

MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION OF SCHOOL BOARD OF
SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA
MARCH 1, 2012

The Board of School Trustees of Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation met in Executive Session on Thursday, March 1, 2012 in the Trojan Conference Room at East Central High School, St. Leon, Indiana. President Jeff Lyness called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were David Anderson, Cindie Fox, Joyce Huffman, Jeff Lyness and Michael Norman. Also in attendance was Walter Chidester, hearing officer and counsel for the Board of School Trustees of Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation in the hearing on the proposed termination of the teacher's contract and administrator's contract of Dr. Steven Deutsch.

This is to certify that no subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9): To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Jeff Lyness, President
Board of School Trustees of Sunman-Dearborn
Community School Corporation

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD
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The special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held March 1, 2012 at 9:05 p.m. EST, in the East Central High School Library with the following individuals in attendance: Board members David Anderson, Cindie Fox, Joyce Huffman, Jeff Lyness, Michael and Norman. Board Members Brandon Burress and Glenn Scholl were not present. Also present for the Sunman-Dearborn School Corporation were Attorney Frank Kramer, representing the Administration of Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Hendrix, and Director of Human Resources Mary Ann Baines. Also present was Walter Chidester, hearing officer for the hearing concerning the termination of the teacher's contract and administrative contract of Dr. Steven Deutsch, and counsel for the Board of School Trustees of Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation. Dr. Steven Deutsch and his attorney, Michael Kendall, were also present. Several patrons were also in attendance.

Mr. Lyness called the open meeting to order at 9:05 p.m. EST, leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Lyness had Mr. Walter Chidester, hearing officer, swear in Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson swore to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Mr. Anderson swore that he was not present for the Board Meeting in Executive Session on February 13, 2012. Mr. Anderson swore that he was present for the Board Meeting in Executive Session on February 14, 2012. Mr. Anderson swore that he received a copy of the transcript from the February 13, 2012 meeting and that he did read the transcript.

Mr. Chidester asked Mr. Kendall, Dr. Deutsch's attorney, for objections. Mr. Kendall objected to the Board voting tonight due to Board Member Michael Norman having a contract with the School Corporation to operate two school buses, claiming there exists a conflict of interest. His second objection is that he believes the Board needs a vote of four (4) out of seven (7) to cancel a contract, not just a quorum of Board Members in attendance.

Mr. Chidester stated that Mr. Norman has filed a disclosure statement with the School Board regarding any interest he may have in transportation contracts with the School Corporation and he is able to vote on this matter. Mr. Chidester stated that his research found that the majority of the quorum is allowed and that it does not have to be a majority of the entire Board.

Mr. Lyness stated that the Board has been given two separate Findings of Fact for consideration and asked if there was a motion on what was submitted.

Mrs. Fox made a motion for the Board to adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusion, and Decision (see Appendix "A" attached) as submitted by Mr. Frank Kramer on behalf of the Administration and also that termination would be effective at the end of the day on March 1, 2012. Mr. Norman seconded the motion. Mr. Lyness asked for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Findings of Fact, Conclusion and Decision submitted by Mr. Frank Kramer and referenced by Mrs. Fox are set forth in Exhibit "A", which Exhibit "A" is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation.

Mr. Lyness asked for a roll call vote on the motion. Mr. Lyness first repeated the motion and directed the Board to say "yes" if they are in favor of the motion and "no" if they are opposed to the motion.

Mr. Norman voted "yes." Mrs. Huffman voted "yes." Mr. Anderson voted "no." Mrs. Fox voted "yes." Mr. Lyness voted "yes." The motion passed 4-1.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Lyness asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Norman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. EST. The motion carried by voice vote.