

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, June 3, 2019 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on June 3 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
Scott McFarland
Micah Miller
Donna Moore
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 Pending and Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2©(11)
- 2.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6)
- 2.5 Security Procedures – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Scott McFarland**) 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©(11), 2.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6), 2.5 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 - 0**.

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

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:05 p.m. Upon reconvening, roll was taken. It was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Johnson, Mr. Mares and Mr. Ringer joined the meeting at 5:31 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 June 3, 2019

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Scott McFarland)** 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, McFarland, Miller, Moore, Ringer, 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 commended the recent graduates. He reported that 72% of graduating Springfield Public Schools seniors plan to attend college after graduation.

5.2 Board Salutes

Mr. Miller reported attending the employee retirement dinner. He congratulated the retiring employees. Mr. Miller also attended the Municipal Inauguration for the City of Springfield. He congratulated those sworn in during the ceremony. Next, Mr. Miller reported that he had visited the NAACP's Back to School/Stay in School program. He commended Mr. Elbert Betts and Mr. Tim Allen, the program's administrators. Mr. Miller then saluted the Urban League for providing meals to the program. Lastly, Mr. Miller indicated that he had attended graduation ceremonies for Lawrence Education Center, Lanphier, Southeast and Springfield high schools. He congratulated the graduating seniors.

Mr. Mares also reported attending the retirement dinner. He thanked the retiring employees for their service to the District and wished them well in retirement. Next, Mr. Mares reported attending graduation

ceremonies for Lawrence Education Center, Lanphier, Southeast and Springfield high schools. He also congratulated the graduating seniors.

Ms. Johnson also reported attending the four graduation ceremonies. She saluted the graduates and reported especially enjoying the Lawrence Education Center ceremony. She attended the Moving UP ceremonies at Matheny-Withrow and Hazel Dell. She also attended the employee retirement dinner. She congratulated the retiring employees and also thanked them for their years of service. Ms. Johnson also saluted the students graduating from the Springfield Learning Academy. She commended the program's administration for providing a family atmosphere to those students. Lastly, Ms. Johnson reported attending a data review meeting. She encouraged others to attend these meetings.

Mr. Zimmers commended the graduates from Lawrence Education Center and encouraged the community to attend future graduation ceremonies of the school.

Mr. Ringer reported attending graduation ceremonies for Lanphier, Southeast and Springfield. He congratulated the graduates and reported that over \$43 million in scholarship offers had been extended to this year's graduating class. He congratulated the graduating students and commended the families, teachers and administrators that helped those students throughout their school careers. Lastly, Mr. Ringer reported attending the annual safety review meeting, where District personnel, in conjunction with city and county law enforcement and emergency services personnel, review safety plans from the school year to determine improvements that may need to be made for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Moore reported that she had missed this year's graduation ceremonies as she was out of town visiting her daughter and new granddaughter. She congratulated all of the graduating seniors.

Mr. McFarland also saluted the graduates. He thanked the staff responsible for organizing each of the graduations. Mr. McFarland reported attending the data review meeting, which he found to be very well attended. He indicated that he is looking forward to attending the next data review meeting. Lastly, in honor of LGBTQ Pride Month, Mr. McFarland saluted Springfield's LGBTQ community for their impact on the District and City.

5.3 Recognition of the Southeast High School Girls Track Team

The Board of Education congratulated the Southeast High School Girls Track Team for taking 2nd place at the IHSA 2A State Track and Field Meet (Girls' Division). The student athletes and coaches, listed below, were presented with certificates of recognition.

Barb Montgomery, Head Coach, introduced each of the athletes and coaches in attendance.

Ms. Montgomery thanked the Board of Education, Superintendent and others that helped make the team a success and provided her with the opportunity to coach.

Serena Bolden – 1st place in Long Jump, Triple Jump, 100M, 200M

N'dia Jackson – 5th place 100M Hurdles, 9th place 300M Hurdles

Raven Moore – 4th place 100M, 3rd place 200M, 4th place 400M

Katelyn Koskey – 1st place Shot Put, 1st place Discus, 2nd place 100M, 2nd place 200 M (Wheelchair Division)

Kaylynn Florence

Summer Williams

Sasha Gordon

Shawntiana Howze

Brianna Jones
Kairy Mercado
Amiyah Simington
Osiana Small
Kierra Wallace

Coaches:
Barbara Montgomery
Shirley Bernstein
Elizabeth Canaday
Danyel Pitts
Reggie Brooks
Leah Berry
Ceaira McGrone

5.4 Recognition of Lanphier High School Track and Field Athletes

The Board of Education congratulated Khalil Ross for his first place finish in the triple jump at the IHSA 2A State Track and Field Meet. Mr. Ross and Head Coach Mike Garcia were presented with certificates of recognition. Coach Garcia accepted a certificate of recognition for Assistant Coach Bobby Wilson, who was unable to be in attendance.

Coach Garcia introduced Mr. Ross. He thanked the Board for recognizing the evening's athletes, thanked assistant coach, Bobby Wilson, and commended Mr. Ross on his abilities, hard work and dedication. Mr. Ross then introduced the members of his family in attendance to support him.

5.5 Recognition of Southeast High School Track and Field Athletes

The Board of Education congratulated the following Southeast High School athletes on their success at the IHSA 2A State Track and Field Meet (Boys' Division).

David Emuze – 4th place Long Jump, 9th place High Jump
Wesley Stephens – 3rd place Shot Put, 3rd place Discus, 4th place 100 M, 5th place 200 M (Wheelchair Division)

Head Coach: Christopher Hood
Assistant Coaches: Caleb Harris, Don Oliver, James Howell, Clifton Jones

Coach Hood introduced the student athletes and assistant coaches. He thanked the Board for recognizing the athletes and coaches. Coach Hood also thanked members of the community that provided financial support to purchase equipment needed for competition in the wheelchair division events.

5.6 Recognition of Springfield High School Track and Field Athletes

The Board of Education congratulated the following Springfield High School athletes on their success at the IHSA 3A State Track and Field Meet. Each individual in attendance was presented with a certificate of recognition.

Lauren Ferguson – 9th place 300 M Hurdles
Coaches: Kirby Hale and Kainan Rinaberger

Robert Williams – 1st place 300 M Hurdles

Coaches: Trae Cotner and Kainan Rinaberger

Coach Hale and Coach Cotner both addressed the Board. Coach Hale accepted the certificate of recognition for Ms. Ferguson and Assistant Coach Rinaberger, who were unable to be in attendance. She thanked the Board for recognizing Ms. Ferguson's accomplishments. Coach Cotner introduced Mr. Williams. He thanked the Board for the recognition and commended Mr. Williams on his season. Mr. Williams introduced members of his family in attendance.

5.7 Recognition of Superintendent's Parent Roundtable Members

The Superintendent and Board of Education recognized the following retiring members of the Superintendent's Parent Roundtable. Each of these individuals has a student that graduated this year.

Kim Small, 9 years of service

Art Neal, 10 years of service

Kathleen Neal, 10 years of service

L'Sonya Crawford-Jones, 10 years of service

Cliff Jones, 10 years of service

Superintendent Gill introduced each member and thanked them for their service. Ms. Johnson reported that Mr. and Mrs. Jones recently held a concert at a local church. Superintendent Gill also thanked Peggy Cormeny, Coordinator of Family Engagement, for her facilitation work with the group.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Old Business

Student Athlete Plaques at Southeast High School

Mr. Mares asked for follow up information regarding the plaques for State winning student athletes from Southeast High School that were mentioned in public comments during the May 20, 2019 meeting. Superintendent Gill reported that the plaques have been ordered. She indicated that there had been a miscommunication about those plaques with Ms. Bolden, the parent that addressed the Board. She provided cost information for the plaques, which will be purchased with funds from Southeast High School. She further explained that the business that had been used in previous years to create the plaques recently went out of business. As such, a new vendor had to be found, which resulted in the delay. She indicated the school anticipates hanging the plaques by the end of June.

6.2 Board Policies

Board members were provided with copies of proposed changes to several board policies presented by Mr. McFarland. Mr. McFarland indicated that the district's legal counsel reviewed the policies for changes.

Ms. Moore expressed concern with the specificity of the proposed additions related to the naming of events and facilities. She also expressed concern about the unintended effects that may come from the additions and frequency of updates to Board Policy that will be required if the additions are made. There was further discussion regarding the need for the Board to govern itself. Mr. McFarland indicated that the proposed additions will provide the Board with more structured parameters to accomplish this.

Mr. Zimmers suggested convening a Policy Committee meeting prior to the June 17, 2019, regular meeting. Mr. McFarland and Ms. Moore indicated that they would compare calendars and schedule a meeting in the near future.

Mr. Miller indicated that with respect to the suggested addition of language related to political forums on school property in Board Policy 450.105, in his opinion, the policy should be changed to allow for political signage at educational candidate forums or remove the exception that allows educational candidate forums. He indicated that there should be consistency in the policy.

Superintendent Gill then directed the Board members to suggested revisions to Board Policy 215.03. Mr. McFarland indicated that the suggested revisions will be reviewed during the upcoming Policy Committee. He also suggested that the Policy Committee meet regularly to review policy for needed updates or changes.

6.3 New Business

Mr. McFarland asked to have a presentation on after school programming scheduling/calendaring. He asked that the after school programming schedules be brought in line with the regular school calendar. Superintendent Gill reported that a meeting has been scheduled to review options for the upcoming school year.

Next, Mr. McFarland inquired as to how the Illinois Association of School Boards determines the legislation that will be supported and how the Board can be involved in that process. Superintendent Gill indicated that the Illinois Association of School Boards could be contacted by a representative of the Board to answer these questions. Mr. McFarland asked if the Board has designated a liaison to the association. Superintendent Gill indicated that the Board has not designated a liaison. Ms. Johnson pointed out that the Board receives legislative updates in the Alliance Legislative Reports attached to the regular meeting agendas.

6.4 2019-2020 Student & Family Handbook

Board members were provided with a draft of the 2019-2020 Student and Family Handbook. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Superintendent Gill indicated that the evening's presentation was a first reading of the proposed updates. She reported that the handbook will be presented for approval at the June 17, 2019 meeting. She asked members to review the proposed changes and provide feedback prior to the next meeting.

Jason Wind, Director of School Support, highlighted the changes. Mr. Wind indicated that changes begin on page 18. He reported that two meetings had been convened to discuss needed changes to the document. The first meeting included members of administration. The second meeting included members of the administration, staff, and parents. He reported that no big changes had been made to the handbook.

Ms. Moore asked if the suggestions made by Zaire Harris in his presentation to the Board during the May 20, 2019 meeting had been taken into consideration. Mr. Wind indicated that although those suggestions were made after the year's updates were agreed upon, some of the suggestions that were based on disciplinary consistency were able to be included. Others suggestions made are not the type of information that is typically included in the handbook.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

7.1 Consolidated District Plan - Federal Funds

Board members were provided with a presentation on the Consolidated District Plan for federal funds by Mr. Larry McVey, Coordinator of Title 1. The public may review the presentation by accessing the video recording of the evening's meeting [here](#).

Mr. McVey reported that the District is required annually to submit plans to continue receiving grant funding from the federal government. He indicated that currently the District utilizes that District Wide School Improvement Plan model for these plans. The plan incorporates all of the work associated with each of the federally funded programs into one consolidated plan. He indicated that the Board will be presented with the plan before the next Board meeting, when it will be presented for approval prior to being submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education.

BUSINESS REPORTS

8.1 Financial Report

Board members were provided with copies of the Financial Report for May 2019. 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 May totaled approximately \$9.3 million and expenditures totaled approximately \$13.2 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$827,000 for the month and expenditures of approximately \$1.4 million.

Mr. Bascio further reported outstanding State payments totaled approximately \$709,000 at the end of May.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gill provided the following shout outs and updates:

- Overviewed summer school enrollment. She indicated that Feitshans will host the elementary school program in conjunction with Camp Compass from June 17 through July 26. Approximately 325 students have been invited to attend the program, which will use a summer camp model. The middle school program will be held at Grant Middle School from June 25 through July 12. Approximately 150 students have been invited to attend the program. Superintendent Gill reported that there will be three high school programs this year. The program at Lanphier High School expects anywhere from 250 - 270 students. The program at Southeast High School also expects to serve approximately 250 students. The program at Springfield High School is expected to be high as well. Students with special needs will be served by a program from June 25 through July 12 at Lee School. Each of the summer school locations will host a summer feeding program. There are a total of 11 sites throughout the city. Each site provides a free breakfast and lunch to children 18 years and younger. Adults can also participate for a nominal fee.
- Overviewed the waste hauling bids discussed during the May 20, 2019 regular meeting. Superintendent Gill reported that two bids were submitted for the services. The bids for garbage vs. recycling services cannot be separated without the service providers increasing the bids for each of the services. She indicated that there will be an approximate \$24,000 increase to the cost of the services compared with the current agreements which were bid five years ago. She

reported that the number of times collected each week, the size of the dumpster, and the number of dumpsters at each school all affect the cost of those services. She provided examples of the services provided at a few individual schools to highlight. Darrell Schaver, Director of Operations and Maintenance, reported that there are only two companies that are able to provide the services for an organization with as many locations as the school district has. He further indicated that the market for recycling has disappeared, thereby increasing the cost for collection of recycled items. Mr. Miller asked if the amount that had been charged to the District previously for these services had simply been exceptionally low. Mr. Schaver confirmed this to be the case. Mr. Mares expressed concern over approving an agreement with a \$24,000 increased cost. There was some additional discussion regarding possible changes to the services provided. Ms. Johnson inquired as to how long Waste Management had been providing services to the District. Mr. Schaver indicated the company has provided services for the last five years.

- Congratulated Zaire Harris, Harrison Rumble, Christina King and Raj Sinha for being selected to receive scholarships by the Community Foundation of the Land of Lincoln. Mr. Harris was selected as the 2019 Student of the Year by the organization. The award comes with a \$10,000 scholarship. Ms. King was the first runner-up and received a \$5,000 scholarship. Mr. Rumble and Mr. Sinha each were second runners-up, and each received a \$2,500 scholarship.
- Congratulated the District's graduates. Superintendent Gill reported that a total of 764 high school students received diplomas at The Bank of Springfield Center. Collectively, this year's graduating class has been offered approximately \$43.7 million in scholarships. About 75 percent are attending a two- or four-year college, 11 percent are entering the workforce, 5 percent are enlisting in the military, 4 percent are going to technical school, and 5 percent are still deciding or have other plans.
- Congratulated the Springfield High School Girls Soccer Team for making it to the Elite 8 post season play-offs.
- Thank you to the teachers and staff that supported our students over the course of the last year.
- Special thanks to this year's District retirees.

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 10.4 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Donna Moore**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.4 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

There was some additional discussion regarding the approval of the waste hauling bid. Mr. Mares again expressed his concern over the increased cost.

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

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, McFarland, Miller, Moore, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting "no": Mares on 10.4

10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of May 20, 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 Payroll and Bills Payable

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

10.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment Bid #19-09 — Waste Hauling Services – Operations & Maintenance

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low acceptable bid for the following bids and to approve payment of same upon completion: Bid #19-09 — Waste Hauling Services – Operations & Maintenance

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**William Ringer**) Moved, Member (**Scott McFarland**) 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**

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

Superintendent Gill thanked Ms. Schurman, Ms. Baker Brown and their staff for continually providing exceptional supporting documents for the personnel recommendations that are free of errors. She also congratulated Angela Burris, the newly approved Director of Accounting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, June 17, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

12.2 Upcoming District Events

June 3 – Last Day of School

June 6 – Last Day of School for Balanced Calendar

12.3 Freedom of Information Report

Attached to Electronic School Board.

12.4 Alliance Legislative Reports - 101-17 and 101-18

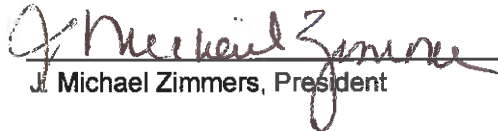
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PUBLIC COMMENT

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, June 17, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



J. Michael Zimmers, President



Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: 6-17-19