

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 172
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON JULY 17, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting Convened

The Board of Education of School District No. 172, Adams County, Illinois, met in regular session on July 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Room 214, 1416 Maine Street, Quincy, Illinois, in said school district.

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Arns, who directed the secretary to call the roll. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Petty. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Moment of Silence

President Arns declared a moment of silence and reflection.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Arns.

Questions and Comments

President Arns opened the meeting to questions and comments to members of the Board, by members of the public and employees of the district, in compliance with state statutes.

Reverend Carl Terry spoke about his concerns with Quincy students struggling to read at proficient levels.

New Board Member Tim Davis

President Arns announced the recommendation to appoint Tim Davis to fill the Board vacancy created by the resignation of Sayeed Ali. Tim retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel and is currently the director of operations at Titan Wheel. ***It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Whitfield to appoint Tim Davis to the Board vacancy.*** On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Oath of Office

The Oath of Office, pursuant to statute, was administered to Tim Davis by Attorney Penn. Tim Davis signed the Oath in open session. The oath was duly filed with the Board Secretary (***Doc. Reg. No. 3892***).

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Member Whitfield and seconded by Member Arns to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Treasurer's Report*
- b. Minutes –June 26, 2024*
- c. Check Register and JH/SH Activity Fund Reports*
- d. Acknowledge receipt of the Freedom of Information Log: June 22 through July 12, 2024 (None)*

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Reports of the Superintendent

The Super's 8 Highlights

1. The first round of the new math and ELA curriculum training was held in June for our teachers. The next training will be held in August. Teachers can choose which one to attend. Teachers had all materials prior to the training which was well received by all.
2. The Quincy Arise Coalition Champions met earlier this month. The Coalition continues to bring together community organizations including QPS that have a common interest in taking actions to understand and improve inequities that are inherent in our community.
3. Jody Steinke and Ryan Clair do an outstanding job providing tours of QJHS and QHS to reunion goers during reunion season. Their dedication to go above and beyond in this way connects alumni of near and far through memories of school days and a connection to the alumni association.
4. My spring and summer speaking tour wrapped up this month with the Noon Kiwanis meeting. Seven speaking engagements to local service clubs and organizations focused on the topic "Supporting QPS Students." When the community supports schools, schools support students and students become members of the community continue the circle of support. Marilyn Smith and I presented the many facets of public education aside from academic instruction that educators address from physical health, mental wellness, and attendance barriers. We are fortunate to have many organizations and service clubs that support our students, staff, and teachers.
5. Because of generous support of the Tracy Family Foundation, QPS elementary schools have adopted the Ron Clark Academy (RCA) House System. Teams of teachers and administrators attended workshops at RCA last summer and this summer, bringing back strategies that each school has utilized to begin their House System journey. I was grateful to attend House Con at RCA last week along with nearly 30 QPS teachers and administrators. The experience was empowering to witness the engagement, academic rigor, relationships & rapport, and climate & culture that has become commonplace at RCA after 17 years of utilizing the House System.
6. Lisa Otten, Director of Human Resources and Eryn Beswick, Special Education Director have hosted three QPS Support Staff Career Fairs this year (October, January, and June). All Departments and Administrators who hire support staff positions were represented. Over forty candidates attended. Some came to talk with the hiring directors, some came to apply, and others came for the onsite interviews. QPS successfully hired fourteen positions, including one teacher.
7. Online Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opened on Monday, July 15th. It is important for parents/guardians to complete it as soon as possible so we can effectively plan for Back to School. While online registration is the preferred way for our families to register, each school will

be open for on-site registration for any family that needs access to a device to complete registration or general registration support. Those dates and times are on our socials and the QPS website.

- 8. The First Baptist Church Back to School Help Fair is Saturday, August 3rd from 8:00-11:00 am at Iles Elementary School. The Quincy Neighborhood Federation will also be hosting a Back-to-School Fair on Tuesday, August 6th, 5:00p – 7:00p between 8th & 9th on Payson Ave.

Building Committee

The Building Committee did not meet in July.

District Improvement Committee

The District Improvement Committee did not meet in July.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee did not meet in July.

Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee did not meet in July.

Policy Committee

The Policy Committee did not meet in July; however, Chairperson Whitfield reported that the Policy Committee met in June and reviewed the June 2024 PRESS Updates from IASB Policy Service. The following policies are on the table to be approved at the August meeting.

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| 2:160 | Board Attorney |
| 4:15 | Identity Protection |
| 4:40 | Incurring Debt |
| 4:70 | Resource Conservation |
| 4:80 | Accounting and Audits |
| 5:130 | Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information |
| 5:200 | Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal |
| 5:285 | Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers |
| 5:310 | Compensatory Time-Off |
| 6:140 | Education of Homeless Children |
| 6:150 | Home and Hospital Instruction |
| 7:170 | Vandalism |

Board Committee Appointments

President Arns shared updates to the committee chairs as follows:

Building & Grounds: Richard McNay (Chair) and Jim Whitfield (Co-Chair)

Discipline: Rachael Petty (Chair) and Tim Davis (Co-Chair)

District Improvement: Shelley Arns (Chair) and Rachael Petty (Co-Chair)

Finance: Curtis Sethaler (Chair) and Shelley Arns (Co-Chair)

Policy: Jim Whitfield (Chair) and Latonya Brock (Co-Chair)

IASB Delegate

Member Petty was appointed as the IASB delegate.

2024-2025 Food/Non-Food Items Bid

It was moved by Member Brock and seconded by Member Whitfield to approve the lowest bids for food/non-food items from Kohl Wholesale at a cost of \$873,970.88. (Doc. Reg. No. 3893). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

2024-2025 Milk Bid

It was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Petty to approve the bid for milk from Prairie Farms at a low escalator cost of \$298,212.50. (Doc. Reg. No. 3893). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

2024-2025 Bread Bid

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Arns to approve the bid for bread from Kohl Wholesale at a cost of \$50,312.80. (Doc. Reg. No. 3893). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

2024-2025 Produce Bid

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Arns to approve the bid for produce to What Chef's Want at a cost of \$71,546.85. (Doc. Reg. No. 3893). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Car Lease with Enterprise

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Arns to approve the lease from Enterprise for a 2024 Chevrolet Malibu driver's education car at a cost of \$571.89 per month for 48 months (Doc. Reg. No. 3894). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Resolution on Tentative 2024-2025 QAVTC Budget

It was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Petty to approve the Resolution on Presentation of Tentative 2024-2025 Quincy Area Vocational Technical Center Budget and set hearing date as August 21, 2024 (Doc. Reg. No. 3895). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Resolution on Tentative 2024-2025 West Central Region Budget

It was moved by Member Brock and seconded by Member Whitfield to approve the Resolution on Presentation of Tentative 2024-2025 West Central Region Budget and set hearing date as August 21, 2024 (Doc. Reg. No. 3896). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Resolution on Tentative 2024-2025 Special Education Association Budget

It was moved by Member Davis and seconded by Member Petty to approve the Resolution on Presentation of Tentative 2024-2025 Special Education Association Budget and set hearing date as August 21, 2024 (Doc. Reg. No. 3897). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Executive Session

At 6:28 p.m., it was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Brock that the Board suspend the rules and go into executive session to discuss: a) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the School District; d) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District; g) student disciplinary cases; i) pending, probable, or imminent litigation; j) attorney/client privilege or other matters appropriate for a closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Resumption of Rules

It was moved by Member Whitfield and seconded by Member Arns to resume the conduct of the regular meeting under rules. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Resolution Approving Sale of 121 N 20th St, Adams County, IL

It was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Petty to approve the Resolution Approving Sale of 121 N 20th St, Adams County, IL and set the minimum price at \$250,000.00 (Doc. Reg. No. 3898). On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Student Discipline

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Brock to adopt the recommendation made in executive session regarding the suspended expulsion agreement for one student from The Academy, expulsion of one student from the Academy, and the modification of an expulsion for a QHS student. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Personnel Addendum

It was moved by Member Petty and seconded by Member Arns to approve the Personnel Addendum. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

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| PERSONNEL ADDENDUM <i>Quincy Board of Education</i> <i>July 17, 2024</i> | | PERSONNEL CODES | | |
| | | \$\$ - New operating Fund Position (increase in FTE) B - Paid for by Booster Clubs C - Change in classification or position O - Other P - New Project Fund position PR - Replacement for Project Fund position R - Replacement for vacant Operating Fund Position S - Summer School | | |
| CERTIFIED | | | | |
| APPOINTMENT (EFFECTIVE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR) | | | | |
| 1 | R | BRENNA BAKER – 4 TH GRADE/BALDWIN | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 2 | R | JARED SPECHT – MS HEALTH/QJHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 3 | R | ABBY BOLT – MS PHYSICAL EDUCATION (TR)/QJHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 4 | R | MICHELLE ANN BICKHAUS – 1 ST GRADE/ROONEY | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 5 | R | ROBBIN DAVIS – 5 TH GRADE SPECIAL ED CO-TEACHER/ILES | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 6 | R | CHRISTOPHER ADAM HOLTSCHLAG – SPECIAL ED (TR)/QHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 7 | R | MIRIAM MCKINNEY – MS SCIENCE (TR)/QJHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| RESIGNATIONS | | | | |
| 8 | | EMILY PRITCHETT – MS MATH TEACHER/QJHS | 07/12/2024 | |
| 9 | | EMILY PRITCHETT – STUDENT COUNCIL SPONSOR/QJHS | 07/12/2024 | |
| 10 | | EMILY PRITCHETT – ACADEMIC CURRICULUM LIAISON/QJHS | 07/12/2024 | |
| 11 | | KELLY WEIMAN – AG TEACHER/QAVTC | 07/02/2024 | |
| 12 | | AMY WARNING – KINDERGARTEN/LINCOLN-DOUGLAS | 07/03/2024 | 2024-25 NEW HIRE |
| 13 | | CARRIE WYATT – SOCIAL WORKER/QJHS | 07/09/2024 | |
| LEAVE OF ABSENCE | | | | |
| 14 | | GLORIA KIRBY – TEACHER/QHS | UPDATE | 06/29/2024-09/29/2024 |
| 15 | | AMANDA KAITSCHUK – TEACHER/QJHS | | 08/12/2024-09/20/2024 |
| RETIREMENT | | | | |
| 16 | | RENEE BLATTNER – KINDERGARTEN TEACHER/BALDWIN | 06/25/2024 | |

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| 17 | | JOLIE LILLY – TEACHER/ECFC | 06/30/2025 | CORRECTED DATE |
| EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT | | | | |
| APPOINTMENT (EFFECTIVE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR) | | | | |
| 18 | C | AMY MCCLEERY – COUNSELING SECRETARY/QHS | | NO CHANGE IN SALARY |
| 19 | C | KELLY MCCLEARY – RECEPTIONIST/SUB COORDINATOR – QHS | | NO CHANGE IN SALARY |
| 20 | B | RYAN SPARKS – ASST. 7 TH & 8 TH GRADE BASEBALL COACH/QJHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | \$1,700.00 STIPEND |
| 21 | B | JOHN LUMPKIN – ASST. 7 TH & 8 TH GRADE FOOTBALL COACH/QJHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | \$2,000.00 STIPEND |
| 22 | B | CHRISTOPHER ADAM HOLTSCHLAG – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | \$3,000.00 STIPEND |
| 23 | B | ANTHONY AGRIMONTI – ASST. 7 TH & 8 TH GRADE FOOTBALL COACH/QJHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | \$2,000.00 STIPEND |
| 24 | B | LAMOR HICKMAN – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | \$2,500.00 STIPEND |
| 25 | B | BRIAN ROWATT – ASST. FOOTBALL COACH/QHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | \$3,566.20 STIPEND |
| 26 | B | ABBY BOLT – ASST. CROSS COUNTRY COACH/QJHS | 2024-25 SCH YR | \$750.00 STIPEND |
| 27 | R | DOUGLAS VANDERMAIDEN – SSFL/ILES | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 28 | R | MADISON KENNEDY – PARA/ECFC | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 29 | R | ABBIGAIL CLAYTON – PARA/ECFC | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 30 | R | RUBY CLARK – PARA/ECFC | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 31 | R | MORGAN PETTYJOHN – PARA/ECFC | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 32 | R | JODI (SUMMY) LEENERTS – ISS SUPERVISOR/BALDWIN | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 33 | R | MICHAEL TIMMONS – SECURITY GUARD/QJHS (181 DAYS) | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 34 | R | SARA CARICO – COOK/DENMAN (6 HRS) | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 35 | R | YASHIRA MEDIAVILLA – COOK/QHS (6 HRS) | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 36 | R | SUSAN BESWICK – PARA/DENMAN | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 37 | R | ADREEONA DIXSON – PARA/ECFC | 2024-25 SCH YR | TBD |
| 38 | R | JUSTIN TRAMMEL – NIGHT CUSTODIAN/QJHS | 07/23/2024 | STEP 0 \$16.40/HR |
| 39 | R | MICHELLE HERMAN – SPECIAL ED SECRETARY/BOE | 07/15/2024 | STEP 0 \$17.65/HR |
| RESIGNATIONS | | | | |
| 40 | | SUSAN SAATHOFF – PARA/ECFC | END OF 23-24 SCH YR | |
| 41 | | KRISTIN LINDGREN – COOK/QHS | 06/28/2024 | |
| 42 | | JEFF GRAWE – SECURITY GUARD/BOE | 07/09/2024 | |
| 43 | | LEIGHANN RENO – HEAD START TEACHER/ECFC | 07/01/2024 | |
| 44 | | SUEANNE SPENCER – SECRETARY/ECFC | 07/19/2024 | |
| LEAVE OF ABSENCE | | | | |
| 45 | | PAULA BAILEY – LIBRARY SECRETARY/QJHS | UPDATE | 05/20/2024-07/02/2024 |
| 46 | | BEN CHURCH – TECHNOLOGY/BOE | | 07/24/2024-09/04/2024 |
| RETIREMENT | | | | |
| 47 | | KATHY KERKER – PARA/ECFC | 06/30/2025 | REQUESTING MOU 1/APPROVED |
| 48 | | PENNIE KRUSE – COOK/QHS | 05/24/2024 | |

Notice Not to Trespass/Ban from QPS Property

It was moved by Member Arns and seconded by Member Davis to adopt the recommendation banning a community member from school grounds from 4/23/24-4/23/25. On the call of the roll, the following members were present and answered to their names: Members Arns, Brock, Davis, Petty, and Whitfield; and the following members were absent: Member McNay and Member Sethaler. Whereupon the President declared a quorum was present.

Adjournment

At 8:01 p.m., it was moved by Member Arns that the regular meeting adjourn. The motion carried with all in favor and the regular meeting was duly adjourned.

/s/ Shelley Arns
President

/s/ Kim Wert
Secretary