

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on January 22 A.D., 2019, at 5:31 p.m., there being present thereat:

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

Judith Ann 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 (**Jamie Sisti**) Moved, Member (**Donna Moore**) 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: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**.

Those voting "aye": Mares, Moore, Ringer, Sisti, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None.

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:32 p.m. Upon reconvening, roll was taken. It was noted that six Board members were present as Ms. Johnson 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 January 22, 2019

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Bill Ringer)** 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.

5.2 Board Salutes

Mr. Zimmers saluted those involved with the Boys City Basketball Tournament. He congratulated Southeast High School for winning the tournament and the Spirit Award.

Mr. Ringer also congratulated the Southeast High School Boys Basketball team for winning first place at the tournament. He also congratulated the student body for winning the Spirit Award. Next, Mr. Ringer reported that the Illinois Times ran an article about the good work happening at Harvard Park Elementary School. Lastly, Mr. Ringer provided reported that thirty-five scholarship opportunities are available through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. He encouraged families of students preparing for post-secondary education to look at the organization's website.

Mr. Mares saluted those involved in organizing the Boys Basketball City Tournament for providing another year of exciting, competitive games. He encouraged attendance at an upcoming hockey game and provided information regarding the January 29, 2019, FACE meeting at Southeast High School. Lastly, Mr. Mares provided information and encouraged attendance at the Empower All Abilities conference on February 23, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Southeast High School.

Ms. Johnson also saluted the athletes, coaches, fans and organizers of the Boys Basketball City Tournament. She congratulated Coach Turner and Southeast High School for their victories.

Next, Ms. Johnson reported that she attended the Martin Luther King Breakfast, during which Springfield High School alumni Tracey Meares was the guest speaker. She also attended the Ministerial Alliance Essay Contest and requested that a member of the District's administration attend in the future. She indicated that a district graduate gave opening remarks for the event. She also gave kudos to all of the student participants. Lastly, Ms. Johnson saluted all of those students involved in the Junior Frontiers Program.

Mrs. Moore congratulated Southeast High School for their victories at the tournament. She also reported attending the Martin Luther King Breakfast. She indicated that she was proud to see a former district student, who is now a professor at Yale University, share her knowledge.

Mrs. Sisti also congratulated Southeast High School. She reported attending an event at Fairview Elementary School. During the event, she reported noticing that there was one adult in attendance that all of the students called "Grandma". Mrs. Sisti reported that the individual is part of a foster grandparent program, One Hope United, that matches seniors, 55 and older, with schools in which they work 20-40 hours per week. She reported that there are currently 40 foster grandparents from the program in schools throughout the District. She commended 98 year old Graham Elementary School foster grandparent, Elizabeth McDaniels on her service and thanked all of the foster grandparents for their service.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

6.2 New Business

Mr. Ringer asked if the Federal shutdown has impacted the District. Superintendent Gill reported that it has not impacted the District yet. She indicated that there has been some question regarding how long it will be before the National School Lunch Program is impacted. She reported that it will likely be able to run through March, although the District will be able to fund the program, if needed, for the rest of the year.

6.3 Student Business

There was no student business at this time.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

BUSINESS REPORTS

8.1 Treasurer's Report

Board members were provided with an electronic copy of the Treasurer's Report for December 2018. 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 that the District ended the month of December with a cash balance of approximately \$43.56 million in the bank for all funds. He further reported earned interest for the month of approximately \$175,700 with interest earnings year-to-date totalling approximately \$715,000.

Mr. Bascio also reported that the District is owed two categorical payments and an Early Start payment from the State of Illinois.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gill provided the following shout outs and information:

- Congratulations to students that participated and placed in the Martin Luther King Essay contest
- Shout out to alumni and Yale University Law School Professor Tracey Meares on her keynote during the Martin Luther King Breakfast.
- Provided information about the Empower All Abilities Conference, Southeast High School, February 23, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., free event. Dr. Shawn Robinson will be the keynote.
- Shout out to the Superintendent's Student Roundtable for another great Unity Day event, held during City Tournament. She congratulated the group for raising money to benefit the Inner City Mission and Kidzeum. She reported that both organizations provided speakers for the event.
- Shout out to those that supported the Spirit of Giving campaign benefiting St. Martin de Porres.
- Congratulations to the Southeast High School Boys Basketball team and student body on their tournament championship and Spirit Award.
- Provided information on the IHSA program entitled Do What's Right! encouraging positive and appropriate sportsmanship expectations and overviewed District expectations, Board Policy, Rules and Regulations and Student Handbook policy governing sportsmanship expectations.
- Girls City Tournament is scheduled for January 23, 24 and 26 at Sacred Heart-Griffin.
- Boys City Swimming Meet is scheduled for January 22, 7:00 p.m. at Eisenhower Pool.

Mr. Zimmers spoke to the success of students that have received a Springfield Public Schools education, including Tracey Meares, who graduated from Springfield High School, attended the University of Illinois and is now a professor in the Yale University of College of Law.

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 (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Jamie Sisti**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.4 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. 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 "abstain": Johnson on 10.2 and 10.4 only

10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of January 7, 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 Sarah Brown Wessling for the Literacy Department

Agreement with Sarah Brown Wessling to provide on-site training and consulting services to the Literacy Department and high school staff over five days in February and March.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Sarah Brown Wessling provides on-site training services; and

WHEREAS, Sarah Brown Wessling agrees to provide consultative services for literacy staff; and

WHEREAS, District 186 desires to increase the effectiveness one Tier I instruction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the continuation of an agreement between Springfield Public School District 186 and Sarah Brown Wessling for the 2018-2019 school year at a base cost of \$10,000 plus mileage (340 miles), lodging and meals on travel days not to exceed a grand total of \$11,000.

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 (**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: 6 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried**. 6 - 0

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

Those voting "no": None.

Those voting "abstain": Sisti on Curriculum Compensation #22 only.

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 Southeast High School through the end of the 2018-2019 school year with a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Jamie Sisti**) 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: 6 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried**. 6 - 0

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

Those voting "no": None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, February 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

12.2 Upcoming District Events

January 22 – Boys City Swim Meet at Eisenhower Pool

January 23, 24, 26 – Girls City Basketball Tournament at SHG

February 18 – No School – Presidents' Day

February 21 – 6th Grade Preview Night

February 23 – Empower All Abilities Conference

February 23 – Springfield Public Schools Foundation Dinner

12.3 Alliance Legislative Reports – 101-01

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Board of Education:

- Lisa Benninga, Southeast High School teacher, regarding student behavior and equal treatment of students across the District.
- Diane Hennenfert, Southeast High School teacher, regarding student behavior
- Gianna Flammini, Serena Bolden and Abigail Cornejo, Southeast High School students, regarding behavior surrounding the Boys City Tournament Spirit Award

Mr. Zimmers saluted the students for taking the time and having the courage to address the Board regarding their concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Zimmers declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, February 4, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.


J. Michael Zimmers, President


Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: February 4, 2019