The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Members present were Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad.

The Board welcomed Lainie Steelman, reporter from The Voice.

President Bierman advised the Board would undertake the application process for Governance Recognition from the Illinois Association of School Boards. He also shared the ROE’s statewide are renewing and expanding their training and member Kiah is a certified trainer.

Dr. Twomey advised the Board he presented at a training session on team building at WIU. He also noted the ROE is working on training for Common Core teaching the teachers.

The Board discussed the updated Strategic Plan and how it would be implemented, what type of feedback would be most helpful, how the plan relates to the budget process, and how Dr. Twomey’s vision relates to the plan. Each month, or every other month, there should be space on the regular meeting agenda for discussion/receipt of information regarding how the work toward particular goals is proceeding and what is working and not working.

The Board reviewed its yearly calendar of events and discussed scheduling of work sessions. Each Board member should e-mail Dr. Twomey with two items he/she would like to know more about.

Dr. Twomey addressed the different types of taxes that could provide additional revenue for the District and what the requirements are to qualify for those taxes. A municipal tax would not fall only on property owners, but would come from taxes generated by all who purchase in the city.

The Board received information on Common Core, assessments, PERA, Senate Bill 7 and PARCC.

At 7:55 p.m., member Sutton moved, and member Adams seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Myers, Adams, Sutton, Bierman, Thompson, and La Prad. Members voting “no”: motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 8:07 p.m. Member Adams moved, and member La Prad seconded, to adjourn at 8:08. Motion carried by voice vote.