

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, August 5, 2019 (6:00 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on August 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
Scott McFarland
Micah Miller

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools
Grace Beyer, Student Representative

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)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**J. Michael Zimmers**) 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)'.

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 6:28 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that five Board members were present as Ms. Johnson 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 August 5, 2019

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**J. Michael Zimmers**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Mares, McFarland, Miller, 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 reminded parents of students that are required to submit proof of immunizations or a physical to obtain those as soon as possible to ensure their student is not excluded from school once the deadline arrives.

5.2 Board Salutes

Mr. Miller announced that the YMCA will host an active shooter response workshop. He directed those interested in attending to the YMCA's webpage for more information.

5.3 Student Board Representative Oath of Office

Mr. Zimmers introduced Grace Beyers, the 2019-2020 Student Board Member, and administered the Oath of Office to her, as follows:

I, Grace Beyers, do solemnly affirm that I shall faithfully discharge the duties of District 186 student Board member; I shall serve as Board liaison to the student body; I shall represent student interests to the Board; I shall adhere to the highest ethical standards; and shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion of all who come before this Board.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Mr. Zimmers welcomed Ms. Beyers.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Old Business

Ms. Johnson asked for information about consultant fees and graduation rates. Superintendent Gill indicated that reports are being prepared with the requested information. She indicated that data from the State Board of Education for the graduation rate report will be available August 15. Once that data has been received, the information will be shared with the full Board. Ms. Johnson asked if the District keeps the data in-house, also. Superintendent Gill reported that the District does keep graduation data. However, the State Board of Education's data is more comprehensive. Ms. Johnson asked to have the report prior to the start of school.

Mr. Mares asked Superintendent Gill if she will address Mr. Betts comments from the July 23, 2019. Superintendent Gill reported that all members of the Board have been provided with a copy of the Consent Decree. Additionally, she reported that she has a meeting with the NAACP's Education Committee scheduled.

6.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

6.3 Student Business

Grace Beyers, SSSHS student, thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the 2019-2020 student board member. She reported that she is a senior at Southeast High School and is excited to serve the District and her fellow students in this position. She indicated that she and the Superintendent's Student Roundtable will spend the coming year working to support STEM programs at some of the middle schools. She reported that she also hopes to start an online question and answer forum that will allow middle school students to ask high school students questions about high school. She reported that another focus for the Student Roundtable will be to promote unity amongst the city's high school students by inviting the student councils to meet with one another throughout the year.

Lastly, Ms. Beyers invited the community to Southeast High School's Back to School Night from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

BUSINESS REPORTS

8.1 Financial Report

Board members were provided with copies of the Financial Report for July 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 July totaled approximately \$3.2 million and expenditures totaled approximately \$4.4 million. The Operations and

Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$505,000 for the month and expenditures of approximately \$606,000.

Mr. Bascio further reported outstanding State payments total approximately \$2.8 million as of August 1, 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gill provided the following Shout-outs and updates:

- Superintendent Gill urged families of students that are required to have a physical or immunizations to make an appointment with their regular care provider to obtain the needed documentation. She provided information on the Keep Kids in School and the Illinois Department of Public Health clinics for those without a regular care provider, as follows:
 - Keep Kids in School - Grant Middle School and Washington Middle School - Tuesday, August 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., first come, first served
 - Keep Kids in School - Springfield High School - Saturday, August 10
 - Illinois Department of Public Health, physicals clinics, including sports physicals - Illinois State Fair, near the Illinois Building - Monday August 12 and Tuesday, August 13, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Illinois Department of Public Health - immunizations clinics - Illinois State Fair, near the Illinois Building - Tuesday, August 13, Wednesday, August 14 and Friday, August 16, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parents must bring a copy of their child's current immunization record in order to be served.
 - Illinois Department of Public Health, dental exams for incoming kindergarten students - Illinois State Fair, Wells Fargo Tent - Friday, August 16, 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 - Additional information regarding these clinics can be found on the District's homepage, www.sps186.org.
- Elementary school registration was held earlier in the day. Parents have the option to either register in-person, at their student's school, or online via the District's website.
- Congratulations to Springfield High School's Abby Ratsch, who was the winner of the State Journal Register's Large School Girls Basketball Player of the Year.
- Thank you to the Illinois Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 51, for their recent donation of three desktop and three laptop computers. Superintendent Gill specifically thanked Mrs. Goforths for contacting the District and arranging the donation.
- Thank you to former teacher, Janet Sublet, for her recent donation of a 1935 Springfield High School yearbook.

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 10.13 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Scott McFarland**) Moved, Member (**Micah Miller**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.13 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

Ms. Johnson inquired about funding distributions related to item 10.11 Approval of a Contract with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). Superintendent Gill and Cheree Morrison, Director of Secondary Schools, reported that participating schools use the funds to purchase curriculum enhancing items, such as AVID Weekly. The funds are provided to the schools on a per public allocation to supplement digital libraries and professional development related to those libraries. Ms. Johnson then asked if all of the schools meet prior to the start of school to share information. Ms. Morrison reported school personnel at the participating schools are scheduled to meet together as a group in September to share site plans and information from the AVID Summer Institute. Ms. Johnson asked to be included in the meeting.

Mr. Mares asked for highlights related to 10.7 Approval of an Agreement with My Payment Network. Mr. Nathan Fretz, Director of Business Services, reported that the District contracted with the My Payment Network for SchoolPay services two years ago. The platform allows parents to pay student fees and other fees online. The platform has increased timely payments and centralization of payments. The District passes along the 2.9% fee for the service to those using it. The District pays the \$.03 transaction fee. Item 10.7, if approved, will allow the District to absorb the cost of the 2.9% fee in addition to the transaction fee, in an effort to defray costs to parents and encourage higher participation. The cost will be approximately \$20,000 over the next two years, if, as is expected, participation doubles.

Ms. Johnson asked how long the district has been using Edmentum. Superintendent Gill reported that the program was piloted in fourteen schools during the 2018-2019 school year as Study Island and Exact Path. It will be in fourteen schools during the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Johnson asked that this be added to the list of consultants she requested. She further reported that she is working to determine if there is overlap in the services used throughout the District. There was additional discussion regarding the details and cost of the program.

Mr. Mares asked if the services associated with 10.13 Approval of an Agreement with Seesaw for Schools are also provided by MAP testing. Superintendent Gill explained that Seesaw for Schools is a platform that allows students to create portfolios of their work. She further explained that MAP is an assessment tool, Seesaw is a means for students to create and post their work online. There was some additional discussion regarding the cost of the program.

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

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

10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2019, and the Executive Session and the Special Meeting of July 23, 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 #20-01 — Ambulance Service – Home Football Games

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low acceptable bid for the following bids and to approve payment of same upon completion:

Bid #20-01 — Ambulance Service – Home Football Games

10.5 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment

Bid #20-02 — Underground Storage Tank Removal

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low acceptable bid for the following bids and to approve payment of same upon completion:

Bid #20-02 — Underground Storage Tank Removal

10.6 Approval of a Renewal Agreement with BTU Consultants

Approval of an agreement with BTU consultants for E-rate preparation services for the 2019-20 school year. Total cost is \$17,000; an \$800 increase from 2018-19. This is the first increase since the District started working with BTU in 2013.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield Public School District 186 approves the E-Rate Services Agreement with BTU Consultants for a total cost of \$17,000 and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents.

10.7 Approval of an Agreement with My Payment Network

The Business Office is asking for approval to renew the District's contract with I3-MPN, LLC (My Payment Network / SchoolPay) used by families to make online payments for District-level fees, school-level fees, and optional school-related organization fees. The base renewal cost is \$1,000 per year for a two-year term plus \$0.15 per cash/check transaction. The Business Office also recommends the District pay all associated credit card merchant fees (2.99% plus \$0.30 per transaction) for all direct educational fees including:

Student service fees
Course/lab fees
SCOPE fees

All other credit card fees for items such as foundation donations, yearbooks, PTO dues & donations, booster club donations, etc. would either be passed on to the payers or incurred by the respective schools and school-related organizations at their own discretion.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 is in need of a contract renewal with its online payment provider, My Payment Network; and

WHEREAS, My Payment Network has submitted a renewal agreement locking in current rates for an additional two years; and

WHEREAS, the Business Office recommends the District absorb all transaction fees directly related to credit card payment of student service fees, course/lab fees, and SCOPE fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield Public School District 186 approves the attached agreement with My Payment Network in addition to the absorption of all credit card transactional fees on student service fees, course/lab fees, and SCOPE fees.

10.8 Approval of the Annual Certification for Student Transportation for Hazardous Areas

Resolution: WHEREAS, The School Code of Illinois provides for school districts to receive reimbursement for the transportation of students who live less than one and one-half miles from school when it can be shown that walking to and from school constitutes a serious hazard; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is to determine the areas to be submitted for approval in accordance with guidelines by the Illinois Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, sixty-eight such areas have been previously approved and annual approval is required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District has determined that conditions in the sixty-eight areas previously approved have not changed.

10.9 Approval of the Annual Certification of Adequate Public Transportation for High School Students

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The School Code of Illinois releases school districts from the requirement to provide free transportation to students who live one and one-half miles or more from the school to which they are assigned when adequate public transportation is available; and

WHEREAS, certification to the State Board of Education is required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to certify to the State Superintendent of Education that adequate public transportation is available for the following school areas:

Lanphier High - that portion of the attendance area east of Veterans Parkway, south of Taintor Rd. / Neil St., and west of Dirksen Parkway.

Springfield High - that portion of the attendance area east of Koke Mill Rd. and south of Old Jacksonville Rd., then east of Veterans Parkway and south of Churchill Rd.

Southeast High - that portion of the attendance area east of 3rd street (GMO railroad corridor), and west of I-55

10.10 Approval of a Continuation Agreement with Equal Opportunity Schools

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 is committed to continuously improving the quality of educational opportunity and achievement for students; and

WHEREAS, Equal Opportunity Schools (EOS) is qualified and experienced in helping schools identify and upgrade students who can succeed in Advanced Placement courses but are not yet enrolled; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Public Schools and EOS commit to closing participation gaps in Advanced Placement courses, raise Advanced Placement performance, and develop structures for sustainability; and

WHEREAS, this agreement also includes opportunities to partner with other like districts and schools to collaborate and learn best practices;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with Equal Opportunity Schools for the 2019-2020 school year for a total cost of \$76,500.

10.11 Approval of a Contract with Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)

AVID is a system to prepare students for four-year college eligibility. Students who are capable of completing a college-prep curriculum, but may be falling short of their potential are provided with core components in the AVID elective which supports students that take the most rigorous classes. AVID's teaching strategies, curriculum and trainings can be used school-wide starting as early as elementary school. During the 2019-2020, AVID will be provided in 10 elementary schools, 5 middle schools and the 3 high schools.

Resolution: WHEREAS, AVID and Springfield Public School District 186 have previously signed an AVID agreement to support AVID programming; and

WHEREAS, schools wish to participate in the continued development of the AVID program for the 2019-20 school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the extension of the AVID Agreement for the 2019-20 school year for a total of \$81,862 to be paid from budgeted funds and authorizes the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

10.12 Approval of an Agreement with Edmentum

Study Island is a formative assessment program that allows students to answer questions to help determine their understanding of the Illinois State Learning Standards

Teachers can quickly and easily build their own quizzes/tests and practice/instruction assignments in Study Island and assign them to their students – to determine if their instruction of the Illinois Learning Standards is “sticking” for their students

Engaging for the students – students earn Blue Ribbons for earning at least a 70% on all practice sessions in Study Island, and teachers can allow students to use Game Mode in Study Island, which gives students 60-second game breaks as they are answering questions linked to the Standards.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Edmentum provides the services of a an online learning and assessment platform; and

WHEREAS, Edmentum agrees to provide assistive services for online learning staff; and

WHEREAS, District 186 desires to continue to provide online learning and assessment opportunities for students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the continuation of an agreement between Springfield Public School District 186 and Edmentum for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years at a cost of \$84,426.50 annually for the Study Island Package through Edmentum.

10.13 Approval of an Agreement with Seesaw for Schools

Seesaw for Schools, allow portfolios to follow students for their entire career at a school so it's possible to track progress over time and build a complete record of learning. Comprehensive portfolios are easily accessible to administrators, teachers, students and families.

Seesaw for Schools provides administrators an instant overview of what students are learning, progress towards standards, and real-time data to measure family engagement - admins can even leave comments on work to encourage student achievement.

Finally, Seesaw for Schools gives your technology department centralized setup and management over teacher and student accounts, including bulk roster upload and sync options.

The cost of the subscription for 3 years:

Total cost: \$37,661.90

Year 1:\$18,830.95

Year 2:\$9,415.48

Year 3:\$9,415.48

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield School District 186 desires services of Seesaw for a digital portfolio and parent communication platform; and

WHEREAS, Seesaw is qualified to provide such services and has agreed to provide a three year subscription for services at a cost of \$37,661.90 across the three years; and

WHEREAS, Seesaw services are being funded through the Title I School Improvement (IL EMPOWER) budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with Seesaw per the terms identified above and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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

11.2 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Acceptance of the FY 2019-2020 Tentative Budget

The District is required to give public notice regarding the adoption of the Budget. This resolution authorizes the Board Secretary to put the legal notice in the paper. The public hearing will be held on September 16, 2019. The vote for the approval of the budget will also be held on September 16, 2019.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the School District's Tentative Budget for the 2019-2020 school year (Fiscal Year 2020) which has been prepared by the administration pursuant to Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Tentative Budget (ISBE 50-36) is to be made available for public inspection in the School District's offices located at 1900 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois, beginning the 16th of August, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the budget for inspection to be published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on this budget be established for 6:30 p.m., September 16, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Budget, which is on file, may be amended or revised.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

BE IT RESOLVED to accept the School District's Tentative Budget for the 2019-2020 school year (Fiscal Year 2020) which has been prepared by the administration pursuant to Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the budget for inspection to be published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Hearing on this budget be established for 6:30 p.m., September 16, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Budget, which is on file, may be amended or revised'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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

Those voting "no": None.

11.3 Appointment of Treasurer

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Nathan Fretz be appointed Treasurer to the Board of Education.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Nathan Fretz be appointed Treasurer to the Board of Education'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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

Those voting "no": None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, August 19, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

12.2 Upcoming District Events

- August 5 – Registration Day – Elementary, Middle and High Schools
- August 6 – Registration Day – Middle and High Schools
- 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

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 19, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



J. Michael Zimmers, President



Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: August 19, 2019