

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on March 7 A.D., 2017, at 5:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Charles Flamini, Vice President
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Blake Handley
George Haven
Donna Moore

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent
Dominique LaSalvia, Student Member

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

Vice President Flamini called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Moore 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)(3)
- 2.2 Security Procedures – 5 ILCS 120(c)(8)
- 2.3 Student Disciplinary Matters and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students – 5 ILCS 120(c)(9,10)

Motion seconded by Mr. Handley and carried by the following vote:

Those voting “aye”: Flamini, Handley, Haven, Moore,
Those voting “no”: None.

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that four Board members were present.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

3.1 President’s Comments

Mr. Flamini 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. Haven reported that he worked at a fundraising booth at Springfield High School recently. He saluted his fellow volunteers that support the school in this manner. Additionally, he saluted those that organized the Red and Black Gala. Lastly, Mr. Haven reported that he recently visited Dubois Elementary.

Mrs. Moore reported visiting Addams and Graham elementary schools for their Black History Month celebrations. She saluted the students and staff of these schools for the work completed to make both events successful, educational and fun. Mrs. Moore also saluted the culinary students at Lanphier High School. During a recent visit to their class she was treated to a chili and corn bread lunch that she greatly enjoyed. Lastly, she saluted those that organized the 9th Annual Disabilities to Possibilities Conference for providing another excellent educational opportunity for the community.

3.3 Recognition of the Grant Middle School 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team

The Superintendent and Board of Education recognized the Grant Middle School 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Team on their recent State Championship. Coaches Tim Allen and Sean Newman introduced the following team members: Trevor Abbott, Antwoine Alwerdt, Tye Banks, J'Veon Bardwell, Devione Brady, Pharell Jackson, Ashaud Johnson, Camren Kincaid, Tyaire Lott, J'Shaan Richards, Michael Rodriguez, Kehon Singleton, Keshawn Smith, Jayden Stephens, Peyton Webster, Anthony Allen, manager, Tyric Burns, manager.

3.4 Recognition of the Shining Stars

The Superintendent and Board of Education recognized Kim Donaho, Special Education Department Chair, Washington Middle School, and Rick Eubanks, Electrical Supervisor, Operations & Maintenance, employees chosen to receive the Shining Star Award for their outstanding contribution to Springfield Public Schools.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4.1 Old Business

Advanced Placement Courses

Mrs. Moore asked for information regarding the number and types of Advanced Placement courses available to students, as well as the amount of support available to students interested in taking the courses and exams. Mrs. Gill provided a list of the available courses. She reported that each of the courses would be available to students at all three high schools beginning with the 2017-2018 school year. Mrs. Moore then inquired as to the possibility of allocating funds to provide the exams to low-income students. Mrs. Gill reported that the State Board of Education is considering reallocating some of the statewide Title I funds to provide the tests at a reduced rate to low income students. Local businesses have also offered to cover the cost of the reduced fee for students that are unable to afford the exam with the reduction in cost to ensure that no student is unable to take the exams due to financial reasons. Additionally, Mrs. Gill reported that each school now has a team of teachers that have been tasked with talking and encouraging students to take the classes and exams.

4.2 Board Policies

Board members were provided with drafts of new Board Policies, 720.10 Students – Student Welfare – Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention and 465.10 Operational Services – Safety Program – Law Enforcement Officers. Mrs. Gill explained that this is a first reading of the policies. A vote will occur during the March 20, 2017 regular meeting.

4.3 New Business

There was no new business at this meeting.

4.4 Student Business

Ms. LaSalvia provided information regarding the Superintendent's Student Roundtable's High School Exchange Visits. She reported that the students partnered with a student from another high school to attend one another's schools in an effort to build community between the schools. Ms. LaSalvia then provided information regarding upcoming Student Roundtable meetings.

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 2017. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Joseph Bascio, Business Manager, reported Education Fund revenues for the month of approximately \$4 million. Expenditures for the month totaled approximately \$10.5 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$1,000 and expenditures of approximately \$1 million. Additionally, Mr. Bascio reported outstanding State payments of approximately \$8.4 million.

There was some additional discussion regarding state funding.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

7.1 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Gill provided the following information and Shout Outs:

- The Disabilities to Possibilities Conference saw a 16 percent increase in attendance this year. She overviewed the conference offerings. She commended those involved in organizing the event.
- The state Beta Club Convention was recently held in Springfield. Students from Ball Charter School, Franklin Middle School and Lincoln Magnet School placed in twenty-seven different categories during the convention.
- The Franklin Middle School Math Counts team competed at the State competition in Naperville recently.
- She attended the Springfield High School Red and Black Gala. She commended the Booster Club organizers of the event on another fun evening of fund raising and showcasing Springfield High School students.
- Congratulations to the Lanphier High School boys basketball team for winning the Regional Championship. She wished the Lions the best of luck in the Sectionals.
- As a reminder, 12th grade students must show proof of receiving two doses of the meningococcal vaccine.
- The 1900 Art Gallery Show will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Grant Middle School.
- The first three Community Engagement Sessions of the Facilities Study have occurred. She and the architects are now touring the buildings. The next community engagement session is scheduled for 6 p.m. on March 15 at Lanphier High School. The public is encouraged to attend.

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 8.4 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Blake Handley)** Moved, Member **(Donna Moore)** seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 8.2 through 8.4 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Flamini, Handley, Haven, Moore.
Those voting "no": None.

8.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2017

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 Approval of a Consultant Agreement with WestEd Company

WestEd Company will provide one day of onsite coaching and technical assistance for teachers as they prepare for the April Academic Parent-Teacher Team session at Matheny-Withrow School.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 desires services for onsite coaching and technical assistance regarding the Academic Parent-Teacher Teams; and WHEREAS, WestEd is qualified to provide such services and has agreed to provide one day of training and assistance on March 15, 2017, at a cost of \$5,500; and WHEREAS, WestEd services are being funded through the School Improvement Grant; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the retention of WestED per the terms identified above and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Blake Handley)** Moved, Member **(George Haven)** 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: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Flamini, Handley, Haven, Moore.
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.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Blake Handley)** Moved, Member **(Donna Moore)** 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: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Flamini, Handley, Haven, Moore.
Those voting "no": None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, March 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

10.2 Alliance Legislative Reports – 100-06, 100-07, 100-08

10.3 Freedom of Information Report

10.4 Upcoming District Events

- 3/9 – 1900 Art Gallery Reception, Grant Middle School, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/15 – Community Engagement Session-21st Century Programs & Facilities, Lanphier High School, 6:00 -7:30 p.m.
- 3/28 – Community Engagement Session-Planning Principles, Southeast High School, 6:00 -7:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Flamini declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, March 20, 2017. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Charles Flamini, Vice President

Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: _____