

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, March 20, 2023 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on March 20 A.D., 2023, at 5:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Anthony Mares, President
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Erica Austin
Sarah Blissett
Buffy Lael-Wolf
Micah Miller
Bill Ringer
Jeff Tucka

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools
Passion Hood, Student Representative

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Mares 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 (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) 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, Ringer
Those voting "no": None

Adjournment to Executive Session

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

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 March 20, 2023

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved to approve the agenda. Member (**Erica Austin**) 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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 President's Comments

Mr. Mares 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.

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

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Superintendent Gill reported that she recently visited a 5th-grade class at Dubois Elementary while on an extended visit to the school. During her visit, she participated in a “circle talk”, part of district-wide SEL. During the circle talks, teachers meet with students and bring up a topic of importance to the class. Topics that are usually covered are bullying and other behavior-related topics, as well as college and career goals.

1900 Art Gallery Reception

Superintendent Gill shared photos from the 1900 Art Gallery reception that recently took place in the gymnasium at Grant Middle School. She reported that a special video by Southeast High School alumni and multimedia artist, Barbara Mason, was shown during the reception. Ms. Mason shared her journey from Southeast High School to becoming a thriving watercolor artist.

Superintendent Gill reported that the artwork from the event will hang in the administrative offices for the next year. She congratulated each of the student artists whose work was selected for display and thanked Amy Minch and the art teachers that organized the event.

Springfield Public Schools Foundation’s Annual Dinner and Art Auction

Superintendent Gill reported that the Springfield Public Schools Foundation recently held their Annual Dinner and Art Auction fundraiser. During the event, guests were entertained by performances from the Southeast High School Jazz Band and Flute Choir, as well as Iles Elementary music students playing ukuleles purchased with a grant from the Foundation. She indicated that she had been able to share a facilities updates video during her presentation. She then thanked those that attended and supported the event.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness Testing

Superintendent Gill reported that fifteen district schools have started the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing. The remaining schools will complete the annual testing after spring break. The State of Illinois testing window for the IAR closes on April 21, 2023.

Nicole Hill

Superintendent Gill reported that former District 186 Security Officer, Nicole Hill, recently was selected to become the Chief Doorkeeper for the Illinois House of Representatives. She congratulated Ms. Hill on her selection. She indicated that Ms. Hill worked as security personnel for the District for nearly 12 years. She wished Ms. Hill well in her new endeavor.

5 Essentials Survey

Superintendent Gill provided a reminder that the 5Essentials Survey is open through March 31, 2023. Families and staff are encouraged to complete the survey. Information from the survey will be used to improve accuracy in reporting parent survey response rates for schools. Schools must reach at least a 20% response rate to qualify for a parent report. The survey is available on the homepage of the District website.

Our Schools Our Future Facilities Update

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

- Lanphier High School - Photos of the south exterior of the competition gym and the auxiliary gym were shared. The middle section, which will house the new school kitchen, and stairwell sections were set last week. Additional photos of the area that will become the Commons and atrium were shared, as well as a west-facing view of the new auditorium. Precast walls should be complete by March 25, 2023, on the new auditorium. Once that work is completed, work will begin on the steel and decking. With respect to the atrium and Commons, the area will connect the 1936 and 1966 portions of the building. Masonry work on the elevator shaft and new collaboration stairs is underway.

Due Diligence Committee

Superintendent Gill reported that the Due Diligence Committee recently met. She indicated that the borings on the 11th Street property were to be finished earlier in the day. Once the boring is complete, the samples will be sent off for testing. Additionally, the due diligence period was extended to May 15, 2023, for the borings only. The remainder of due diligence work has been returned with no concerns. Inspections on the building are complete.

Mr. Miller reported that the ULTA Survey came back normal.

Moment of Silence

Superintendent Gill reported that Julia Devault, a long-time District teacher, passed away. Ms. Devault was a graduate of Lanphier High School and current teacher at Southern View Elementary School. Ms. Devault taught in District 186 for 32 years. Superintendent Gill provided information regarding services and offered condolences to the family.

A moment of silence was then observed for Ms. Devault.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Old Business

Tax Incentive Financing District

Mr. Ringer asked for an update on the recent Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) District meeting held by the City of Springfield. Superintendent Gill reported that the matter is with the City. She noted that there are a number of bills in front of the legislature that will reduce TIFs from 23 years to 12 years. There was some additional discussion regarding current TIFs.

Legacy Point Development

Ms. Lael Wolf asked for an update on the Legacy Point development. Superintendent Gill reported that the groundbreaking is expected to take place in May for the new sports facility. Additionally, the developers now plan to complete the work in one stage rather than two stages. She noted that the group has five contracts in place with tenants for new facilities on the property.

7.2 New Business

Graham Elementary Visit

Ms. Blissett reported that she, Ms. Austin and Ms. Lael-Wolf all visited Graham Elementary recently to learn about the school's Math program. She reported that the student-driven program encourages students to problem-solve. Scores on the math assessment have improved at the school. She reported

that once they have completed a specific problem, students present to the class to demonstrate how the problem was solved.

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.

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.

Aaron Graves addressed the Board regarding agenda items 12.2 and 12.3.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

9.1 ESSER Funding Report

Board members were provided with copies of the ESSER Funding Report. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Larry McVey, Executive Director of Federal Funds, provided an overview of the report.

Mr. McVey reported that ESSER II funds were spent beginning in July 2021 and continuing through October 2022. During that time, the District spent approximately \$15.2 million of the ESSER II allocation received. Mr. McVey detailed various line item initiatives for the spending.

Next, Mr. McVey reported that with respect to the 2022-2023 ESSER II budget, the District has spent approximately \$8.7 million of the \$16.7 million budgeted for the year. Mr. McVey detailed the various line item initiative expenditures. He noted that the funding must be spent by the end of September 2023.

Mr. McVey then provided information regarding the third part of federal funding related to the pandemic, ARP-ESSER III. He noted that the funding for ARP-ESSER must be spent by September 2024, although it is possible that an extension may be possible for some aspects of the funding. The District received approximately \$69.1 million in funding during the third round of ESSER and has spent approximately \$22.2 million of that funding, to date. Mr. McVey overviewed upcoming spending from the funding. He

expects approximately \$27 million will roll forward into the 2023-2024 school year. He noted that approximately \$13.8 million of the budget is set aside specifically for “learning loss”, as mandated by the State and federal governments. These funds will be used to provide tutoring, after-school programs, and summer enrichment programs.

There was additional discussion regarding the sustainability of programs and staffing once the ESSER funding ends. Dr. Nicole Moody, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, reported that the District is working diligently to develop sustainability options.

BUSINESS REPORT

10.1 Business Reports

Board members were provided with the Monthly Business Report for February 2023. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Angela Burris, Assistant Director of Business Services, reported that Education Fund revenues for the month were approximately \$4.8 million. Expenditures in the Education Fund for the month totaled approximately \$10.8 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund saw revenues for the month of approximately \$100,000. Expenditures in the Operations and Maintenance Fund were approximately \$1.4 million for the month.

With respect to the Investments Balances Report, Ms. Burris reported that as of February 28, 2023, the District had a combined cash balance of approximately \$82.63 million in the bank for all funds. For the operating funds only (Education, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, & Working Cash), total cash in the bank was approximately \$43.3 million. Total investments were approximately \$62.7 million. Year-to-date earned interest on all cash accounts for the month was approximately \$1.9 million. The interest rate on all cash accounts on February 28, 2023, was 2.5% or 250 basis points. The total balance of cash and investments for all funds as of February 28, 2023, was approximately \$145.3 million.

Ms. Burris noted that the district also shows recorded County sales tax proceeds received during the month of February of approximately \$1.2 million dollars for the November collection period. Total collections thus far for FY23 are approximately \$9 million with total collections of approximately \$38.9 million.

10.1 2021-2022 Audit Presentation

Board members were provided with copies of the 2021-2022 Audit. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Mr. Andy Mace of Wipfli provided the Board with a brief overview of the audit. Mr. Mace indicated that there were no findings with the current audit. Mr. Mace then provided additional details regarding the audit. He noted that WIPFLI has issued a clean opinion for the audit. He suggested pages 3-10 be reviewed for a summary of the audit as those pages provide the management’s discussion and analysis. He noted that the district received more corporate personal property replacement taxes over previous years. There was additional discussion regarding the importance of having a healthy fund balance, the IMRF fund rate, and practices with the school activity accounts .

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 11.4 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.4 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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

11.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of March 7, 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 Approval of the Recommendation from the Facilities Naming Committee

The Committee recommends that the track and field at Memorial Stadium be named the Ray Ramsey Track and Field.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Facilities Naming Committee's recommendation to name Memorial Stadium's track and field, the "Ray Ramsey Track and Field," in honor of his success as an outstanding athlete and his contribution to students at Lanphier High School.

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 **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** 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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.2 Approval of a Resolution for Reduction in Force of Non-Certified Personnel

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of non-certified personnel employed by the Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of non-certified personnel employed by the Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof.'

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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.3 Approval of a Resolution for Reduction in Force of Lawrence Education Non-Certified Personnel

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel employed by the Board;

WHEREAS, grant funding for the Lawrence Education Center program fluctuates from year to year and is therefore unreliable as a revenue stream to the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Erica Austin**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, current and projected financial circumstances of the District necessitate reduction in the number of Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel employed by the Board;

WHEREAS, grant funding for the Lawrence Education Center program fluctuates from year to year and is therefore unreliable as a revenue stream to the District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby honorably dismisses Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel as presented for the reason of economic necessity, such honorable dismissal to take effect upon the expiration of the present school term unless otherwise indicated:

The President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and instructed to so notify such personnel by notice substantially in the form of Exhibit 'A' as attached hereto and made part hereof.'

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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.4 Approval of a Change Order for Jefferson Middle School

The change order addresses various credits and additions to the project that occurred during the work.

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: Jefferson Middle School
Change Order: #1
Amount: \$39,403.73
Contractor: SM Wilson Construction

Addresses various credits and additions that occurred during the project.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(William Ringer)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion
'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: Jefferson Middle School
Change Order: #1
Amount: \$39,403.73
Contractor: SM Wilson Construction

Addresses various credits and additions that occurred during the project.'

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

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

12.5 Approval of Change Orders for Grant Middle School

Includes three change orders which are detailed below.

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: Grant Middle School
Contractor: Johnco Construction

Change Order: #20
Amount: \$12,471.00
Repair and replace finishes in existing building to accommodate new construction.

Change Order: #22
Amount: \$10,498.73
Additional sanitary sewer line required for connection to existing.

Change Order: #23
Amount: \$50,401.75
Add metal ceiling to east canopy area.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**William Ringer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion
'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: Grant Middle School
Contractor: Johnco Construction

Change Order: #20
Amount: \$12,471.00
Repair and replace finishes in existing building to accommodate new construction.

Change Order: #22
Amount: \$10,498.73
Additional sanitary sewer line required for connection to existing.

Change Order: #23
Amount: \$50,401.75
Add metal ceiling to east canopy area.'

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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.6 Approval of a Resolution Regarding the Springfield Ball Charter School Recharter Agreement

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 27A of the Illinois School Code, a school district may grant a charter school the charter to operate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 27A of the Illinois School Code, a charter may be extended by the District for up to five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Ball Charter School serves District 186 and its student populations as a public school which is non-sectarian, non-religious, non-home based, and non-profit (105 ILCS 5/27A-5A); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it is in the best interest of District students to extend the charter for Springfield Ball Charter School for a term of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the School District's projected revenues from the State of Illinois are uncertain and that pension reform legislation and other legislative initiatives could materially impact the School District's expenses during the term of the contract the Board of Education may elect to reopen any economic term or condition of this Agreement for negotiation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District No. 186 hereby approves the renewal of the charter school agreement for Springfield Ball Charter School for a period of five (5) years.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Erica Austin)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 27A of the Illinois School Code, a school district may grant a charter school the charter to operate; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 27A of the Illinois School Code, a charter may be extended by the District for up to five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Ball Charter School serves District 186 and its student populations as a public school which is non-sectarian, non-religious, non-home based, and non-profit (105 ILCS 5/27A-5A); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it is in the best interest of District students to extend the charter for Springfield Ball Charter School for a term of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that the School District's projected revenues from the State of Illinois are uncertain and that pension reform legislation and other legislative initiatives could materially impact the School District's expenses during the term of the contract the Board of Education may elect to reopen any economic term or condition of this Agreement for negotiation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District No. 186 hereby approves the renewal of the charter school agreement for Springfield Ball Charter School for a period of five (5) years.'

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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.7 Approval of the Partial Settlement in JUUL Litigation

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield School District No. 186 ("District") is currently engaged in litigation in the matter of District v. JUUL Labs, Inc. F/K/A PAX Labs, Inc.; James Monsees; Adam Bowen; Nicholas Pritzker; Hoyoung Huh; Riaz Valani; Altria Group, Inc.; Altria Client Services LLC; Altria Group Distribution Company; and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Case No. 3:22-cv-08862 (the "Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, the Juul Defendants (as defined below) have reached a tentative agreement to settle the matters in dispute ("Settlement Agreement") while the Altria Defendants (as defined below) have not; and

WHEREAS, the Juul Defendants include JUUL Labs, Inc. F/K/A PAX Labs, Inc.; James Monsees; Adam Bowen; Nicholas Pritzker; Hoyoung Huh; and Riaz Valani; while the Altria Defendants include Altria Group, Inc.; Altria Client Services LLC; Altria Group Distribution Company; and Philip Morris USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement with the Juul Defendants has been presented to the District's Board of Education for final approval and the Board of Education acknowledges that the Litigation with the Altria Defendants is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, after consideration of all factors and upon the advice of counsel, has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to approve the Settlement Agreement with the Juul Defendants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District's Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and will take all necessary steps to effectuate the Settlement Agreement.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**William Ringer**) Moved, Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, Springfield School District No. 186 ("District") is currently engaged in litigation in the matter of District v. JUUL Labs, Inc. F/K/A PAX Labs, Inc.; James Monsees; Adam Bowen; Nicholas Pritzker; Hoyoung Huh; Riaz Valani; Altria Group, Inc.; Altria Client Services LLC; Altria Group Distribution Company; and Philip Morris USA, Inc., Case No. 3:22-cv-08862 (the "Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, the Juul Defendants (as defined below) have reached a tentative agreement to settle the matters in dispute ("Settlement Agreement") while the Altria Defendants (as defined below) have not; and

WHEREAS, the Juul Defendants include JUUL Labs, Inc. F/K/A PAX Labs, Inc.; James Monsees; Adam Bowen; Nicholas Pritzker; Hoyoung Huh; and Riaz Valani; while the Altria Defendants include Altria Group, Inc.; Altria Client Services LLC; Altria Group Distribution Company; and Philip Morris USA, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Settlement Agreement with the Juul Defendants has been presented to the District's Board of Education for final approval and the Board of Education acknowledges that the Litigation with the Altria Defendants is ongoing; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, after consideration of all factors and upon the advice of counsel, has determined that it is in the best interest of the District to approve the Settlement Agreement with the Juul Defendants;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the District's Board of Education hereby approves the Settlement Agreement and will take all necessary steps to effectuate the Settlement Agreement.'

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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.8 Approval of a Revision to Board Policy

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 maintains Board Policy manuals giving direction to the District; and

WHEREAS, such policy and manuals reflect case law, legal rulings, legislation, and district practice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached policy relating to physicals and immunizations.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Erica Austin**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 maintains Board Policy manuals giving direction to the District; and

WHEREAS, such policy and manuals reflect case law, legal rulings, legislation, and district practice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached policy relating to physicals and immunizations.'

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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.9 Approval of a Revision to Board Policy

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 maintains Board Policy manuals giving direction to the District; and

WHEREAS, such policy and manuals reflect case law, legal rulings, legislation, and district practice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached policy relating to student attendance.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 maintains Board Policy manuals giving direction to the District; and

WHEREAS, such policy and manuals reflect case law, legal rulings, legislation, and district practice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached policy relating to student attendance.'

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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

12.10 Student Discipline

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

- That one 7th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**William Ringer**) Moved, Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) 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, Tucka
Those voting "no": None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, April 3, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

13.2 Upcoming District Events

March 20-24 - No School - Spring Break - Regular Calendar Schools
March 27-April 14 - No School - Spring Break - Balanced Calendar Schools
April 7 and April 10 - No School - Holiday

13.3 Freedom of Information Report

April 3, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Ringer reminded members that the April 3, 2023 meeting will begin at 5:00 p.m. rather than the regularly scheduled 5:30 p.m. start time.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mares declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Anthony Mares, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: April 3, 2023