

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**Monday, November 20, 2023 (5:30 PM)**

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on November 20 A.D., 2023, at 5:30 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 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 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- 2.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6)

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) 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), 2.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6).'

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

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

## **Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:34 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Austin, Mr. Gilmore, and Ms. Iams joined the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **3.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Miller 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 November 20, 2023**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved to approve the agenda. Member **(Buffy Lael-Wolf)** 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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **5.1 President's Comments**

Mr. Miller read the following statement:

#### **Public Comment**

*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](mailto:boe@sps186.org).*

### **5.2 Student Report**

Superintendent Gill reported that Mr. Gray was unable to attend the evening's meeting. Mr. Gilmore reported that during the IASB Joint Annual Conference he learned that of the 852 school districts across the State of Illinois, only 17 have Student Representatives to the Board.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **6.1 Superintendent's Report**

**Celebrate 186**

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

### **Black Hawk Elementary School Math Event**

Superintendent Gill reported that Black Hawk recently brought math to life during a recent math lesson. During the lesson, Jeremiah Hart, manager of a local Firestone tire shop, visited the second-grade class. He talked to the class about what it means to work in a tire shop, how math is used throughout the day, his job duties, and the different types of tires. Mr. Hart brought in all of the tools needed to change a tire, as well as tires, too.

### **Books and Badges at Feitshans Elementary School**

Feitshans Elementary recently teamed up with officers from the Springfield Police Department for a reading, crafting, and fun event with Kindergarten superstars. Members of the SPD read to and did crafts with students in the school's kindergarten classes during the event.

### **Art is Exceptional!**

Art is Exceptional! will be on display until November 22, 2023, at the Springfield Art Association. The art show is in its seventh year displaying student art from across the school district. This year's show includes over 120 pieces of artwork from talented Kindergarten through twelfth-grade special needs students.

### **Thanksgiving Lunch at Lee School**

Lee School recently hosted its annual Thanksgiving Lunch. Families and students were treated to lunch which included delicious treats. Some Board of Education members and Superintendent Gill also attended the event.

### **District 186 Career Fair**

Superintendent Gill reported that the District will host a career fair on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the District's Administrative Center, 3063 Fiat Avenue. Immediate openings are available in clerical, crossing guards, food service, substitute teachers, teaching assistants, and paraprofessionals. On-site interviews will be conducted for future qualifying paraprofessionals.

### **Our Schools Our Future**

Superintendent Gill provided information on the upcoming High School Facilities Updates. She reported that the evening's update will provide a project overview for Southeast High School. The Board will be provided with a design overview for Springfield High School during the December 4, 2023 Board meeting. During the December 18, 2023 Board meeting, an update and plans for the opening in January of Lanphier High School will be presented.

Superintendent Gill shared photos of the first stage of renovations from Southeast High School, which included a complete renovation of the auditorium and bathroom facilities. She then shared information about the second phase which will include improvements to Spartan Field, on-site parking, site improvements, gymnasium improvements, and the addition of a District 186 field house.

She reported that the Spartan Field improvements that will take place in 2024 include the addition of a new concession stand, toilets, ticketing building, locker rooms, team room, training room, ticket booth and entrance on Ash Street, track surface, sidewalks, paved areas, landscaping, press box, video scoreboard,

stadium lighting, sound system, security cameras and site lighting, perimeter fencing, and irrigation system. The improvements slated for 2025 include expansion of the parking west of the high school, removal of the mobile unit, new sidewalks, paving, landscaping, site lighting, and parking lighting. Additionally in 2026, work will begin on the gymnasium improvements, including the addition of air conditioning, new gym floor graphics and finish, new backboards, renovation of the locker rooms, removal of lockers around the gym and upper level, evaluation of the area for additional seating on the upper level, new interior wall finishes and graphics. In 2026, a new Field House will also be constructed. This indoor track will be open to all District schools. It will include a space the size of four basketball courts, as well as a new entrance, lobby, indoor track, wrestling room, auxiliary courts, weights and training room, expanded entrances on both the east and west sides, courtyard paving, landscaping, shade structures, and a refinished exterior facade.

### **School Celebrations**

Dr. Nicole Moody introduced Michele Robertson, Principal of McClelland Elementary School, and Artie Doss, Principal of Lanphier High School, who addressed the Board with celebrations from their buildings.

#### McClelland Elementary School

Ms. Robertson shared photos from her school. She reported that the school increased growth beyond school averages over the previous year, as well as district and state averages. She noted that the school employs a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) process and intentional instructional planning. There is a strong emphasis on Social Emotional Learning (SEL) for adults and students with a focus on emotional regulation. The school also now has a BBSS Strategist. She indicated that when needed, students are provided with Mosaic services. Principal Robertson attributed the success students and staff have seen to the school's focus on SEL and mental health.

Ms. Lael-Wolf asked Principal Robertson what is replicable at her school. Principal Robertson reported that the collaborative culture is what makes the school successful. Mr. Miller, Mr. Gilmore, and Ms. Blissett commended Principal Robertson and her staff on the school's successes.

#### Lanphier High School

Dr. Doss shared photos from Lanphier High School. He reported that the school saw a 6% increase in the 9th graders on track from 2022 to 2023. He indicated that the administrators and staff work to build relationships with students through constant communication, individual meetings, and monitoring grades. The school works to strengthen the home-school connection with phone and in-person conferences to address all student barriers and success. The school also employs an intentional school-wide focus on data and support for at-risk students.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Lael-Wolf commended Dr. Doss and his staff for their work focusing on 9th grade on track.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Old Business**

#### **Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly**

Mr. Gilmore provided an update on the Delegate Assembly during the Illinois Association of School Boards' Joint Annual Conference. He indicated that the resolutions he overviewed during the November 6, 2023, Board meeting related to bus driver qualifications and SRO funding were approved. He noted that the other resolutions overviewed on November 6, 2023, did not have enough support for a vote to be

taken. Mr. Gilmore then provided information on the funding of State mandates. He stated that from 1982 to 2022 42.49% of all State mandates were unfunded. Mandates with indirect costs accounted for 56.94% of all mandates and funded mandates amounted to 0.57% of all mandates.

### **Athletic Passes**

Mrs. Blissett asked for information about where to purchase athletic passes for the winter sports season. Mr. Jason Wind, Director of School Support, reported that the passes are available on GoFan.co. He indicated that there had been a glitch with the website that has been resolved. Additionally, there is a link on the District's website that will take those interested in purchasing a pass to the website where they can be purchased.

### **7.2 New Business**

There was no new business at this time.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **8.1 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.*

*District 186 streams board meetings on YouTube, and all content posted there is subject to YouTube's content guidelines.*

*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.

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

### **10.1 Business Report**

Board members were provided with the Business Office Report of November 20, 2023. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Steve Miller, Director of Business Services, reported that for the month of October 2023, Education Fund revenues were approximately \$12.1 million. Expenditures in the fund totaled approximately \$13.0 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund revenues for the same period were approximately \$821,000. Expenditures in the Operations and Maintenance Fund were approximately \$1.7 million.

For the Investment Balances Report, Mr. Miller noted that the District had a combined cash balance of approximately \$111.6 million in the bank for all funds. For the operating funds only, which include the Education Fund, the Operations and Maintenance Fund, the Transportation Fund, and the Working Cash Fund, the total cash on hand was approximately \$62.4 million. Total investments were approximately \$119.4 million. Year-to-date earned interest on all cash accounts for the month was approximately \$2.0 million. The interest rate on all cash accounts on October 31, 2023, was approximately \$228.6 million. Mr. Miller reiterated that for the operating funds only, the balance was approximately \$62.4 million. He indicated that the District also shows recorded County sales tax proceeds received during the month of October of approximately \$1.1 million for the July collection period, with total collections of approximately \$47.7 million.

Next, Mr. Miller shared a graph comparing the percentages of expenditures in the Education Fund by month for the 2023 and 2024 fiscal years. He noted that in October 2023, the percentage of expenditures incurred year-to-date was 23.22% of the annual budget versus 22.63% for the same period from October 2022. He reported that this is a difference of approximately .59% or \$967,000. He also shared a graph with similar information for the Education, Operations and Maintenance, and Transportation Fund. He reported that for October 2023, 22.61% of the annual expenditures budgeted had been incurred versus 22.35% for October 2022, a difference of approximately \$462,000 or .26% for the three funds.

## **CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

### **11.1 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 11.2 through 11.13 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Erica Austin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.13 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, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller  
Those voting "no": None

### **11.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of November 6, 2023**

**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 and executive session minutes and directs the Secretary to include them in the official records of the Board of Education meetings.

**11.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable**

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

**11.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment**

Bid #24-06 — Underground Fuel Tank Removal – Warehouse

**Resolution:** BE IT RESOLVED to accept the low acceptable bid for the following bids and to approve payment of same upon completion:

Bid #24-06 — Underground Fuel Tank Removal – Warehouse

**11.5 Declaration of Surplus Property**

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

**11.6 Approval of Travel for Springfield High School Show Choir**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Springfield High School Show Choir has requested permission to travel to Muscatine, Iowa, to compete at the Muscatine High School River City Showcase Show Choir Invitational; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield High School Show Choir 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 Muscatine, Iowa, on January 13, 2024.

**11.7 Approval of an Agreement with Sparc**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 desires to provide opportunities to high school students with disabilities to practice real-life work skills in a professional environment that will prepare them for future employment/services; and

WHEREAS, Sparc exists to provide training and assessment for its students to allow them time to develop knowledge, skills, and abilities in a professional environment that will prepare them for future employment/services; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and the Constitution of the State of Illinois permits the State of Illinois and the District governmental agencies to cooperate together in the performance of their responsibilities by agreements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts and agrees to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District and Sparc on the administration of the agreement effective November 20, 2023, through November 20, 2024.

**11.8 Approval of a Resolution to Repay and Reborrow a Loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund**

The School Code of Illinois allows for a transfer of funds to accommodate cash flow conditions. This resolution repays a loan in the amount of \$4,300,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. A new loan is approved in the amount of \$4,300,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Ed Fund.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Article 20 of the School Code authorizes transfers from the Working Cash Fund to any fund of the District for which taxes are levied; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved a loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund in the amount of \$4,300,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the District collected total taxes in the Education Fund of \$73,549,194; and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates collection of total taxes in the Education Fund during 2023 in amounts at least equal to those received in 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Final repayment shall be made from the Education Fund to the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$4,300,000; and
2. Upon completion of the action authorized above and in anticipation of the total taxes to be received during 2023 in the Education Fund; a new loan is hereby approved from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund in the amount of \$4,300,000.

**11.9 Approval of a Resolution to Repay and Reborrow a Loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund**

The School Code of Illinois allows for a transfer of funds to accommodate cash flow conditions. This resolution repays a loan in the amount of \$2,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. A new loan is approved in the amount of \$2,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Article 20 of the School Code authorizes transfers from the Working Cash Fund to any fund of the District for which taxes are levied; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved a loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the District collected total taxes in the Operations and Maintenance Fund of \$15,108,311; and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates collection of total taxes in the Operations and Maintenance Fund during 2023 in amounts at least equal to those received in 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Final repayment shall be made from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000; and



2. Upon completion of the action authorized above and in anticipation of the total taxes to be received during 2023 in the Operations and Maintenance Fund; a new loan is hereby approved from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000.

**11.10 Approval of a Resolution to Repay and Reborrow a Loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Retirement Fund**

The School Code of Illinois allows for a transfer of funds to accommodate cash flow conditions. This resolution repays a loan in the amount of \$2,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Retirement Fund. A new loan is approved in the amount of \$2,500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Retirement Fund.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Article 20 of the School Code authorizes transfers from the Working Cash Fund to any fund of the District for which taxes are levied; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved a loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Retirement Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the District collected total taxes in the Retirement Fund of \$6,138,007; and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates collection of total taxes in the Retirement Fund during 2023 in amounts at least equal to those received in 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Final repayment shall be made from the Retirement Fund to the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000; and

2. Upon completion of the action authorized above and in anticipation of the total taxes to be received during 2023 in the Retirement Fund; a new loan is hereby approved from the Working Cash Fund to the Retirement Fund in the amount of \$2,500,000.

**11.11 Approval of a Resolution to Repay and Reborrow a Loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Self-Insurance Fund**

The School Code of Illinois allows for a transfer of funds to accommodate cash flow conditions. This resolution repays a loan in the amount of \$4,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Self-Insurance Fund. A new loan is approved in the amount of \$4,000,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Self-Insurance Fund.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Article 20 of the School Code authorizes transfers from the Working Cash Fund to any fund of the District for which taxes are levied; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved a loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Self-Insurance Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the District collected total taxes in the Educational, Operations & Maintenance and Transportation Funds of \$94,356,936; and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates collection of total taxes in the Educational, Operations & Maintenance, and Transportation Funds during 2023 in amounts at least equal to those received in 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Final repayment shall be made from the Self-Insurance Fund to the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000; and
2. Upon completion of the action authorized above and in anticipation of the total taxes to be received during 2023 in the Educational, Operations & Maintenance, and Transportation Funds; a new loan is hereby approved from the Working Cash Fund to the Self-Insurance Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000.

**11.12 Approval of a Resolution to Repay and Reborrow a Loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund**

The School Code of Illinois allows for a transfer of funds to accommodate cash flow conditions. This resolution repays a loan in the amount of \$2,250,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund. A new loan is approved in the amount of \$2,250,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Article 20 of the School Code authorizes transfers from the Working Cash Fund to any fund of the District for which taxes are levied; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved a loan from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund in the amount of \$2,250,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the District collected total taxes in the Transportation Fund of \$5,699,431; and

WHEREAS, the District anticipates collection of total taxes in the Transportation Fund during 2023 in amounts at least equal to those received in 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Final repayment shall be made from the Transportation Fund to the Working Cash Fund in the amount of \$2,250,000; and
2. Upon completion of the action authorized above and in anticipation of the total taxes to be received during 2023 in the Transportation Fund; a new loan is hereby approved from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund in the amount of \$2,250,000.

**11.12 Approval of a Resolution Regarding the ISBE School Maintenance Grant Application**

Grant application for \$50,000 to offset maintenance work on window lintels at Franklin Middle School. Grant application is due to ISBE on December 1, 2023.

**Resolution:** The Superintendent recommends approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education has provided Illinois Public School Districts the opportunity to apply for a school maintenance grant; and

WHEREAS, Springfield School District 186 Board of Education has previously approved health/life safety funds (Amendment 12, Item 1) for window lintel repairs at Franklin Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to make application for an ISBE School Maintenance Grant for the maximum grant amount of \$50,000 to be applied to the window lintel repairs at Franklin Middle School;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 hereby approves the ISBE 2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Grant application in the amount of \$50,000 to be applied towards the Franklin Middle School window lintel repairs.

There was a brief discussion regarding the District's history of applying for this grant.

## **ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS**

### **12.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations**

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

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the 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, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller  
Those voting "no": None

### **12.2 Approval of a Contract to Purchase Property**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code allows school districts to acquire real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it is advantageous to the District to purchase two (2) parcels in the vicinity of property already owned by the District on Monroe Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the two (2) parcels in question (14-33.0-202-020 and 14-33.0-202-021) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to purchase the parcels (14-33.0-202-020 and 14-33.0-202-021) in the vicinity of existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, Superintendent of the District or her designee, and/or the District's legal counsel, to enter into and execute the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, and all additional documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution and the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, including but not limited to the authority to execute, deliver, or receive any and all deeds, affidavits of title, closing statements, easement documents, plat act affidavits, PTAX/MyDec forms or any other such documentation necessary for the closing of said real estate transactions, and the right to pay or receive all sums due to or from the District and/or to direct or receive any wire transfer funds necessary to fulfill the intent of the Agreement. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the District shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out and give effect to this Resolution and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The Board hereby ratifies any and all acts and doings of the officers, employees, attorneys,

and/or agents of the District, past, present, and future which are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution, which are hereby, in all respects, ratified, approved, authorized, and confirmed.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Debra Iams)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Illinois School Code allows school districts to acquire real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it is advantageous to the District to purchase two (2) parcels in the vicinity of property already owned by the District on Monroe Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the two (2) parcels in question (14-33.0-202-020 and 14-33.0-202-021) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to purchase the parcels (14-33.0-202-020 and 14-33.0-202-021) in the vicinity of existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, Superintendent of the District or her designee, and/or the District's legal counsel, to enter into and execute the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, and all additional documentation that may be necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution and the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, including but not limited to the authority to execute, deliver, or receive any and all deeds, affidavits of title, closing statements, easement documents, plat act affidavits, PTAX/MyDec forms or any other such documentation necessary for the closing of said real estate transactions, and the right to pay or receive all sums due to or from the District and/or to direct or receive any wire transfer funds necessary to fulfill the intent of the Agreement. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the District shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out and give effect to this Resolution and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The Board hereby ratifies any and all acts and doings of the officers, employees, attorneys, and/or agents of the District, past, present, and future which are in conformity with the purpose and intent of this Resolution, which are hereby, in all respects, ratified, approved, authorized, and confirmed.'

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

**12.3 Student Discipline**

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

- That two 8th-grade students be hereby expelled from further attendance at Grant Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 9th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Moved, Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board approves the student discipline as discussed in Executive Session and summarized by the Superintendent, as follows:

- That two 8th-grade students be hereby expelled from further attendance at Grant Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 9th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program.'

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **13.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room**

### **13.2 Upcoming District Events**

November 23-24 - No School - Holiday

### **Board of Education Member Announcements**

Ms. Blissett expressed gratitude for having the opportunity to attend the Illinois Association of School Boards' Joint Annual Conference in Chicago recently. She indicated that she attended numerous professional development workshops during the conference which have provided her with much new knowledge.

Ms. Lael-Wolf thanked Mr. Miller for his thoughtful response published in the State Journal-Register recently related to teacher residency.

Mr. Gilmore congratulated Springfield High School for their successful fall play.

Mr. Miller gave a shout-out to Lanphier, Southeast, and Springfield High Schools and Lincoln Magnet School students who attended the recent Building Trades Day event at the Bank of Springfield Center. He also gave a shout-out to the Faith Coalition for the Common Good for their annual breakfast event. Lastly, he reported attending the Lee School Reading Night.

Ms. Austin reported attending the Matheny Withrow Elementary School Taste of Thanksgiving event.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, December 4, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Micah Miller, President

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Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: December 4, 2023