

# MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Monday, November 6, 2017 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on November 6 A.D., 2017, at 5:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Adam Lopez, President  
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Chuck Flamini  
Judith Ann Johnson  
Anthony Mares  
Donna Moore  
Jamie Sisti  
J. Michael Zimmers

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent  
Rekha Goswami, Student Member

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **1.1 Roll Call**

President Lopez called the meeting to order.

### **APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Sisti moved to adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters:

- 2.1 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- 2.2 Contract Negotiations – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- 2.3 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9,10)

Motion seconded by Mr. Zimmers and carried by the following vote:

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

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:39 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that six Board members were present as Mrs. Moore joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### **3.1 President's Comments**

Mr. Lopez 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. Lopez reported that he attended three parent-teacher conferences. He indicated that his kindergarten-aged student's conference included his child, who led him and his wife through a presentation of her work, which he found very interesting.

### **3.2 Board Salutes**

Mr. Mares reported that he, too, attended parent teacher conferences recently. He indicated that Springfield High School had a large crowd for conferences while he was there. He reported being impressed with the process at Springfield High for the conferences.

Ms. Johnson reported that she recently attended the Fall Festival at Washington Middle School, which was well attended. Additionally, she attended the Fit America program at Dubois Elementary School and the African American History Museum celebration, which recognized 2017 Springfield High School graduate, Russell Moore. Next, Ms. Johnson reported that the last Facilities Engagement Session drew a large crowd. Lastly, Ms. Johnson saluted Douglas School for their recent Chili and Hot Dog lunch fundraiser.

Mr. Zimmers saluted the United Way for their work to support Sangamon County public high schools. He reported that the United Way recently held a Community Conversation with area high school students, which was very well attended. He indicated that the students in attendance liked the meeting enough to ask that the United Way continue to host more of the meetings in the near future.

Mrs. Moore also reported attending parent teacher conferences at Franklin Middle School and the Facilities Engagement Session. She indicated that she looks forward to hearing the facilities presentation during the December 4, 2017, Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Sisti saluted Ridgely Elementary School for their recent Dress Like a Principal Day fundraiser, which supported the United Way.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **4.1 Old Business**

Ms. Johnson read a Facebook post from Erica Austin, University of Illinois Extension 4H Youth Development Educator, regarding college preparation for high school students. Ms. Johnson asked that additional efforts be made to prepare all students and encourage all students to attend college.

### **4.2 New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

### **4.3 Student Business**

Ms. Goswami reported that the Superintendent's Student Roundtable recently met. The group continued planning for Unity Day. The group plans to raise money to support schools affected by the hurricanes in Puerto Rico. Additionally, the students have been planning for upcoming middle school visits.

Mrs. Gill congratulated Ms. Goswami on her recent acceptance into Baylor University. Mrs. Gill reported that the school is Ms. Goswami's first choice. Mrs. Moore asked why the Roundtable group chose to support Puerto Rico over Florida or Texas. Ms. Goswami indicated that the

students decided that they would like to support communities outside of the immediate area or neighboring states.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **5.1 Summative Data and District / School Report Card Information**

Board members were provided with copies of the presentation on [Summative Data and District/School Report Card Information](#). Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Cheree Morrison, Director of Secondary Education and Dr. Nicole Gales, Coordinator of Data and Testing, provided an overview of the presentation. Mrs. Gill reported that the data presented is from the 2016-2017 school year. She, Mrs. Morrison and Dr. Gales overviewed attendance and chronic truancy data, PARCC data, Freshman on Track data, SAT/College Readiness data and Advanced Placement Assessment data.

Mrs. Moore asked if there are any obvious areas of weakness in the SAT data provided and if there are, have the area(s) been studied to ensure improvement. Dr. Gales reported that the administration is able to and has reviewed the data in this manner. Mr. Mares asked for an explanation of the performance level terms. Dr. Gales reported that students in the “Approached” performance level are getting closer to meeting the standards. Students in the “Partially Meets” performance level are on the cusp of mastering the standards. With respect to the Freshman on Track data, Mrs. Moore asked how the number of credits necessary for graduation compares to surrounding districts. Mrs. Gill reported that District 186 requires more credits than some of the surrounding districts. Mrs. Moore requested further detail be provided to the Board in the near future on the data overviewed. She then asked what the PARCC assessment covers. Dr. Gales reported that reading comprehension and critical thinking are covered. Mrs. Moore asked if mechanics are covered, such as grammar, punctuation, etc. Dr. Gales reported that this is covered by the assessment to some degree. Mrs. Moore expressed concern about this. Mrs. Gill reported that the MAP assessment addresses mechanics. Mrs. Shelia Boozer, Director of Teaching and Learning, also reported that mechanics are also addressed in the District’s writing curriculum, which assesses these skills. Mrs. Moore asked to be provided with data on mechanics. Mr. Zimmers asked if the PARCC assessment would be given this year or if the District is no longer required to administer the assessment. Mrs. Boozer reported that this is the last year for the PARCC assessment. There was additional discussion regarding professional development provided to teachers on how to review individual student data. Mr. Zimmers commended administration on the data. Ms. Johnson asked that each 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade student be counseled on the Advanced Placement options available in high school in an effort to prepare them for college.

## **BUSINESS REPORTS**

### **6.1 Financial Report**

Board members were provided with copies of the [Monthly Financial Report for October 2017](#). 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 \$8.5 million for the month of October, with expenditures totaling approximately \$10 million for the month. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues of approximately \$551,000 for the month and expenditures of approximately \$1.2 million.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **7.1 Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Gill asked for a moment of silence for Shaikira Joyner, a Franklin Middle School student that recently passed away. After the moment of silence, Mrs. Gill distributed District 186 shirts to each of the Board Members to thank them for their service and recognize them on the annual Board of Education Member Day. She thanked each member for his or her dedicated service to the district.

Next, Mrs. Gill provided the following updates and Shout outs:

- Springfield High School Football and Cross Country teams for advancing to State playoffs.
- Thanked the Zeta Phi Beta sorority for assisting with the Washington Middle School Fall Festival
- First Student for hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Safety Dog Bus Tour at Feitshans and Harvard Park featuring school bus safety education
- Peggy Cormeny and the Family and Community Engagement team for their work to provide understanding to parents and staff on the assessments

## **CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

### **8.1 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 8.2 through 8.6 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Michael Zimmers)** Moved, Member **(Donna Moore)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 8.2 through 8.6 as described in the corresponding resolutions'. Mrs. Moore asked if the truck listed in the surplus property would be sold or scrapped. Mr. Darrell Schaver, Director of Operations and Maintenance, reported that the truck would be sold for scrap value. Ms. Johnson asked for additional information on the progress of the MOSAIC Project. Mrs. Gill indicated that she would provide the requested information.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

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

### **8.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017**

**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.

### **8.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable**

**Resolution:** That the Board of Education approves payroll and bills payable as shown in the attached report.

### **8.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment Bid #18-06 — Copy Paper – Warehouse Stock**

**Resolution:** BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low acceptable bid for the following bids and to approve payment of same upon completion: Bid #18-06 — Copy Paper – Warehouse Stock

**8.5 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.

**8.6 Approval of an Agreement Regarding the MOSAIC Project**

The MOSAIC project is a children's mental health initiative. The District partners with the Mental Health Centers of Central Illinois d/b/a Memorial Behavioral Health (ABH), an affiliate of Memorial Health System and Illinois not-for-profit corporation, on behalf of the MOSAIC project, a children's mental health initiative.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 is interested in strengthening cooperative inter-agency planning and community-based services; and WHEREAS, The MOSAIC mission is to braid resources together to cultivate the social and emotional health of children and families in the Springfield community; and WHEREAS, an Agreement between Springfield School District 186 and MOSAIC has been developed to support children's social/emotional well-being; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 approves the agreement with MOSAIC to collaborate and share responsibilities as stated in the Memorandum of Understanding that demonstrates the working relationship between the District and MOSAIC for the 2017 -2018 school year effective November 6, 2017.

**ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

**9.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Donna Moore)** 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, Lopez, Mares, Moore, Sisti, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.

**9.2 Student Discipline**

**Resolution:** That the Board approves the student discipline as discussed in Executive Session and summarized by the Superintendent.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Judith Johnson)** Moved, Member **(Michael Zimmers)** 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: **5** Nay: **0** Abstain: **1**. The motion **Carried. 5 – 0 – 1**

Those voting "aye": Johnson, Lopez, Mares, Moore, Zimmers  
Those voting "no": None.  
Those voting "abstain": Sisti

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, November 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room**

**10.2 Upcoming District Events**

- November 10 – No School – Veterans Day
- November 23, 24 – No School – Thanksgiving Break

**10.3 Freedom of Information Report**

**10.4 Alliance Legislative Reports – 100-46 and 100-47**

Available at the following link: <https://www.iasb.com/govrel/alrmenu.cfm>

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Lopez declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, November 20, 2017. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Adam Lopez, President

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Julie A. Hammers, Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_