

January 17, 2019

SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CANTON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 66

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Canton Union School District No. 66 was held in the library at Canton High School, 1001 North Main Street, Canton, Illinois on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Vice-President Jane Lewis called the special board meeting to order in the Canton High School library at 7:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Board members present and answering roll call were Lori Coleman, Matt Kees, Jane Lewis, Tom Snowman, and Mark Tarter. Absent were board members Leonard Barnard and Ben Bishop.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice-President Jane Lewis led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments presented for the special meeting agenda.

5. AUDIENCE REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no audience requests to address the Board of Education.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. DISCUSS ATTENDANCE CENTERS

1. PRESENTATION BY MIDWEST SCHOOL CONSULTANTS

The Board heard a report from Midwest School Consultants representatives Dr. William Phillips, Dr. Scott Day, and Dr. Leonard Bogle regarding a potential move to attendance centers at the elementary level (EC, PK-4) as opposed to the current neighborhood school concept. The Board is attempting to minimize differences that currently exist between Lincoln Elementary, Eastview Elementary, and Westview Elementary particularly in the area of class size and improved opportunities for grade-level collaboration on curriculum. The consultants were hired by the Board to review current elementary configurations and practices and to provide options regarding attendance centers that the Board could consider prior to approving such a change, based on input from administrators, visits to the schools, analysis of existing building conditions and discussions regarding which buildings would best meet the student needs if a change was made to attendance centers. The final summary of the study was also presented to the Board and will be made

available to staff and the public at a later date. An executive summary of the study was made available to those in attendance. The PowerPoint presentation that was reviewed will also be made public at a later date.

The consultants identified two options in more detail for the Board to consider and identified which of those two options they felt would work best. Board Vice-President Jane Lewis stated during the meeting that this was the first of many planned public meetings regarding this topic and that all staff with questions, comments, concerns or suggestions should email those to Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen for forwarding to the Board.

Board member Tarter exited the special meeting at 7:50 PM.

The presentation concluded with a question and answer session between the consultants and the approximately 50 people in attendance.

7. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district – [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]

Board member Lori Coleman moved to enter closed session to discuss matters pertaining to personnel [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]. Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Coleman, Snowman, Kees, and Lewis. Motion carried.

The Board entered closed session at 8:31 PM. The Board returned to open session at 9:15 PM.

8. ADJOURN SPECIAL MEETING

Board member Coleman moved to adjourn the special meeting. Board member Snowman seconded. Voting yes by roll call were board members Coleman, Snowman, Kees, and Lewis. Motion carried.

Board Vice-President Lewis declared the special meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Acting President

Lori Coleman, Secretary