

# QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT #172

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### Our Mission

In a safe and secure environment, each student in the Quincy Public School District will develop into a lifelong learner with the skills and knowledge necessary for the next steps in life.

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### Meetings

January 21, 2009 Agenda  
Board of Education -regular meeting dates  
Building Committee  
Curriculum Committee  
Finance Committee  
Policy Committee

### Budget

2007-2008 Budget (120kb .pdf)

### Minutes of Board Meetings

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September 26, 2008  
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November 19, 2008  
December 17, 2008

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Board Committee Appointments 2007-2008

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September 2008

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For Mayor John Spring

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January 11, 2009

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Superintendent Lonny Lemon  
Quincy Public Schools  
1444 Maine Street  
Quincy, IL 62301

Dear Superintendent Lemon,

I am following up on my December 2008 letter to you regarding the disposition of 1444 Maine, the James Baker House, 1868. Are you sure that you want to get rid of the right building?

Your simple/one building approach to the management of real estate — in this case 5 buildings — is wrong, and avoids proper long-range property management. Your complaints about 1444 — overcrowding and high maintenance — were brought about by previous administrations' deliberate over-crowding and "deferred maintenance". As Quincy's most impressive Italianate house, it should have told school officials that it deserved to have a special, annual upkeep fund. Sadly, no-one over the years has cared.

2 - Lemon/1444 Maine/GMT

In my previous letter I urged you to do the right thing and commission a professional study of all of the public schools property with its five buildings on this double block. Questions include (1) Can 1444 become reasonably useful by reducing the number of persons working there, with proper maintenance money set aside? (2) Should the eye-sore brick house right at 14<sup>th</sup> + Jersey be demolished? (3) Shouldn't the rather good-looking bungalow on Jersey be sold at a low price to someone who will re-locate it? It's not correct in its present location. (4) How about getting rid of the beat-up carriage house, and then, construct a Jersey Street structure designed for Q Public Schools' needs, and to resemble a large residence plus "carriage house" storage house/garage? (5) Can the original Quincy Clinic really stand another make-over? (6) Or could it be rented/sold for a special but related use - such as physical fitness center specializing on elementary + secondary age children? - and supported by Q Medical Group or Blessing Hospital??

3 - Lemon / 1444 Maine / GMI

You and the board members will not be doing your jobs if all you are going to consider is the sale of 1444. A quality professional study is certainly the order-of-the-day, including persons outside of any connection to the Quincy Public Schools. That is why I offered in my December letter to contribute \$1,000. The importance of the project should attract other funds. The Q Schools' leadership has a real responsibility, as property owners in our high-end residential neighborhood, to preserve the residential appearance of 1444's Maine Street footage. Quincy's historic architecture is one of our most important assets when one considers our quality of life. People move to Quincy just to live in an historic house !!

The "bottom line" does not always give the correct answers! Take proper time!  
Sincerely,  
George M. Davis

CC - Tom Dickerson, Board President  
John Spring, Mayor

## GEORGE MACAULAY IRWIN

### ACTIVITIES IN HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE

George M. Irwin has been active in Architecture and Historic Preservation projects in Quincy, Illinois for over a half-century. Since the early 1950's he has saved several local landmarks from planned destruction, has restored some, and has placed several on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1983 he received a National Honors Award from the National Trust and in 1999 he was awarded the Richard Driehaus Foundation Award by the Landmarks Preservation Council of Illinois for his extensive work in historic preservation, mostly in Quincy.

Buildings which he has personally saved and restored include the CHARLES HENRY BULL HOUSE (1856), the STATE SAVINGS LOAN & TRUST COMPANY (Patton & Fisher, Architects, 1892), the ERNEST WOOD OFFICE AND STUDIO (Ernest Wood, architect, 1912), and the FREDERICK REINECKE HOUSE (1872). He led the public effort to defeat a bond issue and saved the FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY (Patton & Fisher, 1888), and helped the library find another downtown location. Through the Quincy Foundation he acquired the WILLIAM S. WARFIELD HOUSE (Joseph Lyman Silsbee, 1886) and its 3.2 acres of grounds on a nationally important intersection, and supervised its extensive restoration. This kept the National Register property from being cut up into 60' x 100' lots for modest duplex houses.

He has contributed to and helped with the restoration of the LORENZO BULL HOUSE (1851) and its CARRIAGE HOUSE (Joseph Lyman Silsbee, 1887), the GOVERNOR JOHN WOOD MANSION (1835-7), the RICHARD NEWCOMB HOUSE (Harvey Chatten, 1890), and has made a major effort in the acquisition and restoration of Quincy's nationally recognized Underground Railroad site, the DR. RICHARD EELLS HOUSE. An original incorporator of Friends of the Dr. Richard Eells House, he has served as the first treasurer, president and "volunteer CEO" for fifteen years since 1990. This has involved overseeing fundraising and restoration work with professional consultants, contractors and other experts in the fields of early 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture and decorative arts.

In 1972 he worked with architectural historian Paul Sprague in completing a county-wide survey of historic architecture. In 1973-4, through the Quincy Society of Fine Arts, he helped produce a nationally financed study, one of three in the nation, of the arts and architecture in smaller cities. In 1976 he organized Quincy's first HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR through the Quincy Society of Fine Arts, which resulted the next year in the organization of the private group, Quincy Preserves.

In 1996, at the suggestion of Houston architectural photographer Richard Payne, he developed the plan and led the effort to raise \$130,000 to produce HISTORIC QUINCY ARCHITECTURE, a 128 page book of color photographs of Quincy's most important houses and commercial and public buildings from the 1830's to the 1930's. Sale of the 6,500 books has benefited nine Quincy cultural groups.

Over the years, Mr. Irwin has served on various committees and boards of directors, concerned with historic architecture projects. In addition to 14 years of service as PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUINCY AND ADAMS COUNTY, he served on their 1980's committee carrying out a major restoration on the Governor Wood Mansion. In the 1980's he was active as the VICE PRESIDENT OF THE GARDNER MUSEUM OF ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN, the group that was formed to purchase and occupy the old Free Public Library, and where he developed the major exhibits. In 1989-90 he served on the committee of the Quincy Art Center, occupant of Lorenzo Bull's Carriage House, to supervise and develop a major addition to the original building.

After saving the CHARLES HENRY BULL HOUSE in 1964 from destruction, Mr. Irwin spent the next 35 years in an on-going restoration of the house and grounds of over two acres. In 1997 he sold the house, retaining the two story brick CARRIAGE HOUSE and grounds, and restoring and converting the building to his current residence.

On May 12, 2005 he received the first Quincy Community Preservation Award from the Quincy Preservation Commission and Quincy Preserves "for his years of distinguished and devoted service to historic preservation in Quincy, Illinois." The award was presented by Quincy Mayor John Spring.