

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (6:30 PM)

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

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

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

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Bill Ringer)** Moved, Member **(Judith Johnson)** 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 Pending and Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), 2.4 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": Johnson, Moore, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None.

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m. and reconvened at 6:39 p.m. Upon reconvening, roll was taken. It was noted that six Board members were present as Mr. Mares and Ms. Sisti joined the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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 March 5, 2019

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jamie Sisti**) Moved, Member (**Donna Moore**) 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: 6
Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, Moore, Ringer, 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.

Mr. Zimmers reported that the Southeast High School boys' basketball team advanced to the State Sectionals tournament. He wished them well in their upcoming games.

5.2 Board Salutes

Ms. Sisti reported attending the Empower All Abilities Conference on Saturday, February 23. She saluted the organizers for the offerings made available to families from throughout the community through the conference.

Ms. Moore also reported attending the Empowering All Abilities Conference. She saluted Meg Thurman, Director of Student Support Services, and her staff for organizing the conference.

Ms. Johnson reported that she had the opportunity to hear the keynote speaker for the Empowering All Abilities Conference during a presentation he made at Feitshans Elementary on February 22, 2019. She indicated that he is a very impressive individual that made an impact on all of the audiences he addressed while in town. She suggested that he should be brought back for a district-wide training. She indicated he has an excellent message. Next, Ms. Johnson reported attending the high school African American History Bowl at the African American History Museum. She reported that Zaire Harris, the Student Board of Education Member, participated. She asked that the questions used in the bowl be shared with teachers to incorporate into their instruction. She also attended the Springfield Public Schools Foundation's Annual Dinner. She indicated that the event was well attended. Ms. Johnson then reported that she attended an IHSA Alliance Leadership Conference. Lastly, Ms. Johnson wished the Southeast Spartans basketball team good luck as they advance past the regular season.

Mr. Mares reported attended the Empowering All Abilities Conference. He also enjoyed hearing from the keynote speaker and encouraged his return to the school district in the future. Next, Mr. Mares congratulated Champaign's hockey team for winning the championship game against the Bloomington Sharks. He indicated that the team is grateful for the support received by the community. Lastly, Mr. Mares saluted Mr. Harris for how he represented the school district during a recent interview regarding the Springfield Senators boys basketball team's season.

Mr. Ringer reported attending the Empowering All Abilities Conference. He indicated that he appreciated the keynote and individuals featured in his video. Mr. Ringer also reported attending the Springfield Public Schools Foundation's Annual Dinner. He showed a piece of artwork he purchased during the dinner's art auction.

5.3 Recognition of Shining Star

The Superintendent and Board of Education recognized the following employees chosen to receive the Shining Star Award for their outstanding contribution to Springfield Public Schools:

- Darryl Williams, Security, Washington Middle School
- Early Learning Center Team:
 - Meg Justison, Early Start Teacher
 - Susan Loken, Early Childhood Teacher
 - Latasha Dickerson, Special Education Attendant
 - Julianne Lucasey, Special Education Attendant
 - Denise Williams, Special Education Attendant
 - Susan Williams, Teaching Assistant

After being introduced and provided with a Certificate of Recognition, Mr. Williams thanked the Board for honoring him. He then introduced his wife. Next, the Early Learning Center team was introduced and provided with Certificates of Recognition. They introduced those in attendance to support them.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Old Business

Ms. Johnson asked for an update on the SMART Goals. Mrs. Gill indicated that the information on SMART Goals will be given at the next meeting.

6.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

6.3 Student Business

Mr. Harris reported that the topics of discussion at the last Superintendent's Student Roundtable meeting included how the group can help promote unity within the school district. They also began preparations for the upcoming high school exchange visits, which will include members of the Mayor's Youth Council.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

7.1 IL Empower Work Plans for School Improvement

Board members were provided with copies of a Powerpoint presentation on the IL-EMPOWER work plans for school improvement. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Ms. Shelia Boozer, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Ms. Cheree Morrison, Director of Secondary Schools, overviewed the Powerpoint. Ms. Boozer reported that IL-EMPOWER is a statewide accountability system for school improvement that empowers schools with choices. Ms. Morrison overviewed the work with which IL_EMPOWER has been tasked. She reported that the three areas of focus for the system are governance and management, curriculum and instruction, and climate and culture.

Ms. Boozer then overviewed the IL-EMPOWER Road Map. She indicated that additional federal funding is available for the lowest performing schools. She provided information on the district's chosen Learning Partner and the work of the Learning Partner. Next, Ms. Boozer overviewed the levels of support for targeted and comprehensive designated schools. She identified the schools in these designations. Ms. Morrison overviewed the priority areas of support for the designated schools. A timeline for the work these schools are conducting related to IL-EMPOWER was then provided, along with a work plan overview and next steps for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Zimmers asked if the statewide assessment has the same format as the 2017-18 school year. Ms. Boozer indicated that it does. Next, Mr. Zimmers asked if the district's learning partner's work will include ensuring the district's curriculum is aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards. Ms. Boozer indicated that the curriculum is already aligned to the new standards. She reported that the learning partner will help the district ensure it is being taught with fidelity across the district. Mr. Zimmers then asked if the learning partners will review the Illinois Learning Standards and ensure the test is reflective of those standards. Ms. Boozer reported that to be the case.

BUSINESS REPORTS

8.1 Financial Report

Board members were provided with an electronic copy of the Monthly Financial Report for February 2019. 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 \$4.9 million for the month of February with expenditures in the fund totaling approximately \$9.4 million. The

Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$62,000 for the month with expenditures totaling approximately \$1 million.

Ms. Moore asked for additional information on a portion of the expenditure report. Mr. Bascio reported that the overages can be attributed to the need for extra ticket takers at football games and the need for technology access point needs at Lanphier. The majority of the overage for the tech needs will be recouped through E-Rate.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gill provided the following Shout-outs and updates:

- Shout-out to Franklin Middle School 8th grade student, Arnav Nagrecha, for being named as a semifinalist in the 2019 National Geographic GeoBee Illinois State Competition to be held on March 29. She reported that Arnav is one of only 100 students selected from across the State of Illinois.
- Shout-out to the Springfield High School Scholastic Bowl team as they advance to the IHSA Sectional event in Macomb on March 9th.
- Shout-out to the Southeast High School Boys Basketball team as they advance to the IHSA Sectionals Tournament.
- Shout-out to the schools that participated in Black History Month by inviting community members into their schools.
- Reported that the Illinois Assessment of Readiness will be open to regular calendar schools March 18-29 and again April 8-18.

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 10.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Jamie Sisti**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. Mr. Mares asked if there is a dollar amount associated with item 10.7 Approval of Travel for the Springfield High School Show Choir. Superintendent Gill reported that the group is raising money on it's own for the trip. The approval is needed as the trip is out of state.

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

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

Those voting "no": None.

Those voting "present": Johnson on 10.4 only

10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2019

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 the Release of Executive Session Minutes from July 9, 2018, through December 17, 2018

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to publicly release the executive session minutes of the following Board meetings (except for portions of such minutes that have been redacted for the reason that the need to maintain confidentiality of certain personnel information continues to exist):

Regular Meeting of July 9, 2018
Regular Meeting of July 23, 2018
Regular Meeting of August 6, 2018
Regular Meeting of August 20, 2018
Regular Meeting of September 4, 2018
Regular Meeting of September 17, 2018
Regular Meeting of October 1, 2018
Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018
Regular Meeting of November 5, 2018
Regular Meeting of November 19, 2018
Regular Meeting of December 3, 2018
Regular Meeting of December 17, 2018

10.4 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Verbatim Recordings from July 9, 2018, through December 17, 2018

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to extend non-disclosure of the recordings of the closed Executive Session portions of the Board's regular and special meetings set forth below for the reason that the need to maintain confidentiality continues to exist and to authorize and direct the Board Secretary to destroy such recordings on or after the identified dates:

Regular Board Meeting Date	Authorized Destruction Date
July 9, 2018	January 10, 2020
July 23, 2018	January 25, 2020
August 6, 2018	February 8, 2020
August 20, 2018	February 22, 2020
September 4, 2018	March 6, 2020
September 17, 2018	March 19, 2020
October 1, 2018	April 3, 2020
October 15, 2018	April 17, 2020
November 5, 2018	May 7, 2020
November 19, 2018	May 21, 2020
December 3, 2018	June 5, 2020
December 17, 2018	June 19, 2020

10.5 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable

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

10.6 Approval of a Contract with Bank of Springfield Center

This contract with Prairie Capital Convention Center is for high school graduation ceremonies that will be held on May 30, 2020, June 5, 2021, June 4, 2022, June 3, 2023, and June 1, 2024.

Resolution: WHEREAS, the graduation ceremonies are usually held on the first Saturday of June each year; and

WHEREAS, the graduation ceremonies are scheduled to commence at the Bank of Springfield Center;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the contract for rental of the Bank of Springfield Center on May 30, 2020, June 5, 2021, June 4, 2022, June 3, 2023, and June 1, 2024, at a cost of approximately \$6,500 per year and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.

10.7 Approval of the IL Empower Work Plans for School Improvement

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 approves the IL Empower work plans for school improvement for the following schools: Dubois, Enos, Fairview, Feitshans, Graham, Grant, Harvard Park, Hazel Dell, Jefferson, Lee, McClernand, Ridgely, Springfield Learning Academy, Washington.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the Personnel recommendations as presented with the following change:

- Page 7. Classified Resignation/Releases
Item 64 – Special Ed Attendant, Lee – Please remove as a Release – SPED Attend, should not be released.

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": Johnson, 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 10th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year with a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(William Ringer)** 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: **5** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0 - 1**

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

Those voting "no": None.

Those voting "abstain": Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, March 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

12.2 Upcoming District Events

March 14, 6:30PM – 1900 Art Gallery and Reception at GMS Gymnasium

April 1-5 – Spring Break for Regular Calendar Schools

April 4-19 – Spring Break for Graham and Southern View

12.3 Freedom of Information Report

Board members were provided with an electronic copy of the Freedom of Information Report for February 15-28, 2019. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheri Plummer, Commercial Lines Sales Agent with Lee O'Keefe Insurance addressed the Board. She introduced herself and indicated that her agency is interested in bidding on the commercial insurance for the district.

First Student First View Presentation

Josh Goosen from First Student addressed the Board regarding the new First View app available to families of students that are provided with bus transportation by their business. He indicated that the app is being piloted by the district this year. The app provides parents with live tracking of their child's bus, custom alerts and messages. It is free of charge to both the school district and parents. First Student plans to expand advertising for the app in the future. Parents can sign up on First Student's website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Sisti declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, March 18, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.


J. Michael Zimmers, President


Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: March 18, 2019

