Board President Matt Bierman called the meeting to order in Team Room B of the Administrative Service Center. Roll was taken with the following members present: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and LaPrad. Dr. Twomey was also present.

Mr. Dean Langdon and Ms. Reatha Owen, Illinois Association of School Boards, were introduced.

Dr. Twomey updated the Board regarding the following: Elementary student’s condition; taking care with Board communications; possible October 30 FFA Conference attendees: Dr. Twomey, Matt Bierman, and Larry Adams. Lisa will coordinate with Bruce Eidson.

At 5:09 p.m., member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of conducting a Board self-evaluation with Mr. Dean Langdon - Illinois Association of School Boards, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:06 p.m.

Dr. Twomey opened discussion regarding the cost containment plan and shared his perspective in light of the enormity of the cuts coming. He will engage the community to garner ideas and bring those ideas back to the Board. The community must understand that any resultant action will be based on Dr. Twomey’s recommendation to the Board. Dr. Twomey would like to have two community forums laying out the financial picture showing the deficit spending. There must be a Board presence at the forums, but not for the purpose of engagement. He also proposed formation of a Community Advisory Board to gather ideas for how to address the changes that need to be made and to advise Dr. Twomey regarding the community’s thoughts/ideas. The Board discussed how the CAB will be formed and who will represent the Board. The first forum will lay out the District’s current and predicted financial status and will also be used to form the Community Advisory Board. The CAB will meet in late 2013 prior to the second forum to discuss options and ideas. The second forum will be held in November to gather input with a rough draft recommendation ready in December or January. The role of the Board Finance Committee will be to identify the amount of the cuts, the rationale for the cuts, and where those cuts will be made. Finance should meet monthly through this process. Communication community-wide regarding the District’s financial status, the plan to manage finances so the District stays financially strong, and the rationale behind the plan is critical.

Member LaPrad moved, and member Sutton seconded, to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.