

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Wednesday, January 10, 2024 (4:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Special Session on January 10 A.D., 2024, at 4:33 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Micah Miller, President
 Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

 Erica Austin
 Sarah Blissett
 Ken Gilmore
 Debra Iams
 Buffy Lael-Wolf
 Anthony Mares

 Jennifer Gill, Superintendent

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Miller called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Approve the Agenda for January 10, 2024

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved to approve the agenda. Member **(Debra Iams)** 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: 7 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 7 - 0**.

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller
Those voting "no": None

PUBLIC COMMENT

3.1 Public Comment

Mr. Miller asked if there was any public comment. He then read the following statement:

The Board of Education and I encourage public comment and public participation in Board meetings. However, it is inappropriate for any person to name a student or an individual employee, including designating an employee by job title rather than name, in open session. If

any public commenter wants to address issues related to an individual student or a District 186 employee, that commenter is invited to contact the Board office or a member of the cabinet prior to public comment. It is not the intention of the Board to discourage public comment in any way; rather, it is the intention of the Board to address issues regarding individual students and employees in an appropriate manner. We thank you for respecting the privacy of our students and employees by following this rule.

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Springfield Public Schools District 186 continues to encourage public comment. Statements made by speakers during public comment do not represent the views or opinions of the Board of Education or Springfield Public Schools District 186.

There was no public comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Executive Session

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves adjournment to Executive Session to consider the following items:

4.1 Self-evaluation, Practice and Procedures - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education adjourns 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).'

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 7 - 0**.

Those voting "aye": Blissett, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller Austin,
Those voting "no": None

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m. and reconvened at 8:44 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1 Next Regular Meeting — Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 16, 2024. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Micah Miller, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: February 5, 2024