

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**Monday, March 16, 2020 (6:30 PM)**

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on March 16 A.D., 2020, at 6:00 p.m., there being present thereat:

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

Anthony Mares  
Tiffany Mathis (by phone)  
Scott McFarland  
Micah Miller  
Bill Ringer

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools

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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Micah Miller**) 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 Contract Negotiations – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)'.  
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Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**.

Those voting "aye": McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.

## **Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Johnson and Mr. Mares joined the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and Ms. Mathis joined the meeting by phone at 6:00 p.m., as well.

## **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.

Mr. Zimmers reported that due to the Governor's recent mandates limiting the size of gatherings and temporary changes to the Open Meetings Act which allow members to participate through audio or video, Ms. Mathis opted to participate by phone. He indicated that legal counsel recommended a vote be taken to allow her participation in this manner.

Member **(Bill Ringer)** Moved, Member **(Tony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'to allow Ms. Mathis to participate in the March 16, 2020 meeting by phone call.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0.**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

### **4.1 Approve the Agenda for March 16, 2020**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Bill Ringer)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** 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: 7 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

President 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. Hammers. Additionally, he reminded those interested in addressing the Board that comments are limited to three minutes.

Mr. Zimmers saluted Superintendent Gill and her staff, administrators, teachers and support staff for their work to prepare students for the recent closure of schools. He then invited Superintendent Gill to provide an update.

Superintendent Gill reported that Governor Pritzker issued Executive Order 5. A portion of the order suspended certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act as of 9:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020. She reported that rules limiting remote participation had been lifted and requirements related to the attendance of members of a public body at public meetings had also been suspended. She further reported that public bodies are encouraged to postpone meetings. When meetings are necessary, public bodies are encouraged to provide video, audio and phone access so members of the public are able to access the meeting. She indicated that Springfield Public Schools Board of Education meetings are typically streamed live on YouTube and Channel 22.

Superintendent Gill then reported that Governor Pritzker has suspended school for students effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020. She thanked the members of the Teaching and Learning and Instructional Support for ensuring at-home learning options are available to students. She indicated that these are available for students whether they have access to the internet or not. She reported that Comcast has opened up internet access hot spots across Springfield and is offering free internet to the families of students for the duration of the closure. She provided information on the options and activities available to students. She further reported that the Illinois State Board of Education has ordered schools to suspend giving grades to students for work completed during the Act of God days. Additionally, students cannot be penalized during the Act of God days for work they have or haven't completed.

Next, Superintendent Gill reported that she has committed to make daily communications to students, staff and families during the closure. She provided information regarding the feeding program that had been set up to provide students with breakfast and lunch during the closure. She reported that drive or walk up, grab and go sack meals will be available from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Monday through Friday at Lanphier High School, Southeast High School, Springfield High School and Franklin Middle School. Beginning Thursday, March 12, 2020, the number of meal sites will expand to twelve locations. She reported that food will be served out of First Student busses at Washington Middle School, Wilcox, Ridgely, and Feitshans Elementary Schools, Jefferson Middle School and three off site locations including Pinewood Apartments Complex, Antonio's Pizza on Washington Avenue, and the parking lot at Grace Methodist Church.

Superintendent Gill then provided information on social distancing measures that have been put in place. She reported that in addition to the closure of school buildings, the Instruction Resource Center has been closed. However, the print shop located within the Instructional Resource Center has remained open as it is staffed by one person. She reported that this employee has been tasked with copying grade level appropriate packets of learning materials that students or their families may pick up at any of the food distribution sites or the administrative offices. She reported that all district buildings are closed to public access at this time. They are open only to essential staff. Principals and administrators will check school buildings daily to ensure students aren't showing up for school. She encouraged the community to call instead of making an in-person visit to any of the district's administrative offices. Phone calls in each school building have been routed to voicemail. She indicated that teachers have been asked to work remotely via their district issued laptops, keeping in contact with students and families through phone or email. Support staff, with the exception of specific essential employees, have been asked to stay home and check email during the day. Next, she reported that custodians will begin a deep cleaning process at each building in the coming days.

Ms. Johnson asked what provisions have been made for students that do not have an electronic device. Superintendent Gill reported that anyone with a smartphone can access the available activities, which are not being graded. Additionally, there are many activities that do not require a computer and printed

packets are available for students. Ms. Johnson then asked about the hours that custodian staff will be working in the buildings. Mr. Darrell Schaver, Director of Operations and Maintenance, reported that custodial staff will work eight hours. Custodial and other essential staff are also being encouraged to stay home if they feel sick. Superintendent Gill then provided information on the deep cleaning of district buildings.

Mr. Miller applauded Superintendent Gill and her staff for their preparedness and dedication. He asked that the link to the free internet via Comcast be added to the tech survey. There was then some discussion regarding the schedule for access to breakfast and lunch, as well as other supplementary pantry items. Mr. McFarland asked if the student needs to be present to pick up a meal. Superintendent Gill reported that students do not need to be present. Another family member can pick the meal up for a student. Ms. Johnson asked if volunteers are being utilized with the meal distributions. Superintendent Gill reported that some volunteers are being used for the distribution, and more can be used.

## **5.2 Board Salutes**

Mr. Miller saluted teachers, administrators and support staff that have been working behind the scenes to ensure students continue to be provided with an education.

Ms. Johnson also saluted teachers, administrators and support staff for their work. Next, she saluted the Lanphier High School Boys Basketball team for their season, as well as the rest of the District's basketball teams for their seasons. She reported visiting Black Hawk and Graham Elementary Schools, where she read to students.

Mr. Zimmers saluted the Lanphier High School Girls Basketball team for taking 4th place in the State Basketball Tournament. Next, he saluted the various community organizations that have stepped in to provide support to families and students during the school closure.

Mr. Ringer saluted the Superintendent, administrators, teachers and other staff for their preparedness and hard work. He also saluted the various community organizations that are providing support to families and students during the school closure. Next, Mr. Ringer asked Ms. Mathis if the Boys and Girls Club will serve meals during the closure. Ms. Mathis reported that the Boys and Girls Club is working on this, while keeping in mind the social distancing requirements.

Mr. McFarland echoed the salutes of the other members. He also saluted those in the community that have stepped up to provide support to others in need.

Mr. Mares also saluted the Superintendent, administrators, teachers and other staff for their work.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **6.1 Old Business**

There was no old business at this time.

### **6.2 New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

### **6.3 Student Business**

There was no student business at this time. Ms. Johnson saluted Student Board Member Beyers for her "This I Believe" Essay submission.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

## **BUSINESS REPORTS**

### **8.1 Business Report**

Members were provided with copies of the Business Office Report for the month of February 2020. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Mr. Nathan Fretz, Director of Business Services, reported Education Fund revenues of approximately \$4.7 million and expenditures of approximately \$10.6 million for the month. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$12,200 and expenditures of approximately \$1.1 million for the month. Additionally, Mr. Fretz reported that the District had a combined cash balance of approximately \$38.1 million in the bank for all funds. There were no investment deposits. Earned interest for the month totalled approximately \$61,500, with year-to-date earned interest of approximately \$880,000. Mr. Fretz indicated that there were outstanding State payments of approximately \$3.9 million. Lastly, Mr. Fretz reported County sales tax proceeds received during the month of March were approximately \$994,000. These represent December collections.

Mr. Mares asked for information regarding the amount of cash balance on hand in February 2020 vs. February 2019. Mr. Fretz reported that the district had a cash balance of \$46.7 million at the end of January 2020. The cash balance as of the end of January 2019 was \$25.9 million. Mr. Ringer asked when the next property tax disbursement will be received. Mr. Fretz reported that those funds are expected in May.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Superintendent Gill provided the following Shout-outs and updates:

- The Mayor's Office has requested a letter of support from the District for the extension of some TIF districts. Superintendent Gill then read a portion of a resolution passed by the Board of Education related to what would be needed in order for the District and Board to provide the requested letter. TIF districts that the City is looking to extend include the Enos Park TIF and the Madison Park Place TIF, which would also be expanded to include the Pillsbury Plant property. Mr. McFarland suggested notifying the Mayor's Office that if the District's support is desired the measures outlined in the Board's resolution must be followed. Mr. Miller asked if the Madison Park Place TIF includes the area where the new Intermodal facility is going to be built. Superintendent Gill indicated that the Intermodal property is outside the Madison Park Place TIF area. Ms. Johnson asked to be provided with some additional information about the Enos Park TIF. Superintendent Gill reported that she will provide Board members with additional information as it becomes available.

## **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 10.6 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Scott McFarland)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.6 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0.**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers

Those voting "no": None

### **10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of March 3, 2020**

**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 Approval of an Agreement With Hart, Southworth & Witsman**

Approval of Bond Counsel for Series 2020A, 2020B, 2020C, and 2020D bond issuances.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the District wishes to sell Health, Life, Safety, General Obligation, and Alternate Revenue Bonds to construct school facilities; and

WHEREAS, bond & disclosure counsel is needed to provide planning for the sale of said bonds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Hart, Southworth & Witsman to provide bond & disclosure counsel services.

### **10.5 Approval of a Resolution to Participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program**

The State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program is designed to provide opportunities for purchasing federally surplus property at significantly discounted prices. There is no cost to the District to participate, although marginal service fees are charged when purchases are made.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Springfield School District 186 has limited fiscal resources available for the procurement of heavy-duty construction equipment, vehicles, commodities, and other property; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program offers a variety of surplus property at approximately 5-25 percent of the acquisition value, effectively reducing program costs by acquiring items that have been used for their life expectancy or property that must be replaced for safety or economic reasons; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield School District 186 agrees to the following terms and conditions: to use the surplus property only in the official program which it represents; and upon receipt, agrees to place the surplus property into use within one year: and it agrees that the property shall be used for a period of one year (certain items, eighteen months); that it agrees it will not sell, loan, trade or tear down the property without written consent from the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield School District 186 understand that surplus property must be use in an authorized program and that personal use or non-use of surplus property is not allowed:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 does hereby consent and decree that the Springfield School District 186 is authorized to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

#### **10.6 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Renewal Proposal for Life Insurance**

Horace Mann Life Insurance Company renewal of Basic Life and AD&D insurance coverage. The renewal is for two years with no premium increases.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the District has reviewed the group life insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment insurance renewal recommendation from Horace Mann, the District's insurance carrier; and

WHEREAS, the District elects to continue Basic Life Coverage at the current rate of \$0.149 per \$1,000, and Basic AD&D at a rate of \$0.020 per \$1,000, and Optional Life/AD&D and Dependent Life rates will remain unchanged from the previous renewal period;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves and accepts Horace Mann's renewal recommendation for the contractual year beginning June 1, 2020, and ending May 31, 2022.

### **ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

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

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

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Bill Ringer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the Personnel recommendations as presented with the following changes:

- Page 1 A. Classified Item 1, Remove
- Page 2 B. Classified Item 3, Remove
- Page 3 Certified LOA Item 6 – change extension of LOA to March 30, 2020'

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

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None

### **11.2 Approval of a Resolution for Reduction in Force of Non-Certified Personnel**

List of Reduction in Force of Non-Certified Personnel attached

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of non-certified personnel employed by the Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of non-certified personnel employed by the Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof.

Mr. McFarland asked for some additional information regarding this item. Mrs. McLaughlin Schurman reported that the reduction is for grant funded positions, which are reinstated once the grants are approved. She further reported that this is an annual occurrence with non-probationary teaching assistants. The employees have a reasonable expectation of being rehired. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion carried. **6 - 0 - 1**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, Mathis, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None  
Those "abstaining": McFarland

### **11.3 Approval of a Resolution for Reduction in Force of Lawrence Education Center Non-Certified Personnel**

List of Reduction in Force of Lawrence Education Center Non-Certified Personnel attached

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel employed by the Board; and

WHEREAS, grant funding for the Lawrence Education Center program fluctuates from year to year and is therefore unreliable as a revenue stream to the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Scott McFarland)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel employed by the Board; and

WHEREAS, grant funding for the Lawrence Education Center program fluctuates from year to year and is therefore unreliable as a revenue stream to the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Scott McFarland)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District employs a first-year probationary teacher to be identified at the Board Meeting of March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent that this first-year probationary employee not be re-employed for the next ensuing school term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall and does hereby determine that the teacher shall not be re-employed for the 2020-2021 school term and that his/her present contract of employment shall terminate at the end of the current school term, the Board hereby authorizing and directing the President and Secretary to give this probationary teacher written notice of such termination in accordance

with Section 24-11 of The School Code of Illinois'. Ms. Mathis indicated that she would abstain from voting as she is working to complete the mandatory Performance Evaluation Reform Act training.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0** Abstain: **2**. The motion carried. **5 - 0 - 2**

Those voting "aye": Mares, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None  
Those "abstaining": Johnson, Mathis

#### **11.4 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Non-Renewal of Certified Personnel**

Non-Renewal of First-Year Probationary Teacher

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the District employs a first-year probationary teacher to be identified at the Board Meeting of March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Superintendent that this first-year probationary employee not be re-employed for the next ensuing school term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board shall and does hereby determine that the teacher shall not be re-employed for the 2020-2021 school term and that his/her present contract of employment shall terminate at the end of the current school term, the Board hereby authorizing and directing the President and Secretary to give this probationary teacher written notice of such termination in accordance with Section 24-11 of The School Code of Illinois.

Those voting "aye": Zimmers Johnson, Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer,  
Those voting "no": None

#### **11.5 Adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$10,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax School Refunding Bonds, Series 2020A and not to exceed \$14,000,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2020B of Springfield School District No. 186, Sangamon County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds**

Approval of the issuance of 2020A and 2020B bonds.

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached resolution as presented.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached resolution as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None

**11.6 Adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$75,000,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020C of the District for the purpose of improving the sites of and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities of the District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds**

Approval of the issuance of 2020C bonds.

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached resolution as presented.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Micah Miller**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached resolution as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None

**11.7 Approval of Travel Expenses for Board Member Johnson**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for Judith Johnson to attend the AVID conference from June 21-23, 2020:

Registration – \$0.00  
Transportation – \$350.00  
Hotel – \$670.80  
Meals – \$140.00  
Miscellaneous (shuttle, luggage) – \$130.00

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**William Ringer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for Judith Johnson to attend the AVID conference from June 21-23, 2020:

Registration – \$0.00  
Transportation – \$350.00  
Hotel – \$670.80  
Meals – \$140.00  
Miscellaneous (shuttle, luggage) – \$130.00'.

Ms. Johnson asked that the expenses for meals and miscellaneous be removed. Mr. McFarland motioned to amend the motion to remove the expenses for meals and miscellaneous. Mr. Ringer seconded the amended motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken on the amended motion, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion carried. **6 - 0 - 1**

Those voting "aye": Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None  
Those "abstaining": Johnson

**11.8 Approval of Travel Expenses for Board Member Mathis**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for Tiffany Mathis to attend the AVID conference from June 21-23, 2020:

- Registration – \$0.00
- Transportation – \$350.00
- Hotel – \$670.80
- Meals – \$140.00
- Miscellaneous (shuttle, luggage) – \$130.00

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Scott McFarland)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for Tiffany Mathis to attend the AVID conference from June 21-23, 2020:

- Registration – \$0.00
- Transportation – \$350.00
- Hotel – \$670.80
- Meals – \$140.00
- Miscellaneous (shuttle, luggage) – \$130.00'.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion carried. **6 - 0 - 1**

- Those voting “aye”: Johnson, Mares, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
- Those voting “no”: None
- Those “abstaining”: Mathis

**11.9 Approval of the Review and Revisions to Board Policy (Sections 100 and 200)**

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 reviewed and revised policies.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Scott McFarland)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** 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 reviewed and revised policies'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**Abstain: **1**. The motion carried. **6 - 0 - 1**

Those voting "aye": Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None  
Those "abstaining": Johnson

### **11.10 Approval of Revisions to Board Policies (Board Vacancies)**

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 relating to board member vacancies.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (Scott McFarland) Moved, Member (Micah Miller) 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 relating to board member vacancies'.

There was discussion regarding the changes made to Policy 230.01. Mr. Ringer expressed objection to language related to suggestions as to how ties could be settled for Board vacancies. Mr. Zimmers also expressed objection. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 0 Nay: 6 Abstain: 1. The motion failed. 0 - 6 - 1

Those voting "aye": None  
Those voting "no": Johnson, Mares, Mathis, McFarland, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those "abstaining": Miller

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **13.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, March 16, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room**

#### **13.2 Upcoming District Events**

April 6-13 – Spring Break

March 31-April 17 – Spring Break – Graham and Southern View

#### **13.3 Freedom of Information Report**

#### **13.4 Alliance Legislative Report – 101-11 and 101-12**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zimmers declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, April 6, 2020. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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J. Michael Zimmers, President

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Julie Hammers, Secretary

Dated: April 6, 2020