

**ROCK ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 41
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**

January 7, 2010

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Rock Island School District was held Thursday, January 7, 2010 at the Superintendent's Office. President William L. Cleaver called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: James E. Bishop, D.D.S., Mr. William L. Cleaver (*arrived at 6:07 p.m.*), Ms. Linda K. Dothard (*left at 7:00 p.m.*), Mr. David Rockwell, Mr. Earl L. Strupp, Jr. and Mr. Jerry Tutskey

Member Absent: Mr. James E. Veasey

Others Present: Mr. Rick Loy and Dr. Mike Oberhaus

Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding

Dr. Oberhaus and Mr. Loy explained that the Memorandum of Understanding must be entered into in order to be eligible to participate in the Race to the Top funds through the State of Illinois. They explained the ambiguity of the program and hesitations of entering into the agreement without full information, but indicated that the District can opt out by not completing the application when the State requests applications.

It was moved by Mr. Dave Rockwell and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp that the Board of Education support the Memorandum of Understanding, as presented by the Illinois State Board of Education, to meet the initial eligibility requirements to participate in the Federal "Race to the Top" funds and direct the President to sign the agreement.

Further, that the support does not require participation in the program unless an application is filed within ninety (90) days of notice from the State Board of Education.

A roll call vote was taken showing all members present voting "Aye". The President declared the motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Linda Dothard and seconded by Mr. Earl Strupp to adjourn the meeting. All members voting "Aye," the President declared the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Mr. William L. Cleaver, President

Dr. Michael Oberhaus, Clerk