presented.
	Mr. Moore moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Moore, Bullard, Peete, Perkins, Winter, Oakes, Hodges Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent	
	<u>Resolution #4:</u> Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #4... "Authorizing issuance of notice to Macon-Piatt Special Education District After School Private/Parochial Extra-Duty Teachers listed, that they will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term."	Motion carried. Resolution #4 was approved as presented.
	Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Moore. Hearing no discussion, President Winter called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Bullard, Oakes, Perkins, Moore, Winter, Hodges, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent	

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Macon-Piatt Special Education District	<p>Resolution #5: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #5...”Authorizing issuance of notice to the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Full-Time Office Personnel listed, that she will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</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: Winter, Perkins, Hodges, Moore, Bullard, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #5 was approved as presented.</p>
Reclassification of Principals-Decatur Public School District 61	<p>Resolution #1: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #1... “Authorizing the issuance of notice to the Principal listed of a Proposed Reclassification from the position of a principal to another position in the School District for which a lower salary is paid.”</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: Peete, Bullard, Hodges, Moore, Winter, Oakes, Perkins Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #1 was approved as presented.</p>
Non-Reemployment of Administrators Decatur Public School District 61	<p>President Winter informed everyone that the following Roll Call Item was withdrawn from the board agenda: <u>8.0. Roll Call Action Item</u> F. Non-Reemployment of Administrators - Decatur Public School District 61</p>	<p>Roll Call Action Item 8.0. F. Non-Reemployment of Administrators for DPS was withdrawn from this board agenda.</p>
Non-Reemployment of Administrator Macon-Piatt Special Education	<p>Resolution #1: Superintendent Davis recommended that the Board approve Resolution #1... ”Authorizing the issuance of notice to the Macon-Piatt Special Education District Second Year Non-Tenured Administrator listed, that he will not be re-employed for the 2013-2014 school term.”</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: Hodges, Perkins, Bullard, Moore, Winter, Oakes, Peete Nay: None Roll Call Vote: 7 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. Resolution #1 was approved as presented.</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<p>Supt.’s Report 2013-2014 Parent Handbook/ Student Code of Conduct/ Procedures Handbook</p>	<p>Director of Student Services Dr. Rochelle Clark presented an informational update on the recommended changes from the Student Discipline Committee on the 2013–2014 Parent Handbook and Student Code of Conduct/Procedures Handbook. Dr. Clark also thanked the Student Discipline Committee for their hard work.</p> <p>Dr. Clark explained that ESchool Plus allows teachers to write electronic referrals that are then submitted to the building principal. Discipline reports are presented quarterly through PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports).</p> <p>Dr. Clark explained the difference between truancy and tardy. Truancy is when a student does not attend school. Tardy is when a student is late to class.</p> <p>President Winter thanked the Student Discipline Committee as well.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis noted that this item will be recommended for approval in April.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>
<p>2013-2014 District Calendar</p>	<p>Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator Jenny Mullins presented an update on the 2013-2014 District Calendar.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis noted the change to the 2013-2014 winter break is due to the high school renovations. The finalization of our first high school renovation will be at the end of the year.</p> <p>President Winter thanked everyone for their emails and suggestions regarding this item.</p> <p>President Winter stated that the printing of this calendar must be thought-out and user friendly for our families and the public due to the amount of information that has previously been inserted in the calendar grids.</p> <p>Mr. Oakes asked if the 2013-2014 school calendar would cause issues with the Decatur Area Technical Academy/Heartland.</p> <p>Ms. Mullins stated that after the Board of Education reviews the 2013-2014 calendar, it will then be shared with the County Superintendents and the Technical Academy because it impacts transportation.</p> <p>Director of Business Affairs Dr. Todd Covault stated that at a previous Special Education finance meeting, the Superintendents were informed regarding our calendar changes and the winter break as it relates to our high school students.</p>	<p>Information only.</p>

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	<p>Superintendent Davis noted that conversation is continuing with Hope Academy regarding their calendar as it relates to the traditional versus balanced calendar.</p> <p>Ms. Mullins reiterated that this item will be recommended for approval at the second board meeting in April.</p> <p>Mr. Hodges noted that with this change in the calendar, the staff is working the same number of days and hourly workers will be extended in the Spring due to the winter break.</p> <p>Ms. Mullins stated that this will be communicated to the staff as early as possible.</p> <p>President Winter noted that communication to our staff and families is very important due to the number of calendar changes.</p>	Information only.
Board Discussion Items	<p>President Winter noted that the vote for the District to enter the Central State 8 will be Wednesday, March 13, 2013.</p> <p>Deputy Superintendent Lisa Mann stated that they are scheduled to meet tomorrow and the District should receive some communication afterwards.</p>	Information only.
Announcements	The Board sends condolences to the families of:	Information only.
	<p>Mildred I. (Easton) Zinn, who passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2013. Mrs. Zinn is the mother of Dennis Zinn, former Union Representative for Teaching Assistants and the mother-in-law of Linda Zinn, retired South Shores Elementary Principal.</p> <p>Mable Towns, who passed away Monday, March 4, 2013. Ms. Towns is the mother of Patricia Williams, retired Teacher from Johns Hill Magnet School.</p> <p>James “Nate” Nathan Johnson, who passed away Sunday, March 10, 2013. Nate is the son of Scott Johnson, Maintenance Employee for Decatur Public Schools.</p>	
Important Dates	<p>March 11 – 15 Last Week of ISATs</p> <p>15 End of 3rd Quarter for District and Hope Academy – K through 8</p> <p>15 High School Progress Report Distribution</p>	Information only.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	March 18 – 22 NO SCHOOL! Spring Break for the District and Hope Academy All District Offices are closed on March 18, 2013 ONLY! This is the District’s Observance of Casimir Pulaski Holiday – District offices will re-open on Tuesday, March 19 th for the remainder of the week. 25 School Resumes for District except Hope Academy 25 – 28 Hope Academy – SOAR – Intersession Break 28 District K through 8 – 3 rd Quarter Report Card Distribution 29 NO SCHOOL! Good Friday Holiday and District Offices are Closed.	Information only.
April	1 – 5 Hope Academy Continuing Intersession Break – SOAR is Monday through Thursday Only 8 District PLC Day - NO SCHOOL for PreK through 8 th Grade for District and Hope Academy! ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE IN SESSION! 9 Classes Resume for ALL Students 23 – 24 High School Testing: EXPLORE – 9 th /PLAN – 10 th /PSAE – 11 th Grades	

Reminder:

This is the only REGULAR Board of Education Meeting in March.

NEXT MEETING

The next REGULAR meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, April 9, 2013 in the 1st Floor Board of Education Room.

Adjournment	Mr. Peete moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moore. All were in favor.	Board adjourned at 8:37 PM.
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Daniel S. Winter, President

Melissa Bradford, Secretary