

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, July 1, 2019 (6:00 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on July 1 A.D., 2019, at 5:31 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 Contract Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- 2.4 Pending and Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- 2.5 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** 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 Contract Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 2.4 Pending and Imminent Litigation – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), 2.5 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6)'.
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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": Mares, McFarland, Miller, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None.

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:16 p.m. Upon reconvening, roll was taken. It was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Johnson, Ms. Moore, and Mr. Ringer joined the meeting at 5:32 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 July 1, 2019

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Donna Moore)** Moved, Member **(Judith Johnson)** 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.

5.2 Board Salutes

Ms. Johnson shared information regarding the AVID conference, which she recently attended. She participated in the counseling session at which many techniques were shared. Ms. Johnson also mentioned the students that spoke at the conference. She would like to continue to see AVID encouraged and started at more elementary schools. Ms. Boozer discussed the process to have school-wide AVID programs. There are currently ten elementary schools with school-wide programs. Ms. Johnson also stated she was glad to see alternative schools involved.

Mr. Zimmers requested information about AVID enrollment at the high school level as he has a concern that the enrollment seems to be lower. There was additional discussion about school-wide versus elective classes.

Mr. Ringer announced the Southeast Football Golf Outing scheduled for Friday, July 19, at the Oaks.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Old Business

Ms. Johnson asked for more information regarding the health/life safety plan and timeline. Mrs. Gill shared information about selling bonds and determining which bonds to sell. Mrs. Gill and Mr. Schaver provided additional information regarding the development of the health/life safety plan and previously completed health/life safety work.

Mrs. Gill then discussed the next phase for the facilities work. She discussed creating a request for qualifications for a project management team to help manage the work identified in the Facilities Master Plan.

6.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

7.1 Property, Casualty and Legal Liability Insurance

Mr. Bascio presented information regarding property, casualty, and legal liability insurance options for the 2019-2020 school year. He recommended Selective Insurance. There was additional discussion regarding cooperative and trust insurance options. Mr. Bascio stated the District would be investigating the cooperative option over the next year. Mr. Mares asked about the District's past claims. Mr. Bascio explained that District claims are low. There was additional discussion about the varying options and costs.

BUSINESS REPORTS

8.1 Financial Report

Board members were provided with copies of the Financial Report for June 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 June totaled approximately \$37.5 million and expenditures totaled approximately \$9.7 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$6.5 million for the month and expenditures of approximately \$1.1 million.

Mr. Bascio further reported outstanding State payments totalled approximately \$1.9 million at the end of June.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gill reminded families to make sure students are up to date with physicals and immunizations. She also shared information about the Keep Kids in School Coalition clinics, which will be held August 6, 2019, at Grant and Washington middle schools and August 10, 2019, at Springfield High School.

Superintendent Gill provided the following shout outs and updates:

- Shout-out to Lincoln Magnet School on placing in the top 10 of 12 categories at the National Beta Convention! Special shout-out and thanks to the LMS teachers for everything they do to prepare students all year long and to the families for all of their support!
- Shout-out to all the SJ-R Capital Region Best of Preps award winners. We had many of our athletes receive nomination and recognition. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.
 - Female athlete of the year — Southeast's Serena Bolden
 - Inspiration award — Lanphier's Lillianna Maguire
 - Heart award — Springfield's Zaire Harris
 - Large school girls track and field — Southeast's Serena Bolden
 - Large school boys track and field — Springfield's Robert Williams

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 10.8 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Scott McFarland**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.8 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

Mr. Ringer thanked Mr. Bascio for explaining the payment for a retiree who declined health insurance and asked how many more employees are part of the program. Mr. Bascio stated there were approximately 60-80. There was discussion about those payments being budgeted as employees notify the District of retirement plans.

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

10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of June 17, 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 Approval of a Consultant Agreement for Trinity Lutheran School

Resolution: WHEREAS, Julie Hoyland will conduct a one-day workshop to instruct all teachers and administrators at Trinity Lutheran School about instructional and behavioral interventions for students with ADHD and other attention related disorders; and

WHEREAS, the training obtained will align with State standards and help all teachers improve student achievement in core content areas; and

WHEREAS, Julie Hoyland is qualified to provide such training and has agreed to provide such training over one day at a total cost of \$500; and

WHEREAS, Julie Hoyland consultant services are completely reimbursable through the Title II grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the retention of consultant Julie Hoyland per the terms identified above and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

10.5 Approval of a Consultant Agreement for Our Savior's Lutheran School

Resolution: WHEREAS, a Brandy Hempen will conduct a one-day workshop to instruct all math teachers and administrators at Our Savior's Lutheran school regarding planning for high levels of engagement and rigor; and

WHEREAS, the training obtained will align with Common Core State Standards and help all teachers improve student achievement in core content areas; and

WHEREAS, Brandy Hempen is qualified to provide such training and has agreed to provide such training over one day at a cost of \$1,000; and

WHEREAS, the consultant services are completely reimbursable through the Title II grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the retention of consultant Brandy Hempen per the terms identified above and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

10.6 Approval of an Agreement with the Illinois Department of Human Services

Resolution: WHEREAS, Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) and Springfield Public School District 186 are professional entities that are required to administer Rehabilitation Services Programs; and

WHEREAS, IDHS and Springfield Public School District 186 are interested in strengthening cooperative intergovernmental services to provide Secondary Transitional Experience such as job experiences for students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, IDHS is willing and able to provide funding for Secondary Transitional Experience Program (STEP); and

WHEREAS, the District is willing to accept the funds for training, evaluation and an employment program that prepares students with disabilities for transition to employment and optimum community participation during and after high school;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and approves an intergovernmental agreement between the District and DHS on the administration of a STEP contract for the 2019-2020 school year.

10.7 Approval of an Agreement with Go Solutions Group (Medicaid)

Resolution: WHEREAS, Go Solutions Group, Inc. is a professional entity that provides Local Education Agencies (LEA) assistance in documenting, monitoring, and billing of all services as they relate to Medicaid; and

WHEREAS, District 186 desires to obtain such services for Medicaid reporting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 accepts and approves the service agreement relative to the administration of Medicaid reimbursement with Go Solutions Group, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020.

10.8 Approval of a Cooperative Team Sponsorship

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the cooperative team sponsorship between Lincoln Magnet/Ball Charter, Franklin, Grant, Iles, Jefferson, and Washington for softball.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the Personnel recommendations with the following changes submitted by employees after the publication of the agenda:

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Scott McFarland)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** 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.

11.2 Approval of a Resolution for Bank Line of Credit

Approval of a 6-month extension in the District's line of credit to be continued with Commerce Bank in the amount of \$6,000,000 at an interest rate of 3.00%.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the District maintain sufficient cash flow throughout the year to meet authorized payroll and accounts payable expenses of the District as they become due; and

WHEREAS, the District may experience temporary cashflow shortages; and

WHEREAS, Section 5/1717 of the School Code authorizes the issuance of notes or other obligations in connection with the establishment of a line of credit with a bank or other financial institution that may be drawn upon in the event of a cash flow shortage; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the District that a line of credit be so extended for the months of July through December, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent was authorized and directed to solicit proposals from banks and other financial institutions for establishment of a line of credit that shall not exceed \$6,000,000, which line of credit shall be drawn upon only in circumstances where the District's cash flow is insufficient to meet necessary expenses; and

WHEREAS, the District requested a short-term extension in its prior line of credit expiring June 30, 2019;

WHEREAS, the District negotiated a reduction in rate from 3.39% to 3.00% and a reduction in the line amount from \$15 million to \$6 million;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Commerce Bank finalizing the line of credit extension for \$6,000,000 at a rate of 3.00%

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Scott McFarland**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The Superintendent recommends the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the District negotiated a reduction in rate from 3.39% to 3.00% and a reduction in the line amount from \$15 million to \$6 million;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Commerce Bank finalizing the line of credit extension for \$6,000,000 at a rate of 3.00%.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, July 15, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

12.2 Upcoming District Events

July 17 – First Day of School for Balanced Calendar Schools - Graham and Southern View

August 8 – 6th Grade Orientation

August 8 – Freshman Forward (9th Grade Orientation)

August 19 – First Day of School for Regular Calendar Schools

12.3 Freedom of Information Report

Board members were provided with copies of the Freedom of Information Act Report for June 14, 2019 through June 27, 2019. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

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, July 15, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.


Michael Zimmers, President


Nicole Irlam, Assistant Secretary

Dated: July 15, 2019

