

**Minutes of the SPECIAL Meeting of the Board of Education  
Community Unit School District No. 4, Champaign County, Illinois  
Mellon Administrative Center, 703 S. New Street, Champaign, Illinois  
August 24, 2015 within the Boundaries of Said District**

Special Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppe called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Amy Armstrong, Laurie Bonnett, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Lynn Stuckey, Jonathan Westfield

**Staff Members Present**

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Susan Zola, Assistant Superintendent Angela Smith, Executive Director of Human Resources Ken Kleber, Executive Director Operations Matt Foster, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman

**Approval of Agenda**

Board President Chris Kloeppe made a motion to allow public comment before the meeting and after the facilities discussion. Member Bonnett moved, with a second by Member Stuckey, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

**Executive Session**

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Westfield, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Employee Appointments, Employment, Compensation, Dismissals, Complaints 120/(c)(1), Actual/Potential Litigation 120/(c)(11). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:35 p.m.

**Open Session**

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 6:00 p.m.

**Action Agenda: New Business**

Administrative Appointment – Franklin Interim Assistant Principal: Ken Kleber

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Westfield to approve the Administrative Appointment – Franklin Interim Assistant Principal. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

District administration recommended the appointment of Ms. Tamika Gardner as Interim Assistant Principal at Franklin Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ms. Gardner most recently served Urbana Unit 116 Schools as an Assistant Principal assigned to Prairie Elementary School. Prior to her role as a school administrator, Ms. Gardner was a classroom teacher in various grade levels with McLean County Unit 5 Schools (Normal, IL). She served as an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher. Ms. Gardner began her teaching career with Unit 4 Schools as a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher assigned to Edison Middle School.

Ms. Gardner holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Illinois State University (2001). She earned her Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration from Illinois State University (2013).

District administration is confident that Ms. Gardner will provide outstanding leadership as Interim Assistant Principal of Franklin Middle School.

The effective date of Ms. Gardner's interim appointment is August 17, 2015. This is a 215 days/year position. The recommended salary is \$62,036, plus all appropriate Board-approved benefits, including Board-approved contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System. This salary will be prorated from August 1, 2015. Annual evaluation will be completed by the appropriate building-level administrator.

District administration recommended the appointment of Ms. Tamika Gardner as Interim Assistant Principal of Franklin Middle School effective August 17, 2015 at the above listed salary and appropriate fringe benefits.

Resolution to Provide for a Public Hearing on Tentative 2016 Budget: Tom Lockman

Member Stuckey moved, with a second by Member Richards to approve Resolution to Provide for a Public Hearing on Tentative 2016 Budget. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Illinois School Code requires that at least one public hearing be conducted prior to the adoption of the annual budget. In addition, the school district must advertise for at least 30 days prior to the public hearing that the tentative budget is available for public inspection. The advertisement will appear in the August 25th edition of the News-Gazette. The following resolution sets the time for the public hearing on the 2016 Budget to be 5:30 p.m. on September 28, 2015. This allows the District to spend monies until final adoption of the budget.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the "Resolution to Provide for a Public Hearing on the Tentative 2016 Budget" and its publication in the News-Gazette.

**Reports: New Business**

Facility Planning: Chris Kloeppe

The Board of Education is interested in beginning an open dialogue with the community on the development of a facility plan that addresses the needs of older buildings such as Dr. Howard, South Side, International Prep Academy and Edison Middle School and the capacity and programming needs of our high schools. The Board discussed possible ways to facilitate meetings that allow for an open dialogue and exchange of ideas. A public comment section was held after the Board's discussion in order to allow for input from the community. The main objective was to discuss the process for facilitating meetings related to facility planning. The Board encouraged the community to send their input to: [u4boe@champaignschools.org](mailto:u4boe@champaignschools.org)

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Member Bonnett moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: September 14, 2015