

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**Monday, November 6, 2023 (5:30 PM)**

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on November 6 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  
Harrison Gray, Student Representative

**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 **(Sarah Blissett)** 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": Austin, Blissett, Mares, Miller  
Those voting "no": None

### **Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:52 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Mr. Gilmore, Ms. Iams, and Ms. Lael-Wolf joined the meeting at 5:35 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 6, 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**

Mr. Gray reported that a leadership team for the Superintendent's Student Roundtable will have their first meeting in early December. The group will represent classes from each of the high schools. He congratulated the eleven students selected.

Mr. Gray announced that there will be a community session at Springfield High School at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on November 15, 2023, for the impending reconstruction work.

Lastly, Mr. Gray shared that there will be no school on Friday, November 10, 2023, in observance of Veteran's Day.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

#### **Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was observed for Mr. Miller's mother, who passed away recently, as well as Beth Fernandez, Scope Lead at Wilcox Elementary, who passed away recently in a car accident, and Bruce Simon, Springfield Public Schools Foundation member. She noted that Ms. Fernandez' mother, Mary Fernandez, is a long-time District employee and that Mr. Simon's family includes two of his children who are District employees.

#### **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.

#### **School Board Member Day**

Superintendent Gill reported that School Board Member Day is November 15, 2023. She thanked the Board members for their dedicated service to the district and community.

#### **Ink 186**

Superintendent Gill highlighted the Ink 186 program. She reported that a large portion of the STEP monies earned by the District is used to fund Ink 186, which provides students with significant disabilities from Lanphier, Southeast, and Springfield High Schools work experience. She noted that SPARC houses the program and provides job coaches for the students. Rich Gillespie serves as the program's coordinator, working directly with students to fulfill orders.

#### **Project SEARCH**

Superintendent Gill provided information on Project SEARCH. She reported that Project SEARCH is an immersive transition-to-work program for students from Lanphier, Southeast, and Springfield High Schools. The District partners with Memorial Health, Sparc, and the Department of Rehabilitation Services to provide the program. Each school year, approximately twelve interns spend full days immersed in unpaid internships throughout Memorial Health to gain competitive employment skills. Superintendent Gill thanked the Springfield Public Schools Foundation's Board of Directors for generously supporting the program.

#### **Physicals and Immunization Update**

Superintendent Gill reported that there are twenty-two students that remain excluded from attending school due to lack of the required immunization or physical documentation.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Old Business**

There was no old business at this time.

## **7.2 New Business**

### **Capital Area Career Center (CACC)**

Ms. Blissett reported that CACC is adding new classes next year: Barbering, Social Media Marketing, and Rapid Prototyping. She asked that representatives from CACC be invited to give the Board a presentation in the near future. There was a brief discussion regarding the classes offered at CACC.

## **7.3 Illinois Association of School Board Resolutions**

Board members were provided with information regarding the following resolutions for the Illinois Association of School Boards' Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly.

1. Industrial Construction (IASB Position - Do not Adopt)
2. School Resource Officer Funding (IASB Position - Do Adopt)
3. Bus Driver Regulations (IASB Position - Do Adopt)
4. Employment History Review (IASB Position - Do not Adopt)
5. Alternative Safe School Funding (IASB Position - Do not Adopt)

More information is available on the Illinois Association of School Boards' website.

[https://www.iasb.com/iasb/media/advocacy-government-relations/2023/2023\\_resolutionscommitteereport.pdf](https://www.iasb.com/iasb/media/advocacy-government-relations/2023/2023_resolutionscommitteereport.pdf).

Ms. Lael-Wolf reported that each year at the Illinois Association of School Board's Joint Annual Conference, resolutions are brought forth by school districts across the State during the Delegate Assembly. Districts that send a delegate to the Delegate Assembly vote on each of the resolutions through that delegate. Resolutions that are approved direct the lobbying efforts of the organization. Ms. Lael-Wolf then indicated that Mr. Gilmore has volunteered to serve as District 186's delegate.

Mr. Gilmore provided an overview of each of the resolutions and the IASB's position on those resolutions. There was a brief discussion regarding the resolutions. Members expressed support for IASB's position on each of the resolutions.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved to approve the following resolution: 'To accept the recommendations of the Illinois Association of School Boards and that the District 186 delegate will vote in keeping with those recommendations during the IASB Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly.' Member (**Anthony Mares**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion, 'To accept the recommendations of the Illinois Association of School Boards and that the District 186 delegate will vote in keeping with those recommendations during the IASB Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly.'

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**

### **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**

### **9.1 School Report Card Presentation**

Board members were provided with a presentation on the School Report Card. The presentation is available for viewing on the meeting recording available on the District's YouTube channel, SPS Channel22.

Dr. Moody reported that last year was a baseline year for the District with respect to testing. She noted that it will take three to five years to fully recover after the pandemic. She then provided information about the designations assigned to schools from the testing and shared a chart listing each of the District's schools and their designations.

Next, Dr. Moody discussed the impact of absenteeism on the index scores that make up the designations. She noted that the graduation rate at each of the high schools is also an important part of the index scores for those schools. She reported that each of the high schools now has an assistant principal dedicated to working with students that are not on track to graduate in four years. She then overviewed graduation rates, provided information about student growth and proficiency, as well as District data related to IAR and SAT.

Dr. Moody then shared some celebrations related to literacy and mathematics. She noted that 11th and 12th grades saw a 5% growth in ELA on the SAT. Additionally, African American students saw a three percentile increase in baseline growth from 2022 to 2023. This group is growing at a higher rate now than before the pandemic. With respect to math, 6th graders have an overall higher rate of growth in comparison to the State. Also, 7th graders were the highest performing at all three grades with 13.2% of students meeting or exceeding expectations.

Dr. Moody shared information about the District's plans to continue to improvement. She noted that these include family and community engagement, MTSS/EWIMS support for all students, equity focused

practices, relational capacity/AVID practices, use of Study Island, Exact Path, and Courseware, a standards based mindset, inclusive practices for all students, researching curriculums for literacy adoption, and social emotional learning and trauma informed practices. She gave examples of what the plans look like in action.

Next, Owen Marsh Principal, Wendy Conaway provided information regarding the school's designation. She reported that Owen Marsh's summative score is 81.23, which is .01% from being in the top 10% of schools in the State of Illinois. She indicated that school staff are working to increase attendance with a number of incentives. She noted that teachers continue to focus on core subject instruction to increase scores and narrow the achievement gap.

Franklin Middle School Principal, Tod Davis addressed the Board regarding his school's designation. He indicated that the school is "Targeted". He noted that despite the designation, 348 students (over 50% of students) were on Honor Roll for the first quarter of the current school year, with many more very close. There are 45 students on Daily Point Sheets (Check-in/Check-out). He indicated that students are making academic, behavioral and social/emotional growth. He reported that there are 100 adults at Franklin that work diligently with students to give them a sense of belonging. He overviewed a number of extracurricular activities and sports available to students which help student find their place within the school. He also reported that the school has a number of community partners and groups that provide mentoring to students.

Dubois Elementary School Principal, Nathan Kochanowski addressed the Board. Mr. Kochanowski reported that Dubois' designation for 2023 is "Comprehensive". He noted that his staff is digging into the data that accompanies the designation. He overviewed the school's designations since 2018. He shared the school's improvement plan which includes alignment with Focused School improvement templates, a targeted learning focus, determining worthy targets to align with the State level needs assessment, and development of a professional development plan. He reported that the school is already focused on improvement in the following ways: school-wide expectations and a school success guide, data days, interventions, PLCs that focus on grade level and subject area teams, and re-engagement of the community.

Feitshans Elementary School Principal, Keneshia Boozer addressed the Board. She reported that the school has an "Intensive" designation. She indicated that the school is aligning their School Improvement practices, providing data-driven instruction and structured PLC, has a partnership with the Regional Office of Education for attendance supports, uses AVID building-wide to support leadership, instruction, culture, and equity for all stakeholders, and provides supports for Trauma Informed Practices.

Ms. Blissett asked about the truancy versus absenteeism rates. She also asked if the Board can be provided with information about 10th, 11th and 12th graders on track for graduation after four years of high school. Mr. Miller asked about alternative programming. Dr. Moody provided information about how the students in alternative schools are counted in the District's data on graduation rates. She noted that the District is working with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) on this. Ms. Lael-Wolf asked how many students are in the cohort graduating after five years of high school or six years of high school. Dr. Moody provided some additional information on these cohorts and how they are reported to ISBE. Ms. Lael-Wolf asked how students with an IEP are tested, with or without supports. Dr. Moody reported that those students are provided with accommodations during the testing. Ms. Lael-Wolf asked for more communication with families of students with an IEP about testing accommodations. Ms. Austin and Ms. Lael-Wolf then expressed support for teachers and the work that they and administration is doing to

increase student achievement. Ms. Lael-Wolf encouraged the community to become involved with District schools to support students and staff. There was then additional discussion regarding community and parental involvement.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

### **10.1 Business Report**

Board members were provided with the Business Office Report of November 6, 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 the evening's report includes a recap of the outstanding payments due the District from the State of Illinois as of October 31, 2023, and an overview of the cash roll forward for the Capital Projects Fund as of September 30, 2023.

Mr. Miller reported that outstanding payments due the District from the State of Illinois for fiscal year 2024 total approximately \$133,000 as of October 31, 2023. He indicated that the Driver's Education program is due approximately \$73,000 for fiscal year 2023 and fiscal year 2024. The Special Education programs are due approximately \$50,000. He noted that both of these programs are in the Education Fund. He stated that there is also approximately \$10,000 in outstanding payments due the District for the State's Free Lunch and Breakfast Food Service funding.

Next, Mr. Miller provided information on the cash roll forward detail of the Capital Projects Fund revenues and expenditures incurred during the month of September 2023. He noted that the report includes sales tax revenue and the separate bond transactions within the Capital Improvements Fund. Mr. Miller noted that the Capital Projects cash roll forward showed a starting balance of approximately \$164.4 million. September Sales Tax receipts of approximately \$1.15 million were reported for the June reporting period. There were no bond draws and expenses for the period. Dividends and interest for the period resulted in approximately \$1.3 million, yielding an ending balance of approximately \$165.8 million.

## **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 11.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Erica Austin)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.7 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 October 16, 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 Declaration of Surplus Property**

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

### **11.5 Approval of the Resolution Abating the Working Cash Fund**

The School Code of Illinois allows for a transfer of funds to accommodate cash flow conditions. This resolution permanently transfers the monies received from the Working Cash bond sale to the Capital Project Fund.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District No. 186, Sangamon County, Illinois, has heretofore created and maintained a working cash fund in and for the District; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-10 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, authorizes the Board to abate the Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes, ratifies, and approves permanent abatement of \$60,570,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

### **11.6 Approval of an Agreement with the City of Springfield Regarding School Resource Officers**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, District schools will benefit from School Safety Officer services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Springfield employs police officers specifically trained to provide such services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Springfield pending final legal review whereby the City shall provide the services of School Safety Officers at Lanphier, Southeast, and Springfield for a term commencing August 14, 2023, and ending on or about May 29, 2024, at a cost not to exceed \$285,000.

### **11.7 Approval of a Consultant Agreement for Christ The King**

#### **Contract**

Christ the King is looking to have a better understanding of social-emotional learning as well as trauma and how it affects students. Heidy with a WHY, Inc. provides professional development to help people understand trauma and the critical importance of social-emotional learning. Heidy with a WHY, Inc. will provide this professional development to Christ the King on November 20, 2023. Cost \$6,500



**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Heidi with a WHY, Inc. will provide professional development to Christ the King School teachers regarding trauma and the critical importance of social-emotional learning; and

WHEREAS, Heidi with a WHY, Inc is qualified to provide training and has agreed to provide such training for Christ the King on November 20, 2023 at a cost of \$6500; and

WHEREAS, Heidi with a WHY, Inc consultant services will be paid out of Title II;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the retention of Heidi with a WHY, Inc per the terms identified above and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

## **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 Resolution Authorizing the Public Notice and Holding of a Public Hearing Regarding Truth in Taxation Law**

The law requires the school district to notify the public and to hold a hearing regarding the adoption of the aggregate tax levy if it exceeds 105% of the previous year's tax extension. The estimated aggregate tax levy represents a 6.22% increase.

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

WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Law requires taxing districts to estimate the amount to be extended upon the levy of the preceding year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby determines that the amount of money estimated to be necessary to be raised by property taxes will be \$118,950,548.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to give public notice of such public hearing and the intent of the Board of Education to adopt an aggregate levy in an amount that is not more than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended upon the levy of the preceding year.

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Law requires taxing districts to estimate the amount to be extended upon the levy of the preceding year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby determines that the amount of money estimated to be necessary to be raised by property taxes will be \$118,950,548.00;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education shall hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to give public notice of such public hearing and the intent of the Board of Education to adopt an aggregate levy in an amount that is not more than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended or estimated to be extended upon the levy of the preceding year.'

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 Approval of a Change Order for Lanphier High School**

Change order to project amount for installation of solar array system

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously approved a Bid from below listed contractors for locations listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Architect for such project has recommended approval of a change order which complies with the applicable provisions of Chapters 122 and 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist to provide payment for the additional requested change in this contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Order and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

Location: Lanphier High School

Change Order: #2

Amount: \$1,700,000 (Estimated cost - Final cost will be resubmitted for approval)

Contractor: O'Shea Builders

Scope of Work: Installation of solar array system

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously approved a Bid from below listed contractors for locations listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Architect for such project has recommended approval of a change order which complies with the applicable provisions of Chapters 122 and 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist to provide payment for the additional requested change in this contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Order and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.'

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

#### **12.4 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 (14-28.0-456-039, 14-28.0-456-044, 14-28.0-456-045, 14-28.0-456-046 and 14-28.0-456-051) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$285,000.00, 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 (14-33.0-206-001 and 14-33.0-206-002) in the vicinity of existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$285,000.00, 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 (**Micah Miller**) 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 (14-28.0-456-039, 14-28.0-456-044, 14-28.0-456-045, 14-28.0-456-046 and 14-28.0-456-051) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$285,000.00, 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 (14-33.0-206-001 and 14-33.0-206-002) in the vicinity of existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$285,000.00, 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

### **12.5 Student Discipline**

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

- That one 8th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Franklin Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 7th-grade student 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 8th-grade student 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 8th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Jefferson Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 8th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington 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 without a program.
- That one 9th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Springfield High School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year without a program.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) 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, as follows:

- That one 8th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Franklin Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 7th-grade student 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 8th-grade student 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 8th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Jefferson Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 8th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington 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 without a program.
- That one 9th-grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Springfield High School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year without 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**

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

Ms. Austin thanked Mr. Gilmore for arranging for Christopher Jackson to present to students at Southeast High School about his acting career.

### **13.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, November 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room**

### **13.2 Upcoming District Events**

November 10 - No School - Holiday

November 23-24 - No School - Holiday

### **13.3 Freedom of Information Report**

Board members were provided with copies of the Freedom of Information Act report for the previous two weeks. Copies are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, November 20, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Micah Miller, President

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Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: November 20, 2023