

## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education of the Marissa Community Unit School District #40 met in special session on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Central Office at 215 North Street, Marissa, IL. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call** Present: Mmes.: Kimbrow, Monbrum, Thomas-Rehmer  
Messrs.: Parker, Lehman

Absent: Mr. Brazinski  
Administrators: Mr. Cogdill

Others Present: Dave Mevert, Earl Kleiden, Justin Maynard, Stefanie Pitchford, Jane Schaeffer, Cheryl Harriman

At Mr. Cogdill's request, representatives from Mevert Associates were present to offer their expert advice on the mold issue, and general condition of the Central Office. Mr. Mevert reported that their inspection of the building revealed that the roof and windows need to be replaced, there is evidence of rotting in the ceiling and floor joist, water in the crawl space, in addition to a sewer leak. Due to the way that water collects in the crawl space area, it is nearly impossible for that area to dry out. It would appear that it would be more economical to rebuild the office. Mr. Lehman was not yet successful in finding the easement for Kaskaskia Water District in regards to the water line which is near the building. Other easements have a 15' permanent easement, so it is likely that it would be the same with this situation.

*Funding Sources:* A lease option is not possible, as all lease options of the District are already used through their association with Belleville Area Special Services Coop.

Funding through Life Safety Funds is a possibility. However, the current location was included on the 1992 Life Safety Survey, but the 2002 survey is not available. It is possible to submit an amendment to the survey requesting the state to include the location in the survey. This may take a minimum of six to eight months to process, and in the end, it may be denied. If Life Safety funds could be used, the replacement building would have to be the same size as the current building and could not exceed the current square footage.

Mr. Cogdill has inquired about the possibility of extending the maturity on the current bonds, which have six years before being paid out. There is a possibility that the bonds could be refinanced at a lower rate and would be able to provide funds without increasing the tax on life safety monies.

*Replacement Possibilities* Mr. Mevert compared replacing the building with another modular building versus a "stick" building. An estimate for a modular

building was \$80,000, however that did not include the cost of demolition of the current site, electrical hook up, plumbing and a parking area, if it cannot be erected at the current location due to the water line issue. Construction of a stick building could cost \$191,000, after all codes are met. Local labor could be involved if a building were to be constructed.

Mr. Brazinski arrived at 7:25.

It was determined that until a definite answer is found regarding the placement and easement of the water line, a decision cannot be made where a possible replacement building can be placed. It is hoped that the issue can be resolved by the November meeting.

*Temporary Relocation*

Due to tests performed by the Department of Labor and the high mold count which was found, in addition to the Life Safety inspection conducted by the St. Clair County Regional Office, a temporary relocation for the Central Office is necessary. The locations given consideration were the Jr./Sr. High School and the building located on North Main St. which had previously housed a video rental store and then a craft shop. A lengthy discussion was held on the possible relocation sites. A motion was made by Mr. Lehman, seconded by Mrs. Bingel to enter into a six (6) month lease agreement to rent the front portion of the building on North Main St. to temporarily relocate the Central Office. Roll call:

Mrs. Bingel	Aye
Mr. Brazinski	Aye
Ms. Kimbrow	Aye
Mrs. Monbrum	Abstain
Mr. Lehman	Aye
Mr. Parker	Nay
Mrs. Thomas-Rehmer	Aye

Aye – 5 Nay – 1 Abstain – 1 Absent – 0 Motion carried.

The District Round Table meeting scheduled for November has been canceled.

At 8:55 P.M., a motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Lehman to adjourn the meeting.

Aye – 7 Nay – 0 Absent – 0 Motion carried.

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Cheryl Harriman, Recording Secretary

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Mary Thomas-Rehmer, President

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Joan Monbrum, Secretary