

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, February 4, 2019 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on February 4 A.D., 2019, at 5:37 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Jamie Sisti, Vice-President Pro Tem
 Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Judith Johnson
Anthony Mares
Bill Ringer

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools
Zaire Harris, Student Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

Vice President Pro Tem Sisti 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 **(Judith Johnson)** 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 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: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 4 - 0**.

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

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Upon reconvening, roll was taken. It was noted that four Board members were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Sisti 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 February 4, 2019

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Judith Johnson**) 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: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 President's Comments

Mrs. Sisti made the routine announcement that public comment on published agenda items would occur during the Public Comments portion of the meeting. She 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, she reminded those interested in addressing the Board that comments are limited to three minutes.

5.2 Board Salutes

Mr. Mares reported attending the Girls Basketball City Tournament. He also reported visiting the Capital Area Career Center during their recent open house. He saluted the school for the programs offered to students. Lastly, Mr. Mares provided information regarding upcoming Springfield High School hockey games.

Ms. Johnson wished the hockey team good luck in their upcoming games. She reported attending several basketball games over the last two weeks and is looks forward to the rest of the season.

Mrs. Sisti provided information on the 100th day of school. She shared a poster of 100 different events that have taken place in our schools this year.

5.3 Recognition of Shining Star

The Superintendent and Board of Education recognized the Utility Crew, chosen to receive the Shining Star Award for their outstanding contribution to Springfield Public Schools. Lance Bennett - 11 years of service, Manual (Mannie) Davis - 11 years of service, Terrance Herrington - 13 years of service, Don Jacobs, Supervisor - 22 years of service, Brad Motley - 8 years of service, Larry Phillips - 23 years of service, James (Jimmy) Whitmore - 7 years of service. Superintendent Gill introduced the group and reported that the group has over 95 years combined experience in the District. Each of the men were provided with a certificate recognizing their achievement. Darrell Schaver, Director of Operations and Maintenance, thanked the men for their service and provided an overview of their work.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Old Business

Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln College Scholarships

Mr. Ringer provided information on college scholarships available through the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln. He indicated that the deadline to apply is March 1, 2019, and encouraged high school seniors to visit the organization's website for more details.

6.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

6.3 Student Business

Mr. Harris provided information regarding the Superintendent's Student Roundtable's Unity Day event. He reported that students from six city high schools attended. He indicated that students enjoyed the games and speakers during the event. He also reported that students from each of the three public high schools raised money in conjunction with the event to be donated to Inner City Mission and Kidzeum.

Next, Mr. Harris read a statement encouraging students to support each other, no matter what school they may attend. He provided information regarding basketball games scheduled for later in the week and activities that the Superintendent's Student Roundtable is promoting in an effort to show and promote support for and between each of the schools. He indicated that the Mayor's Youth Council is also participating in the promotion. He indicated that the students plan to distribute wristbands featuring the colors of each of the schools swirled together during the games. He introduced Cete Brewton-Wilkin from the Mayor's Youth Council, who was in attendance to support these efforts.

Ms. Johnson commended Mr. Harris on his leadership and efforts to bring unity to the schools. Superintendent Gill then asked Ms. Brewton-Wilkin if she would like to speak. Ms. Brewton-Wilkin thanked the Board of Education, Superintendent and Mr. Harris for the opportunity to speak. She indicated that the idea for the bracelets came out of a desire to promote unity amongst students from across the city. She indicated that t-shirts were considered but that the group had decided upon bracelets. She handed out bracelets to audience members. Mr. Harris provided bracelets to each of the Board members.

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 an electronic copy of the Monthly Financial Report for January 2019. 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 Education Fund revenues of approximately \$5.08 million for the month of January with expenditures in the fund totaling approximately \$9.23 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$145,000 for the month with expenditures totaling approximately \$1.1 million. Mr. Bascio further reported that the September categorical payments for the Transportation and Education Funds had been received from the State of Illinois. However, outstanding payments total approximately \$3.98 million.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gill provided the following Shout-outs and updates:

- Provided information regarding changes to the calendar due to the recent cold days. She indicated that the second marking period for elementary schools has been pushed back to February 15, with report cards to go home on February 20. Marking period three will go through the last day of school, now scheduled for June 3. Middle and high school progress reports are now due on February 7. The end of the grading quarter is March 14. Seniors will still graduate on June 1. Final exams will take place on May 29, 30 and 31.
- The African American History Museum's Black History Bowl (preliminary round) has been rescheduled to Wednesday, February 6, due to the recent cold weather. It will take place at Southeast High School. The finals for this event are scheduled for February 23 at the museum.
- Shout-out and a huge thank you to the Westside Rotary Club for the generous donation they gave to Owen Marsh in the amount of \$3,265 to purchase classroom technology.
- Reminder that registration is open for the upcoming "Empower All Abilities Conference," Saturday, February 23, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Southeast High School. She reported that there is a link on the main webpage where the community can obtain more information about the conference. The conference is free and open to all families. This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Shawn Robinson who will discuss "Transforming the Impossible to Possible." The day will consist of breakout sessions on the impact of ADHD, planning for your child's financial future, mindfulness as an intervention and several additional sessions for families.
- Congratulations to the Franklin Middle School MATHCOUNTS team and Coach McDonald on an outstanding 1st place win in the Capital Chapter Tournament. The MATHCOUNTS Foundation is a non-profit organization that strives to engage middle school students of all ability and interest levels in fun, challenging math programs, in order to expand their academic and professional opportunities. The team will compete in the State competition held on March 23 in Lisle. State winners advance in May to the National Competition.
- Shout-out and congratulations to the Springfield Senators Girls Basketball Team on winning the 2019 Girls Basketball City Tournament! The girls did a great job against SHG with a final score of SHS 67 SHG 52. The sportsmanship was great with District and SHG students participating in their respected fan sections.

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 10.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(William Ringer)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 10.2 through 10.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. Mr. Mares asked if there is a dollar amount associated with item 10.7 Approval of Travel for the Springfield High School Show Choir. Superintendent Gill reported that the group is raising money on it's own for the trip. The approval is needed as the trip is out of state.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of January 22, 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 Declaration of Surplus Property

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED to declare the items on the attached document as surplus materials and to be sold or disposed.

10.5 Approval of a Consultant Agreement with School Connect

This one day in-service will provide an overview of social and emotional learning (SEL); curriculum concepts, strategies, and implementation options; practice in facilitating student-driven discussions and engagement strategies; and links to academic skills and motivation. The following schools are participating: Douglas, Lawrence, NAACP program, and Springfield Learning Academy

Resolution: WHEREAS, Rudolph Matheny, from School Connect provides on-site training services; and WHEREAS, Rudolph Matheny agrees to provide consultative services for the alternative sites, and WHEREAS, District 186 desires to increase the effectiveness in social emotional instruction; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement between Springfield Public School District 186 and Rudolph Matheny for a total of \$3,000 to be paid by Title II.

10.6 Approval of the Worker's Compensation Claims Administration

Renewal of Worker's Compensation Claims Administration with Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI) at a rate of \$55,000 per year, an increase of \$4,000 per year. This is the first increase since 2011.

Resolution: WHEREAS, the District requested a renewal proposal from Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI) for Worker's Compensation Claims Administration; and WHEREAS, the District has received an acceptable proposal for said services from CCMSI; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a two-year renewal from CCMSI as submitted.

10.7 Approval of Travel for the Springfield High School Show Choir

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Springfield High School Show Choir has requested permission to travel to Keokuk, Iowa, for the Keokuk Power City Classic Competition; and WHEREAS, Springfield High School agrees to raise all necessary funds and abide by all rules and regulations of Springfield School District 186; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield High School Show Choir has permission to travel to Keokuk, Iowa, on February 9, 2019.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Judith Johnson**) 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: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

12.2 Upcoming District Events

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 Freedom of Information Report

Board members were provided with an electronic copy of the Freedom of Information Report for January 18-31, 2019. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ken Page, President of the Springfield Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, addressed the Board regarding underperforming schools.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Sisti declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, February 19, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.



Jamie Sisti, Vice-President Pro Tem



Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: 2-19-19

