

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**Monday, January 7, 2019 (6:30 PM)**

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on January 7 A.D., 2019, at 5:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: J. Michael Zimmers, President  
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Anthony Mares  
Donna Moore  
Bill Ringer  
Jamie Sisti

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools  
Zaire Harris, Student Board Member

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

President Zimmers called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves adjournment to Executive Session to consider the following items:

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

**2.2 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)**

**2.3 Security Procedures – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(J. Michael Zimmers)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters: 2.1 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9,10), 2.2 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 2.3 Security Procedures – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**.

Those voting "aye": Mares, Moore, Sisit, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.

**Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m. Upon reconvening, roll was taken. It was noted that four Board members were present.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Zimmers asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **4.1 Approve the Agenda for January 7, 2019**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Jamie Sisti**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board of Education approves the agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **5.1 President's Comments**

Mr. Zimmers 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.

### **5.2 Board Salutes**

Mr. Mares encouraged students and families as they begin the second semester of the school year. He indicated that he had recently had some conversations with members of the community that are supportive of the recently passed tax. He announced that the Boys Basketball City Tournament is coming up and encouraged the community to support the event.

Mr. Zimmers saluted Student Board Member Harris on the number of points he recently scored during a basketball game for Springfield High School. Next, Mr. Zimmers saluted the Superintendent, her cabinet members, administrators and teachers for making the district a leader in school districts across the State.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Old Business**

There was no old business at this time.

### **6.2 New Business**

Superintendent Gill provided information regarding Board Committees that need to be formed. She asked for volunteers from the Board to attend the Alliance Legislative Event, a meeting on January 24 related to developing a community health partnership and to serve on a Facilities Committee for the upcoming work that will be completed once the sales tax funding is realized. She also asked for volunteers to serve on an Insurance Committee. Mrs. Moore asked if the committees will meet during the day or evening. Superintendent Gill reported that participant's schedules will be taken into consideration when scheduling the committee meetings.

It was noted that Mr. Ringer arrived at 6:42 p.m. Mr. Ringer then saluted the Southeast High School Boys Basketball team for their recent victory. Next, he reported visiting Harvard Park Elementary prior to the winter break. He saluted Mr. Hayes and his team for the reduction in referrals.

### **6.3 Student Business**

Mr. Harris reported that the Superintendent's Student Roundtable's Unity Day event will take place on Friday, January 18, 2019, at the Bank of Springfield Center. He indicated that registration will take place during upcoming lunch hours. He also reported that students from the three public high schools, as well as Sacred Heart-Griffin and Lutheran High School will participate in the event.

Mr. Ringer saluted Mr. Harris on his performance during a recent basketball game.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

## **BUSINESS REPORTS**

### **8.1 Financial Report**

Board members were provided with an electronic copy of the Monthly Financial Report for December 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 \$4.89 million for the month of December with expenditures in the fund totaling approximately \$10.4 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$93,000 for the month with expenditures totaling approximately \$1.1 million. Mr. Bascio further reported outstanding payments from the State of Illinois of approximately \$3.5 million.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **9.1 Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Gill asked Meg Thurman, Director of Student Support Services, to provide information regarding the upcoming 11th Annual Empower All Abilities Conference on Saturday, February 23, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Southeast High School. Mrs. Thurman reported that the conference is open to families of students with special education needs and educators from the area. There is no charge to attend, but registration is encouraged. She further reported that nationally recognized speaker and author Shawn Anthony Robinson will be the keynote speaker. Families will have an opportunity to attend a variety of breakout sessions, as well. Mr. Mares encouraged families to attend the event.

Superintendent Gill then asked for a moment of silence for Shelby Harbison, a former Board of Education member, that recently passed away. A moment of silence was observed. She then provided the following shout outs and information:

- City Tournament for wrestling will be held at Lanphier High School on January 11 at 5:00 p.m.
- Boys' City Basketball Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 16-18 at the Bank of Springfield Center. She reported that there will be walk-through metal detectors at this year's tournament. Additionally, the doors will be closed for entrance after the half-time of the second game each evening. She encouraged parents to attend with their younger children.

- The Spirit of Giving food drive will be held again in conjunction with City Tournament to raise money and canned goods for St. Martin de Porres.
- Girls City Basketball Tournament is scheduled for the week of January 23 at Sacred Heart-Griffin High School.
- The Hockey Club has a number of games in the near future against Decatur, Bloomington, Chatham Glenwood and Sacred Heart-Griffin.
- City Tournament for Boys Swimming is scheduled for January 22 at Eisenhower Pool.
- She received a letter from a parent of students at Franklin Middle School and Springfield High School who recently attended the Illinois Music Education Association contest in late November. The parent praised the performances from each of the district's students in attendance and lauded teachers Dia Langellier, Kinsley Keys, Kelly Goldberg and Kittie Hose for their work with the students.
- Saluted the Franklin Middle School Jazz Band for their recent performance at Concordia Village.
- Art is Exceptional Exhibit will run from January 11-25 at the Springfield Art Association. The exhibit celebrates District 186 artists with special needs.
- She visited Fairview Elementary earlier in the day, when she participated in a walk-through.

## **CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 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 10.2 through 10.5 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**William Ringer**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.5 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion Carried. **5 - 0**

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

### **10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of December 17, 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.

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

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

### **10.4 Declaration of Surplus Property**

**Resolution:** BE IT RESOLVED to declare the items on the attached documents as surplus materials.

### **10.5 Approval of a Consultant as the Keynote Speaker for the Empower All Abilities Conference**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 desires consultant services for the Empower All Abilities Conference in 2019 to provide professional development focused specifically on students with disabilities, in addition, one-day student symposiums centered on resilience and perseverance; and WHEREAS, Shawn Anthony Robinson, Ph.D., Senior Research Associate in the Wisconsin's Equity and Inclusion Laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an author, and dyslexia consultant, is qualified to provide such services as a Consultant for the District; and WHEREAS, Dr. Robinson has indicated his willingness and desire to provide professional development at the Empower All Abilities Conference on February 23, 2019 and student symposiums on February 22, 2019; and WHEREAS, the cost for these services is \$3,500 plus lodging and will be paid by IDEA Part B Flow-Through Federal Grant; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the retention of consultant Dr. Shawn Anthony Robinson per the terms identified above. FURTHERMORE the Board directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board of Education

### **ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

#### **11.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Jamie Sisti**) 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: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion Carried. **5 - 0**

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

#### **11.2 Student Discipline**

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

- That one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington Middle School through the end of the 2018-2019 school year without a program; and
- That one 10<sup>th</sup> grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Springfield High School through the end of the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year without a program; and
- That one 9<sup>th</sup> grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year with a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jamie Sisti**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) 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** Abstain: **1**. The motion Carried. **4 - 0 - 1**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**12.1 Next Regular Meeting – Tuesday, January 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. – Board Room**

**12.2 Freedom of Information Report**

**12.3 Upcoming District Events**

January 9 – 9th Grade Preview Night at High Schools

January 16, 17, 18 – Boys City Basketball Tournament at BOS Center

January 21 – No School – Martin Luther King Day

January 23, 24, 26 – Girls City Basketball Tournament at SHG

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zimmers declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 22, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

  
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J. Michael Zimmers, President

  
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Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: 1-22-19