

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**Tuesday, July 23, 2019 (6:00 PM)**

The Board of Education convened in Special Session on July 23 A.D., 2019, at 5:45 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 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters: 2.1 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)'.  
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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.

**Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**4.1 Approve the Agenda for July 23, 2019**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Micah Miller**) 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.

**ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Donna Moore**) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the Personnel recommendations as presented'.

Mr. Zimmers indicated that three individuals had requested to address the Board regarding this agenda item, Sherry Hamilton, Louis Day, and Elbert Betts. Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Day indicated that they would like to yield their speaking time to Mr. Betts. Mr. Betts then addressed the Board regarding minority hiring concerns.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0 with the noted no vote on items E. #1, E. #2, and E. #3 by Ms. Johnson. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Mares, McFarland, Miller, Moore, Ringer, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": Johnson E.#1, E.#2 and E.#3.

Superintendent Gill then introduced several administrators whose appointments were approved with the Personnel Recommendations. She introduced Katie Adeniji, Interim Guidance Dean at Springfield High School, LaDonna Lewis, Interim Guidance Dean at Southeast High School, and Cody Trigg, Interim Principal at Southeast High School. Each was provided an opportunity to address the Board and introduce their family members in attendance. Each of them thanked the Board for the opportunity to

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, August 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room**

**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, August 5, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

  
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J. Michael Zimmers, President

  
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Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: August 5, 2019

