

**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
February 1, 2016 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, Chris Kloeppe, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Lynn Stuckey, Jonathan Westfield

Staff Members Present

Superintendent Judy Wiegand, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Susan Zola, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman

Approval of Agenda

Member Richards moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved as presented. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Executive Session

Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Shannon, to adjourn into *Closed Session* in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office 120/2(c)(3) and Student Discipline 120/(c)(9). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 5:32 p.m.

Open Session

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

Student Discipline

Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Richards that student #580822 should be expelled from Centennial High School for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year and should be reassigned to an alternative setting at the administration's direction for violating Conduct Codes #18 Physical Confrontation with Staff and #19 Physical Confrontation with Student. Such expulsion shall be held in abeyance so long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the assigned placement. If such requirements are met, upon expiration of the reassigned term, the expulsion will be vacated and the student may return to his/her regularly assigned school. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Reports: New Business

Special Board Committee to Develop Facility Plan: Dr. Judy Wiegand

Board Policy 255 states that the Board may create special committees for specific purposes or to investigate issues. The Administration recommended to the Board that consideration be given to the development of a Special Committee to assist in the development of a facility plan.

The Tier One Committee will provide recommendations for elementary, middle and high school facility needs.

The charge of the Tier Two Committee will be to discuss possible site options to support high school capacity and programming needs, potential partnerships for shared facilities, financing, and referendum timeline. A final report highlighting recommendations will be prepared and presented to the Board of Education at the May 9, 2016 Board Meeting (tentative timeline and can be adjusted if needed).

Meetings will begin in March and dates will be determined by committee members. As a Special Board Committee, meetings will be subject to the Open Meetings Act. Meeting agendas, minutes and other documents discussed will be posted on the Champaign Unit #4 School District's website. A public comment section will be built into each meeting to allow for feedback from interested community members.

The committee will consist of 16 members and made up of elected officials, the business community, and community members. The breakdown will be as follows:

- Elected officials: 8 members
- Board of Education (2)
- City of Champaign (2)
- Champaign Park District (2)
- Village of Savoy (1)
- MTD (1)
- Business Community: 3 members
- Chamber of Commerce (1)
- Economic Development Council (1)
- Black Chamber of Commerce (1)
- At Large: 5 members

One of the 5 positions should be a representative from the unincorporated area of the District. Applications are available at <http://www.champaignschools.org/news-room/article/12146> and are due by Friday, February 12, 2016.

The Board of Education is committed to having representation that reflects the diversity of our community and there will be a concerted effort on their behalf to recruit applicants that support obtaining this goal.

This was an informational item and no action was required by the Board.

Interview Board Candidates

The following people were interviewed for the open position on the Board: Gianina Baker, Bruce Brown, Jamar Brown, G. David Frye, Virginia Holder, Heather Vazquez and Holly Wilper. Candidates were given two minutes to give an opening statement. Board President Chris Kloeppel asked each candidate 7 questions. Candidates then had two minutes to give a closing statement.

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The Board convened into *Closed Session* at 8:11 p.m.

Open Session

The Board convened into *Open Session* at 9:09 p.m.

Action: Vote to Fill Board Vacancy – Dr. Gianina Baker

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards to appoint Dr. Gianina Baker to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education due to Laurie Bonnett's resignation. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Member Westfield moved, with a second by Member Stuckey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 6. Nays 0.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education