

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**Tuesday, March 6, 2018 (6:30 PM)**

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on March 6 A.D., 2018, at 5:31 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Adam Lopez, President  
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Anthony Mares  
Donna Moore  
Bill Ringer  
Jamie Sisti  
J. Michael Zimmers

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent  
Rekha Goswami, Student Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

President Lopez called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters:

- 2.1 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- 2.2 Pending and Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- 2.3 Security Procedures – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)
- 2.4 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9,10)

Motion seconded by Mrs. Moore and carried by the following vote:

Those voting "aye": Lopez, Mares, Moore, Ringer, Sisti, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.

**Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that six Board members were present.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**3.1 President's Comments**

Mr. Lopez made the routine announcement that public comment on published agenda items would occur during the Public Comments portion of the meeting. He instructed those interested in addressing the Board to fill out the required Public Participation at Board Meetings Form and submit it to Ms. Mitchell in the front row of the audience. Additionally, he reminded those interested in addressing the Board that comments are limited to three minutes.

### **3.2 Board Salutes**

Mr. Ringer reported visiting Ball Charter School during the school's recent celebration of Read Across America Day. He relayed that Governor Rauner was also visiting the school during the celebrations. Additionally, Mr. Ringer indicated Mr. Williams, principal of Southeast High School, had recently given him an official tour of the school.

Mr. Mares reported that he, too, had attended the Read Across America event at Ball Charter School. He congratulated the Springfield Public Schools Foundation on the success of their most recent Annual Dinner and Art Auction, which he attended, and thanked them for the support provided to District schools, teachers and students.

Mrs. Moore also saluted the Springfield Public Schools Foundation. Next, Mrs. Moore congratulated Leu Baker, Director of Student Support, and her staff on another successful Disabilities to Possibilities conference. She reported that she had attended the conference and continues to be impressed with the event. She encouraged others to attend in the future.

Mrs. Sisti also reported attending the Disabilities to Possibilities conference. She echoed Mrs. Moore's sentiments about the value of the conference and how well organized it was. Next, Mrs. Sisti saluted Patrick Moore for his work with the NAACP Back to School, Stay in School program and Tryis McPike, AVID/Health Teacher at Washington Middle School. She read two glowing emails from parents she had received about Mr. Moore and Ms. McPike.

Mr. Lopez saluted Jason Nevel, reporter for the State Journal Register, on his coverage of meetings. He indicated that Mr. Nevel has taken a new job and will no longer be covering meetings.

### **3.3 Recognition of Lincoln Magnet/Ball Charter Boys Basketball Team**

The Board of Education recognized the Lincoln Magnet/Ball Charter 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team for recently winning the IESA State Championship. Coach Gary Van Der Slik presented the following players with certificates of recognition from the Board: Makai Allison, Jake Baldin, Griffin Burk, Cooper Burk, Seth Doss, Titus Doss, James Folayan, Chase Heyen, Keon Rice, Brandenn Robinson, Marquez Small, and Jarvis Thompson. Board members congratulated the students and Mr. Van Der Slik on their season.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Old Business**

There was no old business at this time.

### **4.2 New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

### **4.3 Student Business**

Ms. Goswami reported that the Student Roundtable had participated in high school exchange visits. She indicated that the visits had produced beneficial feedback for the group to expand their overall understanding of district schools.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

## **BUSINESS REPORTS**

### **6.1 Financial Report**

Board members were provided with electronic copies of the Monthly Financial Report for February 2018. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Mr. Joseph Bascio, Business Manager, reported Education fund revenues of approximately \$4.6 million and expenditures of approximately \$9.4 million for the month. He indicated that the Operations and Maintenance fund saw revenues of approximately \$1.3 million and expenditures of approximately \$1.2 million for the month.

Mr. Zimmers asked if there had been any update regarding equitable school funding allocations. Mrs. Gill reported that no additional information has come in from the State of Illinois.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **7.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Gill provided the following updates:

- She introduced a proposal from the Insurance Committee that will provide employees with additional resources through a Health Care Clinic Model of service that will enhance and expand current benefits, reduce healthcare out of pocket costs for employees and yet provide savings to the district, as well. She indicated that she hopes to bring the official contract to the board for approval in the next few weeks.
- She reported that there are plans to bring a textbook inventory proposal to the board in the near future, also. She indicated that Follett is the company the district plans to use.

## **CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Approval of Consent Action Items**

Approval of consent action items as listed in the agenda.

**Resolution:** The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 8.2 through 8.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Donna Moore)** Moved, Member **(Michael Zimmers)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 8.2 through 8.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Lopez, Mares, Moore, Ringer, Sisti, Zimmers

Those voting "no": None.

Those voting "present": Moore on 8.5 only

### **8.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2018**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 reviews the minutes of the regular session and the executive session of the previous Board Meetings; and WHEREAS, copies of these sets of minutes were distributed to the Board in the board packet prior to this meeting; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the aforementioned set of regular session and executive session minutes and directs the Secretary to include them in the official records of the Board of Education meetings.

### **8.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable**

**Resolution:** That the Board of Education approves payroll and bills payable as shown in the attached report.

### **8.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment Bid #18-07 – Call Answering Service**

**Resolution:** BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low acceptable bid for the following bids and to approve payment of same upon completion: Bid #18-07 – Call Answering Service

### **8.5 Approval of a Consultant Agreement with Kristin Hilty of Staff Development for Educators for Blessed Sacrament**

Kristin Hilty incorporates 17 years of teaching experience into her idea-packed trainings. She has taught special education students, elementary grades 2-5, and she led her district in the implementation of Singapore Math strategies and the adoption of Math in Focus series. Kristin Hilty with Staff Development for Educators (SDE) will provide professional development on math at Blessed Sacrament on May 9, 2018, for junior high math teachers from 8:30-12:30 as well as a session for the entire faculty (K-8 and resource teachers) from 2:00-3:30. The total cost is \$3,000.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Kristin Hilty, will conduct a one-day workshop on the implementation of Singapore Math strategies and the adoption of Math in Focus series; and WHEREAS, the training obtained will align with Common Core State Standards and help all teachers improve student achievement in core content areas; and WHEREAS, Kristin Hilty is qualified to provide such training and has agreed to provide such training at a cost of \$3,000; and WHEREAS, Kristin Hilty consultant services are completely reimbursable through the Title II grant; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the retention of consultant Kristin Hilty, per the terms identified above and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

### **8.6 Approval of Travel for the Southeast High School Show Choir**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Southeast High School Show Choir has requested permission to travel to Atlanta, Georgia, for a musical education opportunity; and WHEREAS, the Southeast High School Show Choir agrees to raise all necessary funds and abide by all rules and regulations of Springfield School District 186; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southeast High School Show choir has permission to travel to Atlanta, Georgia, from April 4, 2018, through April 8, 2018.

### **8.7 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Membership in the Illinois High School Association**

**Resolution:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the renewal of membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for Lanphier High School, Southeast High School and Springfield High School; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board adopts the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the IHSA.

## **ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

**Resolution:** The Superintendent recommends adoption of the Personnel recommendations as presented.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**William Ringer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the Personnel recommendations as

presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Lopez, Mares, Moore, Ringer, Sisti, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.

### **9.2 Student Discipline**

**Resolution:** That the Board approves the student discipline as discussed in Executive Session and summarized by the Superintendent as:

- One 7th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington Middle School through the end of the current school year with a program.
- And one 10<sup>th</sup> grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the current school year with a program.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Jamie Sisti**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board approves the student discipline as discussed in Executive Session and summarized by the Superintendent'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Ringer, Sisti, Zimmers Lopez, Mares, Moore,  
Those voting "no": None.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10.1 Next Regular Meeting – Monday, March 19, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. – Board Room**

### **10.2 Upcoming District Events**

March 15, 6:30 p.m. – 1900 Art Gallery March 30-April 8 – No School – Spring Break

### **10.3 Freedom of Information Report**

### **10.4 Alliance Legislative Reports – 100-56 and 100-57**

Available at <https://www.iasb.com/govrel/alrmenu.cfm>

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Lopez declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, March 19, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



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Adam Lopez, President

Julie Hammers  
Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: 3-19-18