

**Minutes of the Public Hearing  
East Sac County Community School District  
Board of Education  
March 17, 2014**

The public hearing was called to order by Rodman at 6:00 p.m. at the East Sac County High School – Lake View. Present were Rodman, Wilhelm, Drost, Lynch, and Stoltenberg. Also in attendance were Supt. Fiene, Principal Fischer, Principal Litterer, several staff members, approximately 35 visitors and three media representatives.

The purpose of the hearing was to hear public input regarding the proposed calendar for 2014-15. The proposed calendars for 2014-15 under consideration have fewer student days than the current calendar and the proposed school day would be 15 minutes longer. The proposed calendars would increase instructional time and time for professional development for staff.

Several visitors voiced concerns regarding the proposed calendars. The issues included 1) concern regarding fewer days for students and therefore more days away from school, 2) longer days being difficult for some students, 3) concern over whether longer days would have educational benefit, 4) confusion and inconsistency over some 4 day weeks and some 5 day weeks, 5) less days could mean less pay for hourly employees, and 6) concern over lack of evidence that the change would improve learning.

Wilhelm moved to adjourn the public hearing, Drost seconded; motion carried 5-0. Hearing was adjourned 7:10 pm.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_