

**DECATUR DISTRICT 61 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED CLOSED MEETING MINUTES**

DATE/TIME: January 13, 2022

4:00 PM

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

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

Andrew Taylor, Vice President  
Jason Dion (arrived 4:16 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 4:00 PM.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Closed Executive Session</b>	President Oakes called the meeting to order and moved into 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 use of the public body, imminent or pending litigation and discussion of collective negotiating matters between the Board and representatives of its employees, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown.	Board moved to Closed Executive Session at 4:00 PM.

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

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

Nay: None

Absent: Banks and Dion (joined at 4:16 PM)

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

For the record, Regan Lewis joined via zoom.

<b><u>Purchase or Lease of Property</u></b>	For the record, Bobbi Williams, Jeff Dase, Dr. Todd Covault and Dr. Michael Curry joined the Closed meeting	Information only.
<b><u>Land Acquisition</u></b>	Interim Superintendent Williams noted that she met with Kent Metzger, Mike Sotiroff and Ray Frey to discuss the Woodrow Wilson area and the architects. There will be a feasibility study because there was concern regarding enough room; it will also be done at the Kiwanis area. Mr. Frey was going to reach out to the City Manager to let him know what was going on and ask for an update with Andrew Chiligarius. Dr. Todd Covault, Chief Operational Officer, noted that he talked with Andrew Chiligarius and he was still interested in assisting. The feasibility study would note if the project was do-able. B&G was concerned with the flood plain in the Kiwanis area.	

President Oakes and Mr. Taylor needs to meet with B&G to discuss the issues with BLDD. Dr. Covault asked for Dr. Curry to also be a part of that meeting.

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Mrs. Lewis asked about the flood plain and was it a viable location for building.  
President Oakes replied that there was more than adequate land outside the flood plain.  
Dr. Covault replied that you would not want to build on that site (flood plain), you  
would build more north.

**Personnel**

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**Litigation**

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**Negotiations**

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<p><b>Return to Open Session</b></p>	<p>President Oakes moved to return into Open Session, seconded by Dr. Collins-Brown. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Returned to Open Session at 5:36 PM.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>President Oakes moved to adjourn Open Session, seconded by Mr. Scheider. All were in favor.</p>	<p>Adjourned at 5:37 PM.</p>

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Dan Oakes, President

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Melissa Bradford, Secretary