

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON
COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, April 8, 2019 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on April 8 A.D., 2019, at 5:32 p.m., there being present thereat:

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

Judith 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©(11)

2.4 Security Procedures – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**J. Michael Zimmers**) Moved, Member (**Judith Johnson**) 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©(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, Moore, Ringer, Zimmers

Those voting "no": None.

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:31 p.m. Upon reconvening, roll was taken. It was noted that six Board members were present as Mr. Mares and Ms. Sisti joined the meeting at 5:31 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 April 8, 2019

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**J. Michael Zimmers**) Moved, Member (**Donna Moore**) 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.

Mr. Zimmers applauded the students within the school district that have realized goals set throughout the school year, such as the athletes from Franklin Middle School that he indicated would be recognized later in the meeting and Mr. Harris who was selected for the All Conference Basketball team.

5.2 Board Salutes

Mr. Ringer applauded students involved in Springfield High School's production of "Mama Mia!". He indicated that it was apparent that the students enjoyed themselves. Next, he encouraged the community to attend the All City Music Festival on Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. at Sangamon Auditorium on the UIS campus.

Mr. Mares welcomed students and staff back from Spring Break. He encouraged students to stay focused as the school year progresses.

Ms. Johnson indicated that over the course of the previous two weeks, she had enjoyed a luncheon with Superintendent Gill and a second luncheon with Ms. Sisti that benefited the Pregnancy Care Center of Springfield.

Mr. Zimmers congratulated the newly elected or re-elected Board of Education members, Bill Ringer, Scott McFarland and Micah Miller. He thanked Ms. Sisti for her tenure on the Board and service to the community. He reported that the members will be seated on May 6, 2019. Next, Mr. Zimmers reported attending the annual breakfast hosted by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. He thanked the group for their partnership with the District. He also attended a dinner for Advance Illinois.

5.3 Recognition of the Franklin Middle School 7th Grade Volleyball Team

The Board of Education congratulates the 7th Grade Volleyball Team for winning the IESA 4A State Tournament. They are the first volleyball team from Franklin to win the State Tournament. The following individuals were recognized:

Ruth Becker
Ava Danielson
Jayla Davis
Olivia Dipasquale
Maya Hardy
Lily Lambert
Daija Lott
Breann Miller
Regina Nwajei

Jon Bradshaw, Manager
Morgan Gill, High School Assistant
Paige Grossen, High School Assistant

Bill Sturm, Head Coach
Bailey Sands, Assistant Coach
Megan Weakley, Assistant Coach

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Old Business

IHSA Membership Fees

Mr. Wind provided an update regarding membership costs for IHSA and Central State 8. He reported that Districts do not pay a fee to the IHSA currently. The IHSA does, however, have a clause in their bylaws that allows the organization to request funds, if needed. Membership in the Central State 8 Conference is \$2,000 per school, per year. The membership fee collected by the Central State 8 Conference pays for the referee assignors and team awards.

Mr. Mares asked about the assignment of referees for games. Mr. Wind reported that referees for regular season play of boys and girls basketball and boys football are made through assignors from the Central State 8. Once play advances to post-season games, the IHSA is in charge of assigning officials.

Ms. Johnson asked for clarification as to which organization assigns the referees for local games.

Mr. Wind reported that the Central State 8 assigns the officials for local games from a pool of IHSA

certified officials. He indicated that the pool of officials from the local area has dwindled over the course of the last several years, requiring the Central State 8 assignors to expand the areas from which they draw referees to include Peoria, Bloomington and into southern Illinois. He reported that the officials pool for basketball has been stable over the last several years, although that pool will see some retirements later this year.

Ms. Johnson then inquired as to where the funds for the membership fees are drawn. Mr. Wind indicated that each of the high schools has an athletic fund from which the fees are paid.

Southeast High School Indoor Track Meet Participation

Mr. Zimmers commended the Southeast High School Girls Track team for their recent performance at an indoor track meet in Champaign.

6.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

6.3 Student Business

Mr. Harris indicated that he attended a March Madness event at Lee Elementary School. He also reported attending the Project Mack Inclusion and Unity Summit at Southeast High School. Next, he reported that the Superintendent's Student Roundtable participated in high school exchange visits. During their upcoming meeting the group will discuss those visits. Ms. Johnson asked that the Board of Education be provided with the suggestions that come out of the high school visits discussion.

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 [Monthly Financial Report for March 2019](#). Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing at the link, above, on the Electronic School Board.

Mr. Joseph Bascio, Business Manager, reported that Education fund revenues were approximately \$4.9 million for the month of March with expenditures of approximately \$10.3 million. The Operations and Maintenance fund saw revenues of approximately \$145,000 for the month with expenditures of approximately \$1.19 million.

Mr. Bascio further reported outstanding State payments totaled approximately \$4.2 million at the end of March. During the first week of April, the District received \$2.1 million in Early State funding that was overdue.

Mr. Ringer asked about the payment schedule for property tax payments. Mr. Bascio reported that taxes collected in 2019 will be distributed beginning in May 2019.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

9.1 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gill provided the following updates and shout-outs:

- The District's bond rating issued by Moody's has improved from A2- to A2. Mr. Bascio reported that the improvement is mostly due to the work that has been done over the course of the last several years to rebuild the fund balance and ensure a balanced budget each year. He indicated that the financial issues seen by the State of Illinois and being located in Illinois have negatively impacted the rating. However, he reported that he is hopeful that the District will return to an A1 rating in the next several months. The next review will take place in conjunction with the sale of bonds.
- Shout out to Franklin Middle School 8th grader Arnav Nagrecha. He was one of 100 finalists for the National Geographic State-Wide Geography Bee held on March 29. He ended up finishing 4th statewide. Arnav was one of only eight competitors who had a perfect score in the preliminary rounds. The top ten scorers advanced to the finals. This is the highest a student at FMS has ever finished.
- Shout out to Franklin Middle School teacher, Ray Zinnen for organizing the Geography Bee each year. School GeoBees were held in schools with 4th through 8th grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took an online qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society.
- Shout out to Lincoln Magnet School's Fishie Savers Team for earning 2nd Place and Team Ocean Protectors for the Most Industrious Presentation Award at this year's GeoChallenge. The GeoChallenge is a standards-based competition from the National Geographic Society that challenges student groups to develop a creative solution to a real-world problem. These groups respond to a problem, challenge, or critical issue by using research, collaboration, creativity, and communication to create and present real-world solutions. Three Lincoln Magnet School teams were selected to advance to the regional competition in Bloomington-Normal. Lincoln Magnet School received two of the top five awards. This year's challenge, Tackling Plastic, invited students to learn about the problems facing plastic pollution while building skills in geography, mapmaking, storytelling, and video production.
- Shout out to Lee School for their March Madness Celebration with basketball players from Southeast High School, Lanphier High School and Springfield High School.
- Shout out to Fairview Elementary 5th grade teachers, Nicolette Harris and Karianna Lauer, who took their students on a field trip to Illinois College. They were able to go on a campus tour, have team building activities and have lunch with pen pals that they had been communicating with throughout the school year. The field trip and pen pal activities are an extension of their schoolwide AVID focus. A special thank you also to the Springfield Public Schools Foundation for sponsoring the trip.
- Welcome to Boy Scout Troops 36 and 214, attending the evening's meeting as a requirement of earning their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Assistant Scoutmaster, Randall Witter, addressed the Board. Mr. Witter thanked the Board for welcoming the boys to the meeting. He reported that the boys are working on their Eagle Badges.

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.

10.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of March 18, 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 an Agreement with Breakroom Services of Illinois

Breakroom Services of Illinois is servicing the vending machines formerly operated by Capital City Vending Company. The agreement is for three years.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Capital City Vending Company previously provided vending machines for District high schools; and

WHEREAS, Capital City Vending Company is longer in business; and

WHEREAS, Breakroom Services of Illinois is currently servicing the Capital City Vending machines;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement with Breakroom Services of Illinois 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 (**Bill Ringer**) Moved, Member (**Donna Moore**) 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.

11.2 Approval of the Preparation of the Fiscal Year 2020 Tentative Budget

The School Code requires that the Board designate who is authorized to prepare the budget each fiscal year.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District No. 186 in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, that Mrs. Jennifer Gill and Mr. Joseph Bascio are hereby appointed to prepare a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, which tentative budget shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of School District No. 186 in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, that Mrs. Jennifer Gill and Mr. Joseph Bascio are hereby appointed to prepare a tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020, which tentative budget shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board'.

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.

11.3 Approval of a Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget

The budget is being amended to reflect changes to revenue and expenses in various areas. The public hearing and adoption will occur on May 20, 2019.

Resolution: WHEREAS, a Board of Education may from time to time find it necessary to amend its budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois provides for such amendments; and

WHEREAS, the District has more accurate data because of the updating of certain information, which became available after the original budget was approved in September of 2018;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend the School District's Approved Budget for FY 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Tentative Amended Budget be made available for public inspection in the School District's offices located at 1900 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days beginning the 18th day of April 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 Tentative Amended Budget for inspection to be published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearing on the Tentative Amended Budget be established for 6:30 p.m. on May 20, 2019; and

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Donna Moore**) Moved, Member (**Jamie Sisti**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, a Board of Education may from time to time find it necessary to amend its budget; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Amended Budget that is on file might be further revised or amended'.

Ms. Johnson asked if the Board would be provided with highlights. Superintendent Gill indicated that the Board will be provided with an overview and summary.

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, April 22, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

12.2 Upcoming District Events

April 4 - 19 - Spring Break for Graham and Southern View

April 17 - All City Music Festival

April 19 & 22 - No School

April 30 - Kindergarten Preview Night

May 2 - Council for Exceptional Children Banquet
May 9 - Cooperative Work Program Banquet

12.3 Freedom of Information Report

Members were provided with copies of the Freedom of Information Act report for March 14 - April 4. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

12.4 Alliance Legislative Reports

Members were provided with a link to Alliance Legislative Reports 101-09, 101-10, and 101-11. Copies are available for public viewing at <https://www.iasb.com/govrel/alrmenu.cfm>.

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, April 22, 2019. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



J. Michael Zimmers, President



Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: April 22, 2019

