

DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: February 22, 2022

5:00 PM

LOCATION: Keil Administration Building
101 W. Cerro Gordo Street
Decatur, IL 62523

PRESENT: Dan Oakes, President
Jason Dion
Al Scheider

Kevin Collins-Brown
Regan Lewis

ABSENT: Alana Banks and Andrew Taylor

STAFF: Interim Superintendent Bobbi Williams, Superintendent Dr. Rochelle Clark, Board Secretary Melissa Bradford, Attorney Brian Braun and others

President Oakes called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call for Closed Executive Session	President Oakes called the meeting to order and moved to Closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Mrs. Lewis.	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 5:00 PM.

Hearing no questions, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Lewis, Oakes, Dion, Scheider, Collins-Brown

Nay: None

Absent: Banks and Taylor

Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent

Bobbi Williams, Jeff Dase, Dr. Rochelle Clark, Jason Hood and Attorney Braun joined Closed Session.

Personnel

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<u>Purchase or Lease of Real Property</u>	Kent Metzger, Director of Buildings and Grounds, shared information regarding the Lincoln Park site (see attached). The Park District asked for the following to be placed on the site:	Information only.
Land Acquisition	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Play Structure 2. Basketball Court 3. Park Pavilion 	
	These items should not be problematic.	

Mr. Metzger discussed with BLDD and shared the approximate cost to relocate the following in the Lincoln area:

1. Water Main – \$25,000.00
2. Sanitary Sewer - \$60,000.00

Mr. Metzger recommended negotiations with the Park District to begin.

There would be an approximate cost of \$1.5 million to acquire what was needed regarding the housing and legal fees in the Woodrow Wilson (WW) area. The demolition of WW would be approximately \$600,000.00. To begin building on the WW site, it could cost approximately \$2.1 – 2.2 million.

Mr. Metzger presented the options (see attached) and discussed the area with the Board of Education. Some members of the Park District were excited.

Interim Superintendent Williams noted that if the consensus was to proceed, the following were next steps:

- Conversation with Daniel Lynch and Keith Creighton regarding PBL.
- Conversation with Scot Wrighton, City Manager, regarding WW.
- Conversation with Chiligarius regarding plans moving forward with the WW area.

Jason Dion was concerned with a pavilion. Interim Superintendent Williams replied that maybe it could be placed in the most open area. Mr. Metzger noted that the Park District wanted to control the pavilion in lieu of a long-term lease, but if they do not clean it, the District would.

The consensus from the Board of Education was for administration to proceed.

Negotiations

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Return to Open Session

President Oakes moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown. All were in favor.

Returned to
Open Session
at 6:20 PM.

Dan Oakes, President

Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary