

DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: December 14, 2021

4:50 PM

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

PRESENT: Dan Oakes, President
Kevin Collins-Brown
Regan Lewis

Andrew Taylor, Vice President
Jason Dion (arrived 4:50 PM)
Al Scheider

ABSENT: Alana Banks

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

President Oakes called the meeting to order at 4:50 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call for Closed Executive Session	<p>President Oakes called the meeting to order and moved into Closed Executive Session to conduct a student discipline hearing, seconded by Mrs. Lewis.</p> <p>Hearing no questions, President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote: Aye: Oakes, Lewis, Scheider, Collins-Brown, Taylor Nay: None Absent: Banks and Dion (arrived 4:50 PM) Roll Call Vote: 5 Aye, 0 Nay, 2 Absent</p>	<p>Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:50 PM.</p>

Student Discipline Hearing

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Return to Open Session President Oakes moved to return to Open Session to take action on a student discipline hearing, seconded by Vice President Taylor. All were in favor. Returned to Open Session at 5:29 PM.

Return to Closed Session President Oakes moved to return into Closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, emergency security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to actual danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property, the purchase or lease of real property for use of the public body, and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown. Returned to Closed S. at 5:36 PM

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Banks

Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent

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Safety and Security

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Purchase or Lease of Property Land Acquisition Dr. Todd Covault shared the following information: Information only.

- The City of Decatur plans to proceed with the demolition of Woodrow Wilson.
 - Due to the condition of the building, this may begin before they have complete ownership.
- The Board's commitment was to pay half if the City of Decatur takes ownership and to pay the total cost if the District takes ownership.

**Land
Acquisition
Continued**Information
only.

- Attorney Luke Feeney [REDACTED]
- Andrew Chiligarius was interested in being the “face” for the District with requiring properties.
 - He recommended that the District obtain properties as soon as possible before the Intergovernmental Agreement was known.
- RFQ’s for architectural services were due 12/15/21.
 - There were several inquiries that would be vetted in order to narrow the scope for interviews.
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Vice President Taylor noted that a secondary option for the new Dennis was the Kiwanis area. The Park District did not say no, but they did not say yes either. Dr. Covault replied that the District needed to have a clear direction by the end of February 2022.

Dr. Covault noted that there was a process when asking the community about the property around Woodrow Wilson.

The Board and administration continued discussion regarding the area around Woodrow Wilson. More information forthcoming.

Personnel

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Negotiations

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Return to Open Session

President Oakes moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Dion.
All were in favor.

Returned to Open Session at 6:28 PM.

Return to Closed Executive Session

President Oakes asked for a motion to return into Closed Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Vice President Taylor motioned, seconded by Mr. Scheider. All were in favor.

Returned to Closed Session at 8:09 PM.

The Board of Education resumed Closed Executive Session in the 3rd floor Conference Room at the Keil Administration Building. President Oakes called for a Roll Call Vote:
Aye: Oakes, Collins-Brown, Lewis, Dion, Scheider, Taylor
Nay: None
Absent: Banks
Roll Call Vote: 6 Aye, 0 Nay, 1 Absent

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Negotiations

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Return to Open Session President Oakes motioned to return to Open Session, seconded by Vice President Taylor. Return to Open Session at 9:15 PM.
All were in favor.

Adjournment President Oakes motioned to adjourn the Open Session Meeting, seconded by Mr. Dion. Board adjourned at 9:16 PM.
All were in favor.

Dan Oakes, President

Melissa Bradford, Board Secretary