

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, August 7, 2017 (6:00 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on August 7 A.D., 2017, at 5:33 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Adam Lopez, President
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Charles Flamini
Judith Johnson
Adam Lopez
Anthony Mares
Donna Moore
Jamie Sisti
J. Michael Zimmers

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Lopez 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)(1)

2.2 Contract Negotiations – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

2.3 Pending and Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

2.4 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9,10)

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

Those voting “aye”: Flamini, Lopez, Moore, Zimmers
Those voting “no”: None.

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:08 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that six Board members were present as Ms. Johnson and Mr. Mares joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

3.1 Oath of Office

Mr. Lopez asked that Mrs. Sisti stand to take the Oath of Office. Mr. Lopez then administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Sisti as follows:

"I, Jamie Sisti, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the Springfield Public Schools in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability.

I further swear that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school district's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can only be made by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

Mrs. Sisti introduced her family members in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

4.1 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.

Mr. Lopez reported visiting Wilcox and the Early Learning Center during registration. He indicated that the registration processes seemed to be working smoothly and thanked staff for creating a welcoming environment for families. Next, he reported attending the All Administrators Meeting recently.

Lastly, Mr. Lopez asked Mr. Zimmers to provide an important reminder to parents and families. Mr. Zimmers reminded parents that physicals and immunizations are due prior to the start of school. He encouraged parents to make an appointment promptly with their child's physician to complete the requirements.

4.2 Board Salutes

Mr. Flamini saluted the Operations and Maintenance Department on the work that the department has done over the summer months.

Mr. Mares saluted the Springfield High Golf Outing organizers for their work. He thanked Jason Nevel, reporter with the State Journal Register, for the recent article on the K-5th grade curriculum. He urged parents to ensure their children are adequately prepared for school.

Ms. Johnson saluted those involved with the recent professional development kick off for administrators. She also urged parents to ensure their children are adequately prepared for school, arriving properly dressed and with the requisite school supplies.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

5.2 New Business

Quarterly Booster Reports

Mr. Lopez asked that a committee of the Board be formed to which the Booster Club presidents and treasurers would provide quarterly reports.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

6.1 Assessment Plan

Board members were provided with electronic copies of the presentation on the assessment plan. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Mrs. Shelia Boozer, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an overview of the plan. She gave an overview of the function of the assessments, which create a data driven structure to support all students. This in turn gives teachers the ability to provide appropriate, individualized instruction and interventions for students, moving each closer to the goal of being college and/or career ready.

Mrs. Boozer reported that a committee comprised of faculty from several District departments and the Illinois MTSS Network had been created to study and inventory the current assessment models used, as well as create a new assessment plan. She then presented the committee's recommendations including use of NWEA MAP as a reading and math benchmarking tool three times per year and two forms of FASTBRIDGE, one to be used as a reading and math progress monitoring tool on an ongoing, as needed, basis and the other to be used as a social/emotional screener once per year as required by the State of Illinois. She indicated that the vast majority of school districts in Illinois use these assessment tools. By adopting these tools, the District will be able to more seamlessly integrate new students from other districts that use the same tools. Lastly, Mrs. Boozer reported that costs associated with incorporating the new assessments would come from funds already allocated in the Department of Assessment's budget; no new funds are being requested.

Mr. Zimmers asked if the new assessment tools would result in less or more assessment tests for students. Mrs. Boozer reported that it would result in less testing. Mr. Zimmers then asked if PARCC scores had been received yet. Mrs. Boozer reported that tentative scores had been received. Mr. Zimmers expresses frustration with the slow release of the results by the State of Illinois. There was then some discussion regarding the timeline for availability of the results of the new assessments, the inclusion of parents and guardians in the reporting of results, the inclusion of Ball Charter in these assessments, and the timeline for administering the social emotional learning assessment.

6.2 Logo Update

Board members were provided with copies of an update on the District's new logo. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Mrs. Gill gave an overview of the process for adopting the new logo and presented the new logo. She overviewed the symbolism behind the logo, including the following five strategic goals associated with the five points of the star that is central to the logo:

1. Expand opportunities for all students and empower them to learn and succeed

2. Enhance academic and emotional support so students can reach their full potential
3. Embrace a connected, committed and collaborative work environment
4. Engage families and community partners
5. Excel in fiscal responsibility and facilities planning and management

Mrs. Gill also overviewed five collective commitments of respect including:

1. We are committed to affording equitable opportunities for all.
2. We are committed to celebrating a unified and diverse community of students and staff.
3. We are committed to providing a welcoming experience in every encounter that students, families and the community have in our district.
4. We are committed to promoting a strong sense of District 186 and individual school pride.
5. We are committed to communicating relentlessly.

Mrs. Gill thanked Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hankins for their work on the logo.

BUSINESS REPORTS

7.1 Financial Report

Board members were provided with copies of the Monthly Financial Report for July 2017. 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 for the month of approximately \$2.9 million and expenditures of approximately \$3.3 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$656,000 for the month and expenditures of approximately \$575,000. Additionally, Mr. Bascio reported outstanding state payments total approximately \$7.5 million. Mrs. Gill asked for an update on the Line of Credit. Mr. Bascio indicated that it is typically used in the spring and it is paid off in June. There was some additional discussion regarding how the amount needed is determined and the timeline for accessing the line of credit.

Mrs. Gill provided a timeline of the upcoming budget process. Mrs. Moore asked for an update of the outstanding State of Illinois categorical payments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

8.1 Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Gill reported receiving a thank you note from the sister of recently deceased teacher Pam Wall. She then provided the following shout outs and information:

- Congratulations to Black Hawk principal, Terrance Jordan for his 40 Under 40 recognition.
- Reminder that there is one more day of registration for middle and high schools. Families of un-enrolled elementary students can stop into their school office.
- Record of required physicals and immunizations are due on the first day of school. She provided information on upcoming open clinics.
- With respect to the amendatory veto of Senate Bill 1, there is some concern regarding the potential negative impact included Property Tax Extension Law Limit (PTELL) language would have on the district.

Mr. Schaver then provided an update of the summer work that has been completed to date.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

9.1 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 9.2 through 9.12 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 9.2 through 9.12 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

Mrs. Moore asked about the process for to apply for a refund as outlined in Consent Action Item 9.11. Mrs. Gill indicated that families must complete an application, which is submitted to the District and then to the State of Illinois. The State of Illinois determines any potential refund. Mrs. Moore then asked the media to stress to the public the need to carefully watch for any students that may be exiting City of Springfield buses.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

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

9.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of July 24, 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.

9.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable

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

9.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment Bid #18-03 – Ambulance Service Home Football Games – Memorial Stadium and Southeast High Field

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low acceptable bid for the following bids and to approve payment of same upon completion: Bid #18-03 – Ambulance Service Home Football Games – Memorial Stadium and Southeast High Field

9.5 Approval of a Renewal Agreement with BTU Consultants

Approval of an agreement with BTU consultants for E-rate preparation services for the 2017-18 school year. Total cost is \$16,200; the same price as 2016-17.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield Public School District 186 approves the E-Rate Services Agreement with BTU Consultants for a total cost of \$16,200 and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.

9.6 Approval of an Agreement to Furnish Meals to Immanuel Lutheran Preschool

Resolution: WHEREAS, Immanuel Lutheran Preschool would like Springfield Public School District 186 to provide lunch for their program; and WHEREAS, District 186 possesses the skills and experience to provide such services and is willing to do so; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED the Board of Education authorizes the District to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing meals to Immanuel Lutheran Preschool.

9.7 Approval of an Agreement to Furnish Meals to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School

Resolution: WHEREAS, Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School would like Springfield Public School District 186 to provide lunch for their program; and WHEREAS, District 186 possesses the skills and experience to provide such services and is willing to do so; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education authorizes the District to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing meals to Our Savior's Lutheran Church and School.

9.8 Approval of an Agreement to Furnish Meals to Sangamon County Regional Office of Education No. 51

Resolution: WHEREAS, Sangamon County Regional Office of Education No. 51 would like Springfield Public School District 186 to provide lunch for the Safe Schools Program; and WHEREAS, District 186 possesses the skills and experience to provide such services and is willing to do so; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education authorizes the District to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing meals to Sangamon County Regional of Education No. 51 Safe Schools Program.

9.9 Approval of an Agreement to Furnish Meals to Hope Institute for Children and Families

Resolution: WHEREAS, Hope Institute for Children and Families would like Springfield Public School District 186 to provide lunch and breakfast for their program; and WHEREAS, District 186 possesses the skills and experience to provide such services and is willing to do so; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education authorizes the District to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing meals to Hope Institute for Children and Families.

9.10 Approval of an Agreement to Furnish Meals to St. Patrick's School

Resolution: WHEREAS, St. Patrick's School would like Springfield Public School District 186 to provide lunch for their program; and WHEREAS, District 186 possesses the skills and experience to provide such services and is willing to do so; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education authorizes the District to enter into an agreement for the purpose of providing meals to St. Patrick's School.

9.11 Approval of the Annual Certification for Student Transportation for Hazardous Areas

Resolution: WHEREAS, The School Code of Illinois provides for school districts to receive reimbursement for the transportation of students who live less than one and one-half miles from school when it can be shown that walking to and from school constitutes a serious hazard; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education is to determine the areas to be submitted for approval in accordance with guidelines by the Illinois Department of Transportation; and WHEREAS, sixty-eight such areas have been previously approved and annual approval is required; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District has determined that conditions in the sixty-eight areas previously approved have not changed.

9.12 Approval of the Annual Certification of Adequate Public Transportation for High School Students

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution: WHEREAS, The School Code of Illinois releases school districts from the requirement to provide free transportation to students who live one and one-half miles or more from the school to which they are assigned when adequate public transportation is available; and WHEREAS, certification to the State Board of Education is required; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to certify to the State Superintendent of Education that adequate public transportation is available for the following school areas: Lanphier High - that portion of the attendance area east of Veterans

Parkway, south of Taintor Rd. / Neil St., and west of Dirksen Parkway. Springfield High - that portion of the attendance area east of Koke Mill Rd. and south of Old Jacksonville Rd., then east of Veterans Parkway and south of Churchill Rd. Southeast High - that portion of the attendance area east of 3rd street (GMO railroad corridor), and west of I-55

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Donna Moore)** Moved, Member **(Michael Zimmers)** 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: 7 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 7 – 0 with the noted “no” and “present” votes on item B11 only.**

Those voting “aye”: Flamini, Johnson, Lopez, Mares, Moore, Sisti, Zimmers
Those voting “no”: Johnson on B11 only
Those voting “abstain”: Lopez, Zimmers on B11 only

Mr. Lopez introduced Mr. Jeff Thomas and Ms. Yvonne Pyle, new administrators at Jefferson Middle School.

10.2 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Acceptance of the FY 2017-2018 Tentative Budget

The District is required to give public notice regarding the adoption of the Budget. This resolution authorizes the Board Secretary to put the legal notice in the paper. The public hearing will be held on September 18, 2017. The vote for the approval of the budget will also be held on September 18, 2017.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the School District's Tentative Budget for the 2017-2018 school year (Fiscal Year 2018) which has been prepared by the administration pursuant to Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Tentative Budget (ISBE 50-36) is to be made available for public inspection in the School District's offices located at 1900 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois, beginning the 18th of August, 2017; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the budget for inspection to be published; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on this budget be established for 6:30 p.m., September 18, 2017; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Budget, which is on file, may be amended or revised.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Donna Moore)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the School District's Tentative Budget for the 2017-2018 school year (Fiscal Year 2018) which has been prepared by the administration pursuant to Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Tentative Budget (ISBE 50-36) is to be made available for public inspection in the School District's offices located at 1900 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois, beginning the 18th of August, 2017; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the budget for inspection to be published; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on this budget be established for 6:30 p.m., September 18,

2017; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Budget, which is on file, may be amended or revised'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

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

10.3 Approval of Travel Expenses for Board Member Sisti

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves travel expenses for Jamie Sisti as follows for the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference from November 17-19, 2017: Registration - \$570.00 Transportation - \$80

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Michael Zimmers**) Moved, Member (**Judith Johnson**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education approves travel expenses for Jamie Sisti as follows for the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference from November 17-19, 2017: Registration - \$570.00 Transportation - \$80'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0 - 1**

Those voting "aye": Flamini, Johnson, Lopez, Mares, Moore, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None.
Those voting "abstain": Sisti

10.4 Approval of Revisions to Board Policy

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 maintains Board Policy manuals giving direction to the District; and WHEREAS, such policy and manuals reflect case law, legal rulings, legislation, and district practice; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached policies related to non-discrimination.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Michael Zimmers**) Moved, Member (**Judith Johnson**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 maintains Board Policy manuals giving direction to the District; and WHEREAS, such policy and manuals reflect case law, legal rulings, legislation, and district practice; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached policies related to non-discrimination'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0 with the noted "present" vote on Board Policy 116 by Mrs. Moore.**

Those voting "aye": Flamini, Johnson, Lopez, Mares, Moore, Sisti, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None.
Those voting "present": Moore on Board Policy 116 only

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, August 21, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

11.2 Alliance Legislative Reports – 100-33, 100-34, and 100-35

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

11.3 Freedom of Information Report

11.4 Upcoming District Events

Elementary/Middle/High School Registration August 7, 11 am-6pm

Middle/High School Registration August 8, 8am-2pm
6th Grade Orientation at each middle school August 15, 8am-1pm
Freshman Forward at each high school August 15, 8:24 a.m. – 2:17 p.m. (updated time)
First Day of School (traditional calendar) August 21

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Zimmers declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, August 21, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Adam Lopez, President

Julie Hammers, Secretary

Dated: _____