

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on January 4 A.D., 2022, at 5:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Anthony Mares, President
Nicole Irlam, Assistant Board Secretary

Erica Austin
Sarah Blissett
Buffy Lael-Wolf
Micah Miller via phone
Bill Ringer
J. Michael Zimmers

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Mares called the meeting to order.

Approval of Remote Participation by Member Miller

Mr. Mares reported that Mr. Miller is unable to attend in person due to illness. Mr. Mares indicated that Mr. Miller had requested to participate via phone.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Moved, Member (**Erica Austin**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion "That due to illness, Member Miller is unable to participate in-person in the January 4, 2022 meeting. On December 29, 2021, Member Miller informed the Board Secretary of his illness and requested to participate via phone. Therefore, as allowed by 5 ILCS 120/7 (a), Member Micah Miller shall be allowed to participate in the January 4, 2022, Board of Education meeting via phone."

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

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

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 Contract Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- 2.4 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- 2.5 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5, 6)
- 2.6 Security Procedures - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Moved, Member (**Bill Ringer**) 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 Contract Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 2.4 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), 2.5 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5, 6), 2.6 Security Procedures - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).'

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

Those voting “aye”: Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting “no”: None

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present.

Mr. Mares reported that the Board had taken action at the beginning of the meeting, prior to adjourning into Executive Session, to allow Mr. Miller to participate in the evening’s meeting via audio conference call.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mares 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 4, 2022

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Mike Zimmers**) Moved to approve the agenda. Member (**Micah Miller**) seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, as amended, '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, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting “no”: None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 President's Comments

Mr. Mares made an announcement that per the Governor's mandate, attendees are required to wear masks while in the meeting space. He further reported that in the case that any attendees refused to comply with the mandate, the meeting would be suspended. He confirmed that all attendees were in compliance before continuing with the meeting.

Next, Mr. Mares read the following statement.

Public comments will occur during the Public Comments portion of the meeting. The Board will not allow interruption during the meeting. If you are interested in addressing the Board, fill out the required Public Participation form and submit it to Ms. Hammers. Alternatively, those wishing to participate via the telephone may email their name, phone number, and topic of discussion or agenda item number to boe@sps186.org.

5.2 Student Report

There was no student report at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Superintendent's Report

Celebrate 186

Superintendent Gill provided her bi-weekly Celebrate 186 presentation. Copies of the presentation have been filed with the Official Minutes. The following topics were overviewed.

Superintendent Gill reported that in the coming months, schools will resume presentations during the regular Board meetings. She indicated that the next meeting will include a presentation with curricular information and student success stories.

Metal Detector Recommendations for RFP

Superintendent Gill provided information on recent research she and her team have done related to the possibility of installing metal detectors in school buildings. She reported that walkthroughs were conducted at each building. Additionally, work continues to enhance security at elementary schools through the installation of a double buzz-in door system, as well as the installation of over 600 security cameras throughout school buildings across the District.

Superintendent Gill reported that she has been asked a number of times about the possibility of installing metal detectors in school buildings. She indicated that overall, approximately 10% of schools across the country have metal detectors. An RFP will be issued in the coming days. She reported that after significant research, the following features are recommended in any metal detectors that may be installed in the future:

- Allow quick passage to ensure students are able to get to their first-hour classes in a timely manner. Wandering has impacted students' ability to get to their first-hour classes on time.
- Encompass coats and backpacks

- Adjustable to detect a variety of items, not just firearms
- Pricing: When researching, both purchase and leasing options were considered. Sales tax proceeds will be able to be utilized for this expenditure. Devices that are durable yet portable enough to be moved within a school building are needed.
- Future-focused - best technology for our future
- Ease of use for staff
- Touchless express single/dual-lane security detection system, which is a combination of the dual lane and single-lane systems
- The high schools will require three lanes that are a combination of dual and single lane systems
- Franklin, Grant, Jefferson, and Washington Middle Schools will require a combination of two single lanes
- Lincoln will require a touchless single lane security device
- Traditional metal detectors are needed at Douglas, SLA and Lawrence
- A dedicated team of individuals will be needed to operate these devices daily.

Superintendent Gill then provided a cost estimate associated with a combination of leasing and purchase of the equipment. She indicated that the figures provided are a ballpark estimate. The total for the first year is estimated to be \$353,005. This includes \$323,640 for the lease and set-up with training, as well as an additional \$29,395 for the purchase of some devices. In the second through fourth years, the cost is estimated to be \$296,640 per year.

Mr. Zimmers indicated that he has concerns about installing metal detectors. He stated that he feels schools are safe, despite a couple of recent events. He expressed concern over the perception that will be created by the installation of detectors. He asked that if detectors are installed an adequate number of personnel be assigned to the task to ensure the school day is minimally impacted and roll out is smooth. He requested that significant consideration be given to the topic prior to any decision being made about installation.

Ms. Lael-Wolf stated that she feels that additional security measures will need to continue as metal detectors will not be a cure-all. She indicated that the detectors could potentially give a false sense of security without the continuation of other security measures that are already in place. She reported that the installation of detectors may be a good deterrent to students considering bringing a weapon to school. She reported that feedback she has received from community members and students supports the installation of metal detectors.

Ms. Austin agreed with Ms. Lael-Wolf. She stated that she feels that a four-year lease agreement will provide an opportunity to determine if metal detectors enhance security in the buildings and give students and families peace of mind.

Mr. Mares asked if current protocols and procedures will remain in place. Superintendent Gill confirmed that all current protocols and safety measures will remain in place. Mr. Mares echoed the need to ensure adequate staffing is available during implementation.

Mr. Ringer asked if Champaign or Urbana Public Schools also use metal detectors. Superintendent Gill reported that Champaign has a leased system of metal detectors in their high schools. The system in Champaign is the same system she recommends. She reported that Urbana has a different system. Mr. Ringer speculated that districts of similar size to District 186 are moving toward the installation of metal detectors.

Ms. Lael Wolf thanked Superintendent Gill and the team of individuals that work on this recommendation for their thoughtful approach to researching the available options which allowed for the development of a recommendation that fits the specific needs of District 186.

Ms. Blissett pointed out that installation of metal detectors would not be possible without the proceeds of the additional sales tax. She thanked the community for supporting the referendum which has allowed this and other needed upgrades.

Adaptive Pause & COVID Notification

Superintendent Gill reported that staff returns on January 7, 2022, and students return on January 10, 2022, from winter break. She indicated that this year's school calendar has provided additional time before students and staff return to buildings over previous years' return dates. Next, she provided information on "adaptive pause" as defined by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). She reported that adaptive pause as defined by these agencies provides for a temporary stop of in-person learning when recommended by the local health department to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 or another disease and based on specific school data. She reported that District 186 is considered a large district with 33 individual school sites that operate independently. She further noted that an adaptive pause requires the implementation of remote learning for the affected classrooms or schools. If a delay in the return to school, district-wide, were considered, the days off will need to be made up at the end of the year.

Next, Superintendent Gill reported that the District has not been provided with direction from the IDPH or the Sangamon County Department of Public Health (SCDPH) to indicate the need for a district-wide adaptive pause. She noted that available data does not support a district-wide adaptive pause. She addressed concerns regarding the number of staff infected with COVID-19 and reported that currently there are 81 staff infected with COVID-19. Of those 81, fifteen have an isolation period that extends into the time period when students return to school. Additionally, these fifteen individuals are spread across fourteen schools. She reported that the District does not have data to determine how many students have been affected over winter break and may not return to school immediately. She stated that families will receive a letter in the coming days with this information. The letter will also request that families self-report if their student will be unable to return to school due to quarantine at the close of winter break. The letter will also provide information regarding procedures for reporting a positive case and the return to school after a positive test result.

Superintendent Gill further reported that the SCDPH meets regularly to discuss school guidance and the new CDC recommendations. She read from a memo sent at the end of the day from State of Illinois Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carmen Ayala that stated that adaptive pause should not be necessary if schools are following all recommended guidance related to masking, testing, and exclusion of COVID-19 cases and close contacts. Additionally, Superintendent Gill reported that Dr. Ayala stressed the importance of in-person learning, the need for consultation with the local health authority before adaptive pause can be considered and days missed without the use of remote learning must be made up at the end of the school year. Superintendent Gill reported that the District is ready to welcome students back to school. She stated that with the winter break as long as it is this year, the last day of school falls immediately prior to graduation. Additionally, the Regional Office of Education has reminded districts that use of emergency days is limited to inclement weather. She reported that taking time off now beyond the scheduled winter break will push the end of school back to June 15, 2022, will cause seniors to lose eight

days of learning as they will all graduate on June 4, 2022, will delay the start of summer learning programs and impact the current sports' seasons.

Superintendent Gill then asked employees that have tested positive to notify their supervisors as soon as possible after receiving the result. She also asked the community, staff, families and students to be kind to healthcare workers, administrators, and office staff as they work to understand the daily changes and do their jobs during this time.

COVID Vaccine Clinic

Superintendent Gill provided information on an upcoming COVID 19 vaccination clinic. She reported that the clinic will take place on Tuesday, January 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Springfield High School Commons. All shots will be offered, including first and second doses, as well as boosters, for all eligible age groups, including children 5 and over. A second clinic will be held at Springfield High School Commons on Tuesday, February 1, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Those interested in participating are asked to register at www.tinyurl.com/y7d4j7xp.

Our Schools Our Future Facilities Update

Superintendent Gill provided pictures and drone footage of construction work at several schools. She shared the following:

- Drone footage taken on November 18, 2021, of Black Hawk Elementary School was shown. Work on the building is primarily interior work with some brickwork on the exterior continuing. Additional work highlighted by drone footage from December 14, 2021, shows the concrete pad that was poured under the main entrance to the building and the progress of interior work.
- At Butler Elementary School, drone footage from November 18, 2021, shows the elevator shaft that was erected. Drone footage from December 14, 2021, was also shared. This footage highlighted the crane that was erecting the steel for the new addition.
- At Dubois Elementary School, drone footage from November 18, 2021, shows the framing of the exterior of the building. Drone footage from December 14, 2021, shows the progress of that work, as well as the exterior waterproofing work that was being applied.
- At Fairview Elementary School, drone footage from November 18, 2021, showed the green exterior sheathing that was in place at that time and the crane that was helping to erect the canopy over the main entrance. Drone footage from December 14, 2021, showed the progress including exterior brickwork and waterproofing. It was noted that the roofing of the addition and canopy is complete
- Drone footage from November 18, 2021, of Franklin Middle School, showed the cafeteria and classroom addition in the front of the building, as well as the two-story classroom addition in the rear of the building. Drone footage from December 14, 2021, featured work that was taking place on the outdoor dining area. Superintendent Gill reported that most work on the building has now moved inside.
- At Grant Middle School, drone footage taken on November 18, 2021, showed the concrete for the classroom addition slab being poured and the CMU walls that had been erected. Additional footage from December 14, 2021, showed the crane that is being used to erect the steel.
- At Jefferson Middle School, drone footage from November 18, 2021, showed work being done to put the roof decking on the cafeteria and outdoor addition. Footage from December 14, 2021, showed the completed roof deck. Superintendent Gill reported that exterior framing has begun on the building.
- At Sandburg Elementary School, drone footage from November 18, 2021, shows the green sheathing on the rear classroom addition and the framing of the office addition. Footage from

December 14, 2021, shows the completed sheathing work and the roof added to the rear addition, canopy, and office addition.

- At Washington Middle School, drone footage from November 18 showed steel that had been erected and second-floor concrete work. Drone footage from December 14, 2021, showed that the roof decking was in place and the exterior framing.

There was then some additional discussion regarding adaptive pause and returning to school.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

7.2 New Business

Mr. Ringer announced that the Community Foundation of the Land of Lincoln has scholarships available to high school seniors and current college students. He indicated that most close on March 1, 2022. He encouraged those interested to find more information at www.cfill.org.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8.1 Public Comment

Mr. Mares read the following statement outlining requirements related to public comment:

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.

District 186 streams board meetings on YouTube, and all content posted there is subject to YouTube's content guidelines. The meeting is also available on Cable Channel 22, U-Verse Channel 99 and at the public access streaming link.

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.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Lindsey Rudd, via email, regarding returning to in-person learning
- Joby Crum, via email, regarding returning to in-person learning
- Angie Meneghetti, via email, regarding returning to in-person learning
- Marlene Bandy, in person, regarding returning to in-person learning

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

BUSINESS REPORT

10.1 Business Reports

Board members were provided with the Business Report. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Mr. Tom Osborne, Director of Business Services, reported that the Capital Projects Fund as of December 29, 2021, had a beginning balance of sales tax and bond cash and investment dollars of approximately \$88.5 million with total monthly revenues of approximately \$1.04 million. Expenses in the fund were approximately \$4.45 million, leaving an ending cash and investment balance of approximately \$85.061 million.

Next, Mr. Osborne provided information on outstanding State payments due to the District. He indicated that the fiscal year 2021 balance due to the district from the State of Illinois is approximately \$46,000. For the fiscal year 2022, the outstanding balance is approximately \$2.8 million as of December 29, 2021. Total outstanding State payments due to the district by the State of Illinois are approximately \$2.852 million as of December 29, 2021.

Mr. Ringer asked if repayment of the bonds had begun. Mr. Osborne confirmed that this has begun.

PUBLIC HEARING

11.1 Conduct a Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell not to exceed \$66,000,000 Working Cash Bonds

Mike Zimmers motioned "To adjourn into a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell not to exceed \$66,000,000 Working Cash Bonds." The motion was seconded by Sarah Blissett and carried by the following vote:

Those voting "aye":	Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting "no":	None

The meeting adjourned into the hearing at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Osborne provided information as to the reason for the hearing. He indicated that notice of the hearing was published in the State Journal-Register on December 20, 2021, as well as in the District's Administrative Office. He reported that the purpose of issuing the bonds is to increase the amount of the District's working cash fund. He then asked for any oral or written testimony.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Mares then asked for a motion to adjourn the hearing and return to the open session. Ms. Austin motioned to adjourn the public hearing and resume the open session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Zimmers and carried by the following vote:

Those voting "aye":	Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
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Those voting “no”: None

The open session resumed at 7:33 p.m.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

12.1 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 12.2 through 12.3 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(William Ringer)** Moved, Member **(Michael Zimmers)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 12.2 through 12.3 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

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

Those voting “aye”: Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting “no”: None

12.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of December 20, 2021

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 sets of regular session, special session and executive session minutes and directs the Secretary to include them in the official records of the Board of Education meetings.

12.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable

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

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

13.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Erica Austin)** Moved, Member **(Michael Zimmers)** 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: 7 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None

13.2 Approval of a Resolution Regarding 2022 Reapportionment Plan

Resolution: WHEREAS, Section 9-22 of the School Code requires District 186 to reapportion board sub-districts in the year following each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, it shall be necessary for the Board to complete and adopt a Reapportionment Plan prior to July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission counseled the Board in respect to the development and approval of previous sub-redistricting plans and is best qualified to assist the Board in the preparation of the 2022 Reapportionment Plan and a new sub-district map based on 2020 census data;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission whereby the Commission will counsel and assist the Board in preparation of the 2022 Reapportionment Plan at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Michael Zimmers)** Moved, Member **(William Ringer)** Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'WHEREAS, Section 9-22 of the School Code requires District 186 to reapportion board sub-districts in the year following each decennial census; and

WHEREAS, it shall be necessary for the Board to complete and adopt a Reapportionment Plan prior to July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission counseled the Board in respect to the development and approval of previous sub-redistricting plans and is best qualified to assist the Board in the preparation of the 2022 Reapportionment Plan and a new sub-district map based on 2020 census data;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission whereby the Commission will counsel and assist the Board in preparation of the 2022 Reapportionment Plan at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00'.

Roland Cross, District's Legal Counsel, addressed the Board regarding the process for reapportionment. He indicated that the vote this evening is to begin the process. Finalization of the maps and plans will take place later. Ms. Lael-Wolf asked if the number of sub-districts is always seven. Superintendent Gill reported that by State law, school districts are represented by seven members. She indicated that the Chicago Public Schools are different. Mr. Miller expressed concern over communication related to this agenda item. He suggested tabling the motion. He then asked if the agreement binds the Board to vote on maps provided by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission or if it is possible to solicit revisions from other entities. Mr. Cross reported that the agenda item does not require the Board

to vote on maps provided by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Miller then asked if the counseling provided by the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission and referenced in the motion was provided recently or in 2012. Mr. Cross reported that it was provided in 2012. Mr. Miller asked for additional information regarding how sub-district 2's lines were drawn in 2012. Mr. Cross reported that the maps offered in 2012 divided a subdivision between two sub-districts. The Board members from those sub-districts reviewed the maps and agreed upon the current divisions. Mr. Cross reported that the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission was not involved in the discussions with those Board members. He further reported that the process for making the decisions is typically not long. He indicated that the Board members from the two affected sub-districts meet and come to a consensus on the lines. He stressed that the Board will approve the final versions of the maps and the Regional Planning Commission will draft those maps based on the agreements decided by the Board members. Mr. Miller asked if the maps can be posted at 1900 W. Monroe and the work to decide on the new lines be conducted at that location, as well. Mr. Cross confirmed this to be possible. Molly Berns, Executive Director of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, reported that the maps will also be placed on the Planning Commission's website for members of the public to access. Ms. Lael-Wolf confirmed that the resub-districting will have no bearing on the Consent Decree. Mr. Cross confirmed this. Mr. Miller asked for a timeframe for completing the work. Ms. Berns reported that the US Census has not released the final data yet. She expects this to happen in late February or early March. If the agreement is approved, Ms. Berns reported that her staff will begin to review the preliminary data which will then be finalized with the release of the final data from the Census Bureau. He indicated that their goal is to provide the Board with the maps and data quickly to ensure ample time for public participation and review before the Board votes on the maps. Mr. Miller then asked who drew the map. Ms. Berns reported that a software program from the Environmental Systems Research Institute is used in conjunction with data entered by her staff. She provided additional information regarding her staff's credentials and the software company's credentials.

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

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers

Those voting "no": None

13.3 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 2021-2022 school year with a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Moved, Member (**Erica Austin**) 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: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 7 - 0

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers

Those voting "no": None

There was additional public comment that was requested. The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Brian Daugherty via conference call to thank the administration for their work

- Aaron Grave via conference call regarding the reapportionment plan. Mr. Graves also requested redrawing of school boundaries be considered.

Moment of Silence for Donald Brandon

Superintendent Gill then asked for a moment of silence for Donald Brandon, a member of the Southeast staff and dedicated supporter of the school. A moment of silence was then observed.

Southeast Basketball

Mr. Zimmers reported that the Southeast Spartans boys basketball team played in a tournament in Carbondale over the winter break and took first place. He congratulated the team for their success.

Enos Kwanzaa Celebration

Ms. Austin commended Enos Elementary on their recent Kwanzaa celebration which was featured on the front page of the State Journal Register. She thanked Dr. Moody for attending the event, also.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1 Next Regular Meeting — Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

14.2 Upcoming District Events

- January 10 - Students Return
- January 17 - No School - Holiday

14.3 Freedom of Information Report

Board members were provided with a copy of the Freedom of Information Act Report for the weeks covering December 17, 2021, through December 30, 2021. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mares declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, January 18, 2022. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Anthony Mares, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: January 18, 2022