

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

DATE/TIME: June 11, 2013

4:30 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
3rd Floor Conference Room

PRESENT: Brian K. Hodges, President
Dan Oakes
TJ Jackson Jr.

Sherri Perkins, Vice President
Fred Spannaus
BA Buttz

ABSENT: Alida Graham

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

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

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
Call for Closed Executive Session	President Hodges moved to go into Closed Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Perkins 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.	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:30 PM.
	Hearing no questions, President Hodges called for a roll call vote: Aye: Jackson, Hodges, Perkins, Buttz, Oakes, Spannaus Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent	
Return to Open Session	President Hodges asked for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Oakes motioned, seconded by Mr. Jackson. All were in favor.	Board returned to Open Session at 6:20 PM.
Call for Public Hearings – Amended Budget for Decatur Public School District 61	President Hodges opened the first Public Hearing at 6:30 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 subject of the Amended Budget for Decatur Public School District 61 for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. The Board of Education had a tentative form of this amended budget prepared by the business office and the Board Secretary has made the same conveniently available to the public for inspection for the last 30 days prior to tonight’s action.	First Public Hearing was held from 6:30–6:33 PM.
	President Hodges asked if any written comments had been received or if anyone wanted to present written comments. None had been received and none were presented.	

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	<p>He asked if any one wished to speak on this subject and no one requested to speak, including Board members.</p>	
	<p>President Hodges noted he had given an opportunity for public participation, oral and written testimony, and then declared the public hearing closed at 6:33 PM.</p>	
<p>Working Cash Fund Bonds</p>	<p>President Hodges opened the second Public Hearing at 6:34 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 concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell not to exceed \$7,000,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds of Decatur Public School District 61. All persons desiring to be heard will have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony.</p>	<p>Second Public Hearing was held from 6:34–6:37 PM.</p>
	<p>President Hodges asked if any written comments had been received or if anyone wanted to present written comments. None had been received and none were presented. He asked if any one wished to speak on this subject and no one requested to speak, including Board members.</p>	
	<p>President Hodges noted he had given an opportunity for public participation, oral and written testimony.</p>	
	<p>President Hodges asked for a motion and a second to declare the second public hearing closed. Mr. Jackson motioned, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Spannaus, Perkins, Jackson, Buttz, Oakes, Hodges Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent President Hodges declared the second public hearing closed at 6:37 PM.</p>	
<p>Con't Open Session</p>	<p>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 Hodges led the Pledge of Allegiance.</p>	
<p>Approval of Revised Agenda June 11, 2013</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the revised agenda for June 11, 2013, as presented. Mr. Spannaus moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Jackson. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Revised Agenda was approved as presented.</p>

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Special Presentations and District Highlights	None at this time.	Information only.
Public Participation	Kate Mulomede, parent and community member, spoke to the Board Members regarding the Montessori Program.	Information only.
Consent Items	<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, May 28, 2013 and Closed, May 30, 2013 B. Monthly Bills C. Technology Purchase D. Lieutenant Loren D. Hagen Memorial Monument E. Job Description: African-American Scholars Program (AASP) Coordinator <p>Mr. Jackson moved to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Oakes. Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Buttz, Perkins, Spannaus, Hodges, Oakes, Jackson Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. All Consent Items were approved as presented.</p>
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>Mr. Oakes moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mrs. Perkins.</p> <p>Mr. Buttz asked if the Board of Education approved to add a middle school program to Dennis Lab School. Superintendent Davis replied that there was a presentation at a previous board meeting to allow conversations and/or questions regarding the addition of the middle school program.</p> <p>Mr. Spannaus asked if the Board Members could vote on all expansions of grade level programs in the future. Deputy Superintendent Mann replied that we followed past practice, but was not saying it cannot be changed.</p> <p>Mr. Buttz stated that a part of middle school is movement and how will Dennis move forward on a middle school program.</p>	<p>Motion carried. All personnel items were approved as presented.</p>

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Deputy Superintendent Mann replied that the two 6th grades and one 7th grade current teachers have different certifications so that students can move.

The combination of the three teachers, with middle school endorsements, allows for all students to be taught at Dennis Lab School.

Superintendent Davis noted that Johns Hill Magnet School is a model and there middle school is currently 6th, 7th and 8th and this is not a new concept within the District.

Mr. Spannaus asked if we could discuss at a later date, the Board approval of program changes.

Mr. Spannaus asked how many total positions will the District add to Dennis due to the 7th grade next year and will the District subtract an equivalent number of positions from the traditional middle schools. Deputy Superintendent Mann replied that the District moved one position out of Stephen Decatur Middle School's allotment because the Dennis students would have attended SDMS based on their boundaries. Therefore, the number of teachers was not increased in the budget, but there was a shift.

Mr. Oakes noted that this was a result of the Lab School presentation and this was an outgrowth of their projections of the development of the concept with PreK to 8th grade.

Deputy Superintendent Mann noted that a survey was also done with the community regarding the recommendations for the Lab School project approximately two to three years ago.

Superintendent Davis noted that if the Board Members would like to change the past and present practice, this can be discussed and changed. If a school wanted to add and/or delete a class the steps are as follows:

- discuss with supervisor
- write a proposal
- involve staff, parents and community members
- public presentation to the Board of Education
- provide continual information to the Board of Education

President Hodges noted that there was not a Board approval for the expansion at Dennis Lab School. Deputy Superintendent Mann noted that building organizations are not brought to the Board of Education for approval. However, personnel action and/or staff changes are brought to the Board of Education for approval.

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	<p>President Hodges asked for the Dennis Lab Middle School expansion to be brought to a future board meeting for approval, in order for it to be clear on the direction the District is heading as it relates to that particular project. Mr. Oakes agreed with President Hodges due to the amount of information that was given before the new Board.</p> <p>Mr. Spannaus asked if the Board of Education could vote on any additions and/or eliminations of an entire grade level from a particular building.</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins noted that she is in support of the Dennis Lab School and they are doing an outstanding job.</p> <p>Mr. Buttz stated they are changing the entire concept of the building by adding a middle school program, but the Board of Education will need to vote on the expansion before voting on personnel. Director of Human Resources Jonnie Clark stated that the math teacher could be hired as unassigned. President Hodges stated that the Board can approve the hiring tonight and come back at a future board meeting and approve the middle school expansion at Dennis Lab School.</p> <p>Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Jackson, Hodges, Perkins, Buttz, Oakes, Spannaus Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	
FY13 DPS 61 Budget Amendment	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the FY13 Decatur Public School District 61 Budget Amendment as presented.</p> <p>Mr. Oakes moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Jackson.</p> <p>Director of Business Affairs Dr. Todd Covault presented a brief power point on this item.</p> <p>Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Hodges, Perkins, Jackson, Spannaus, Oakes, Buttz Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. FY12-13 Amended Budget for DPS 61 was approved as presented.</p>
Resolution for Prevailing Wage	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board Adopt the Resolution for Prevailing Wage as presented.</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Oakes.</p>	<p>Motion carried. Adoption of the Resolution for Prevailing Wage was approved as presented.</p>

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	<p>Director of Business Affairs Dr. Todd Covault stated that the District is required by law to pay the prevailing wage yearly.</p>	
	<p>Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Perkins, Hodges, Oakes, Jackson, Buttz, Spannaus Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	
<p>Renewal of Worker's Comp, Stop Loss Insurance</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the Renewal of the Worker's Compensation, Stop Loss (Excess) Insurance as presented.</p>	<p>Motion carried. The Renewal of the Worker's Compensation, Stop Loss Insurance was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Jackson.</p>	
	<p>Director of Business Affairs Dr. Todd Covault stated that the District is self insured for the Worker's Compensation, Stop Loss. This is another source of funds to help cover high claims.</p>	
	<p>Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Buttz, Spannaus, Hodges, Jackson, Perkins, Oakes Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	
<p>District Landline Telephone Agreement with AT & T</p>	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the District Landline Telephone Agreement with AT & T pending Legal Counsel approval as presented.</p>	<p>Motion carried. The District Landline Telephone Agreement with AT & T was approved as presented.</p>
	<p>Mr. Spannaus moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Oakes.</p>	
	<p>Director of Purchasing and Transportation Randy Dotson noted that the District is moving away from Centrex to save funds. The District began talking to AT & T in November 2012 and the current contract expired in January 2013. This is a one year contract.</p>	
	<p>Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Hodges, Spannaus, Buttz, Jackson, Perkins Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	

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EHS and MHS New Logos	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the New District Logos for Eisenhower High School and MacArthur High School as presented.</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Oakes.</p> <p>Director of Community Engagement Kendall Briscoe noted that this was presented by the Superintendent’s Youth Advisory Council (SYAC). The community and the students could vote via facebook and/or ballot. There were also emails and phone calls received for voting.</p> <p>Mr. Buttz complemented the students on their hard work on this project.</p> <p>Superintendent Davis noted that it is about school pride.</p> <p>Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Spannaus, Perkins, Jackson, Buttz, Oakes, Hodges Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. The New District Logos for Eisenhower and MacArthur High Schools were approved as presented.</p>
Encore Task Force Adoptions	<p>Superintendent Davis recommended the Board approve the Encore Task Force Adoptions (2013/2014 School Year) as presented.</p> <p>Mrs. Perkins moved to approve the recommendation seconded by Mr. Jackson.</p> <p>Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator Jenny Mullins noted the last time the seven adoptions were approved (Industrial Technology, Foreign Language, Family Consumer Science, Business, Art, Music and English as a Second Language) the approximate cost was \$1.5 million. The combined budget for these seven adoptions this time was \$750,000 and the total came to \$720,000. The Task Force was approximately \$30,000 under budget.</p> <p>There will not be a lot of textbooks ordered. There will be electronic resources and supplies and the goal is to have these orders in by the first day of school.</p> <p>Hearing no discussion, President Hodges called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Hodges, Oakes, Spannaus, Jackson, Perkins, Buttz Nay: None Absent: Graham Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent</p>	<p>Motion carried. The Encore Task Force Adoptions were approved as presented.</p>

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Supt.'s Report Curriculum & Instruction	Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator Jenny Mullins and Director of Special Programs Bobbi Williams presented an update on the Curriculum and Instruction Department.	Information only.
Human Resources Department	Director of Human Resources Jonnie Clark and Human Resources Assistant Ken Miller presented a department update.	Information only.
Board Discussion Items	None at this time.	Information only.
Announcements	The Board of Education sends condolences to the families of: Anthony Dean Kennedy, who passed away Saturday, June 8, 2013. Mr. Kennedy is the husband of Marla Kay Kennedy, Teacher at SEAP (Special Education Alternative Program).	Information only.
Important Dates	<u>NEXT MEETING</u> The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be at 6:30 PM, Tuesday, June 25, 2013 in the 1 st Floor Board of Education Room.	
Adjournment	Mr. Buttz moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Oakes. All were in favor.	Board adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Brian Hodges, Board President

Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary