

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, March 21, 2022 (6:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on March 21 A.D., 2022, 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
J. Michael Zimmers

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools
Geneice Thompson, Student Board Member

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Moved, Member (**Bill Ringer**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session to consider the following matters: 2.1 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9, 10), 2.2 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 2.3 Contract Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 2.4 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), 2.5 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6), 2.6 Security Procedures - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).'

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 5 - 0**.

Those voting "aye": Blissett, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Austin and Ms. Lael-Wolf 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 21, 2022

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Michael Zimmers**) Moved to approve the agenda. Member (**Bill Ringer**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion, as amended, 'That the Board of Education approves the agenda'.

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

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 President's Comments

Mr. Mares read the following statement.

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

5.2 Student Report

Ms. Thompson reported that the Superintendent's Student Roundtable has finalized plans for their Unity Day event. The event will take place on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Southeast High School from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sign up will take place at each of the three high schools and Sacred Heart-Griffin High School from March 30 through April 5, 2022. The event will include a food drive, games, an obstacle course, and a guest speaker from Compass for Kids. The group plans to hold the event outside but in the

case of inclement weather, the event will be moved inside the school. They hope to have approximately 200 attendees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Superintendent's Report

Celebrate 186

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

1900 Art Gallery

Superintendent Gill shared photos from the 1900 Art Gallery event held on March 10, 2022. She thanked Dave Heinzl, a former District employee and supporter for his contributions to the event, Lynn Gilmore, Coordinator of Fine Arts, for her work to organize the event, and Jake Stapleton for his work creating a video for the event. Additionally, she reported that this is the last 1900 Art Gallery event for Mrs. Gilmore who will retire at the end of the year. She reported that Jane Carruthers, a teacher at Southern View, created and read a poem honoring Mrs. Gill during the event.

ESports

Superintendent Gill congratulated participants from the District's ESports' Team and their coach, Dalton McGhiey, for their advancement to the Fortnite State Tournament recently. She asked Ms. Blissett to provide additional information as her son is on one of the teams. Ms. Blissett reported that the Springfield Public Schools were the only district in the State of Illinois to send all of their teams to the tournament. Four teams of three students per team participated from District 186. She indicated that the four teams placed 5th, 11th, 22nd, and 23rd out of over 100 teams. Lastly, Ms. Blissett thanked Mr. McGhiey for his exceptional coaching strategies and practices. Mr. Zimmers and Mr. Miller also commended Mr. McGhiey on his coaching.

Springfield Public Schools Foundation 40th Annual Dinner and Art Auction

Superintendent Gill congratulated the Springfield Public Schools Foundation's Board of Directors on their recent Annual Dinner and Art Auction gala. She reported that the event returned to an in-person format this year. She commended the organizing committee, including Kate Dunne, Ryan Croke and Kathryn Harris, for creating another successful event. She reported that the money generated from the art auction is returned to the high school art departments. The money generated from the dinner funds grants for teachers and students.

Springfield High School Scholastic Bowl Team

Superintendent Gill gave a shout-out to the Springfield High School Scholastic Bowl Team for their second-place finish in the IHSA 2A State Tournament. She shared a picture of the team with their trophy.

Our Schools Our Future Facilities Update

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

- Black Hawk Elementary School - Photos of the new reception desk area and the corridor joining adjoining the new building were shared.
- Butler Elementary School - Photos of the stairwell in the new addition and the principal's new office were shared. Interior framing work is ongoing in these new spaces.

- Dubois Elementary School - Photos of the exterior of the new addition were shared. Windows are being installed in the new addition. Care was taken to match the new brick with the existing brick.
- Fairview Elementary School - Photos of the outside of the main entrance and the classroom addition were shared. Doors and windows have been installed in the main entrance.
- Sandburg Elementary School - Photos of the new canopy and new art/music room were shared. Work continues on these spaces.
- Franklin Middle School - Photos of decorative wall panels in the new multipurpose room and exterior decorative stone were shared. Tile work in the new cafeteria is complete and furniture for that space is expected later in the week.
- Grant Middle School - Photos of work being conducted on the new multipurpose room and a hall that will connect the new construction to the existing cafeteria were shared. Wall openings for the new elevator are currently being created.
- Jefferson Middle School - Photos of the addition and new stairwell were shared. Walls are up on the new addition and brickwork will begin soon. An iron stairwell will also be installed in the coming weeks.
- Washington Middle School - Photos of the addition and outdoor dining area were shared. Scaffolding is up to begin the brickwork on the outside of the new addition.
- Southeast High School Auditorium - Photos with a view from the stage looking out and facing the stage were shared. Cutouts are being created to shield the stage from lights when the doors are open. Also, work on the framing of the stage is currently underway.

New Elementary School

Next, Superintendent Gill shared a presentation on another project from the facilities plan, a new elementary school. Board members were provided with copies of the presentation. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Superintendent Gill reported that construction is approximately a year out on this project. Design work will begin soon and include discussions with staff about building needs. She indicated that the process will be similar to the process used for Lanphier High School and incorporate input from staff, students, families, and the community.

Superintendent Gill reported that the new school will consolidate Hazel Dell, Laketown, and Southern View Elementary Schools into one brand new, state-of-the-art elementary school that provides for the educational needs of all three schools. She indicated that a process to gather input from the Hazel Dell, Laketown and Southern View communities will be undertaken.

Next, she reported that the school will serve the Stevenson Drive corridor and have a capacity of approximately 450 students, with room to grow, if ever needed. She reported that Hazel Dell's enrollment is currently 115 students. Laketown's current enrollment is 166 students. Southern View's current enrollment is 169 students. Each of these buildings has seen declining enrollment. The new building will be similar in size to Vachel Lindsay and Harvard Park Elementary Schools.

Superintendent Gill indicated that between the three current school buildings being considered for consolidation, there are nine mobile units. The new school will eliminate the need for these mobile units. Additionally, two of the three schools do not have central air conditioning.

Next, Superintendent Gill reported that one of the sites that is open for purchase sits within the boundaries of Southern View Elementary School. The location of the new site contributed to the

consideration being given to adding Southern View into the consolidation plan for Laketown and Hazel Dell, which had been approved by the Board of Education with the approval of the Facilities Plan. She stated that the Facilities Plan called for an addition to be added onto Southern View Elementary School. However, as further review has been done to prepare for the addition, issues with a portion of the building have been uncovered that will make renovation of the current building difficult.

Public hearings regarding the proposed consolidation will be held at Hazel Dell on March 29, 2022, at Southern View on April 6, 2022, and at Laketown Elementary on April 12, 2022. She reported that the same presentation will be given at each of the hearings. She indicated that the public is welcome to attend the hearings and provide input on the consolidation plan. Input about any of the three schools and the consolidation plan is welcome at each of the hearings.

Superintendent Gill then shared a birdseye photo of the Laketown site. She indicated that the architects recommend a much larger school site than is available at the current Laketown site. Architects recommend at least 6.4 acres of land for a school the size of the one being proposed. Additional concerns related to the Laketown site include narrow access points, space for a required fire loop, and additional drainage that would be needed for the bigger site, as well as the drainage issues that may be caused by the larger building. A birdseye photo was shared of the Laketown site with a mocked-up building the size of what is needed to accommodate 450 students. Superintendent Gill noted that a building of this size on the Laketown site would provide for very little green outdoor recess space.

Next, a birdseye photo of the Hazel Dell site was shared. She noted that while there is a lot of land with the site, much of it is forested, in keeping with the area. The site does meet the minimum requirements for the newly proposed school as it includes approximately 6.3 acres of land. However, there are issues with the site that will make it difficult to build a large school, including the individual single point of access into the property, the remote location, and the attendance boundaries are far from the site. Additionally, building on the site would potentially require three transitions for students attending during construction, as students would need to be moved into a different building during the demolition and construction processes before moving back into the new building. She then shared a birdseye photo of the Hazel Dell site with a mocked-up building the size of what is needed to accommodate 450 students.

A birdseye photo of the Southern View site was shared. Superintendent Gill reported that earlier in the day she met with the mayor of the village of Southern View, who was supportive of a school on a new site.

A birdseye photo of the available property on 11th Street was then shared. Superintendent Gill provided the distances between the current school sites and the available property. She reported that in keeping with Public Act 102-0204, enacted on July 20, 2021, the Board will hold the three public hearings mentioned earlier. The Act requires a school board to hold three public hearings when considering the closure of a building due to factors that make them unnecessary, unsuitable or inconvenient. Postings of the hearings have been published on the District's website, as well as at the individual hearing sites, and in the District's administrative offices, 1900 W. Monroe Street. The dates and facilities updates were also announced during the recent Springfield Public Schools Foundation Annual Dinner and Art Auction and to the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance. She reported that there are a number of benefits to students and teachers that can be provided in a larger school setting, including the ability to more easily team teach and provide needed support to students.

Mr. Zimmers indicated that he feels it is a good idea to begin to consolidate schools in order to be fiscally responsible.

Ms. Lael-Wolf inquired about the options for students that are in the boundaries of a balanced calendar school but are uninterested in attending a school with a balanced calendar. Mr. Jason Wind, Director of School Support, reported that those students may apply for a transfer to another school within the District. He reported that Southern View has a number of students that apply each year for a variety of reasons. Parents do have to provide transportation for their students if a transfer is approved.

Mr. Miller asked that the site analysis attached to the agenda be shared on the screen. He indicated that he feels the Facilities Plan previously approved by the Board of Education is very well thought out. He reported that he has enjoyed seeing the progress that is being made with the District's facilities. He thanked the residents of Sangamon County that supported the 1% sales tax referendum.

While Ms. Hammers prepared the site analysis for display, Mr. Zimmers asked that a moment of silence be observed for former employees Marilyn Hart and Sandy Lyons, as well as a student from Addams Elementary that recently passed away. A moment of silence was then observed.

Mr. Miller then overviewed the site analysis. He noted that none of the proposed sites meets the recommended minimum of one acre of land for every 100 students guideline from the Council of Educational Facility Planners International (CEFPI). He then noted that per the site analysis, the Laketown site is unable to accommodate a building larger than the current building. He asked how students were accommodated in years past when the enrollment was closer to 200 or more students. Superintendent Gill and Mr. Wind indicated that there were mobile units. Additionally, art and music classes didn't have separate classrooms. Students remained in their regular classrooms and the "specials" classes were brought to them.

Mr. Miller then inquired about a property adjacent to the school and the possibility of purchasing this property, which he noted would bring the total acreage for the site to 3.4 acres. Mr. Darrell Schaver, Director of Operations and Maintenance, reported that the District owns the property in question. Mr. Schaver reported that this property would only provide access to the property. It couldn't be used for a portion of any new construction. He then noted other issues with the Laketown site, including issues related to drainage, lack of curbs, and sidewalks, that would need to be added and make the site less desirable than the 11th Street property.

Next, Mr. Miller addressed the lack of sidewalks at the Laketown site. He indicated that he would prefer that the District work with the City of Springfield and Sangamon County to add sidewalks to the area. Next, he asked if the District has had conversations with residents of the neighborhood regarding any potential disruption that would occur if a building were to be constructed on the Laketown site. Superintendent Gill indicated that the upcoming public hearings provide an opportunity for residents to give feedback.

Mr. Miller then asked about previous plans to incorporate Southern View into the Black Hawk building. Superintendent Gill reported that the 11th Street site provides a much closer option for the Southern View students and families. Mr. Miller then expressed concern about building a school on a site designed for commercial use due to the lost property tax income. He expressed concern about the distance students from Laketown and Hazel Dell will need to travel to a school built on the 11th Street site. Next, he expressed concern about deviating from the plan approved with the Facilities Master Plan. There was

then some discussion about details related to building on the Hazel Dell or Laketown sites versus the 11th Street property.

Ms. Blisset asked for clarification from Mr. Miller about what he would like to see happen. Mr. Miller asked that a feasibility study be conducted to assess the possibility of merging Hazel Dell and Laketown onto one site at the current Laketown site. There was further discussion regarding the impact building a school on one of the current school sites would have on students. Superintendent Gill reported that building a new school on a new site will allow for the least amount of disruption for students attending each of the schools in the consolidation. Mr. Zimmers indicated that the approved Facilities Master Plan calls for a new school site. He indicated that there should be no expectation by the community for building on one of the current sites. Mr. Miller disagreed with Mr. Zimmers about the approved plan. Mr. Zimmers stated that building a new school on the 11th Street site is more fiscally responsible and that while he is not opposed to a new feasibility study, he feels that conducting one is futile. Mr. Miller stated that he is of the opinion that the District should continue with the practice of supporting neighborhood schools. There was then a discussion about past feasibility studies conducted during the creation of the Facilities Master Plan. Mr. Schaver provided additional rationale to support the inclusion of Southern View in the planned consolidation of Hazel Dell and Laketown Schools. He reported that Southern View scored 50% on educational adequacy during the original studies conducted in conjunction with the Facilities Master Plan. He further reported that an addition to the school would minimally raise that score. He indicated that the plan to replace Hazel Dell and Laketown Schools was always to build on a new site. Mr. Zimmers spoke to the amount of work that would need to be done on each of the schools being considered for consolidation.

There was then some additional discussion regarding considerations given to a location for a new school during the Facilities Master Plan community engagement sessions. Superintendent Gill reported that while the option to build on the Hazel Dell site was amongst the options for the consolidation of Hazel Dell and Laketown, the approved Facilities Master Plan calls for construction on a new site. She indicated that there are previously unknown additional costs that would be necessary to renovate Southern View School. The discovery of additional issues related to renovating the Southern View building has prompted the consideration of adding the school into the planned consolidation of Hazel Dell and Southern View. Mr. Miller asked that the Board be provided with these costs. There was then further discussion regarding what will happen with the current school sites if a new site is selected.

Mr. Mares asked about class sizes for Pre-K through 5th grade students. Mrs. Gina Mclaughlin-Schurman provided the range for class sizes for these grades. She reported that the maximum for Kindergarten through 2nd grades is 25 students. The maximum for 3rd through 5th grades is 29 students. Mr. Mares asked if Laketown is located in the City of Springfield or in Sangamon County. Mr. Schaver reported that it is located in Sangamon County. Mr. Miller then reiterated that he would like to see a feasibility study done to assess the possibility of using the Laketown site to consolidate Hazel Dell and Laketown. Mr. Ringer inquired into the number of bus riders at each school. Superintendent Gill reported that 104 of the 115 students enrolled at Hazel Dell ride a bus to school. At Laketown, 76 of the 166 students ride a bus and at Southern View, 74 of the 169 students ride a bus. She reported that some of the students that don't ride the bus are driven by their parents to school. She indicated that a lack of riding the bus does not necessarily mean the student is walking to school.

Weapons Detection System

Superintendent Gill provided information about the costs associated with the installation of metal detection system in each of the middle and high schools. She indicated that after studying the needs of

each school, equipment from two companies, CEIA and EVOLV, is being considered. She reported that 18 CEIA Opengate units at a cost of \$227,180, 3 CEIA PMD2 units at a cost of 13,800, 11 EVOLV Express single lane units and 3 EVOLV Express double lane units are being considered. She reported that the CEIA units are available for purchase at the price provided. The EVOLV Express units are available for lease at a cost of \$1,157,080 for four years. An additional EVOLV express unit will need to be added for Lincoln Magnet School at a later date. The cost to add that unit will be approximately \$13,000. She and Mr. Jason Wind, Director of School Support, provided additional details about each of the recommended types of units and their features.

Mr. Miller asked about the mobility of the units. Mr. Wind indicated that the CEIA units are more mobile than the EVOLV units, however, the EVOLV units are mobile. Ms. Lael-Wolf asked if there are leasing options for the CEIA units. Mr. Wind indicated that those units are only available for purchase. He indicated that the lease option allows for more support with the technology associated with the units. Mr. Miller asked if either of the options is more intrusive than the other. Mr. Wind reported that neither is more intrusive than the other. There was additional discussion about how the units work.

Superintendent Gill reported that the Action Item presented to the Board for approval later in the evening's meeting recommends Lanphier, Southeast, and Springfield High Schools receive three of the Opengate systems at a cost of \$12,360 per unit, Douglas School to receive two PMD2 units at a cost of \$4,600 per unit and Lawrence Education Center to receive one PMD2 unit at a cost of \$4,600. Batteries, installation, training, and delivery are included in the total cost of \$131,000. She indicated that if approved, the units will be delivered in two to six weeks. Mr. Miller indicated that he is supportive of the purchase. Mr. Mares inquired about functionality. Mr. Wind indicated that the units should perform similarly and meet the needs of the schools.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

7.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8.1 Public Comment

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

The Board of Education and I encourage public comment and public participation in Board meetings. However, it is inappropriate for any person to name a student or an individual employee, including designating an employee by job title rather than name, in open session. If any public commenter wants to address issues related to an individual student or a District 186 employee, that commenter is invited to contact the Board office or a member of the cabinet prior to public comment. It is not the intention of the Board to discourage public comment in any way; rather, it is the intention of the Board to address issues regarding individual students and employees in an appropriate manner. We thank you for respecting the privacy of our students and employees by following this rule.

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

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

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Adam Cook, via email regarding school safety

Mr. Miller thanked Mr. Cook for providing input as the Board has considered the installation of a weapons detection system. He reported that the Board has been giving consideration to the installation of this type of equipment for some time.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

9.1 Draft Options for Reapportioned Sub-District Maps

The staff of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) was retained to reapportion Springfield Public School District 186 sub-districts based on the 2020 Census. Superintendent Gill introduced Molly Berns, the Executive Director of the Springfield - Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, Joe Zeibert, Senior Planner, and Jordan Leaf, Associate Planner in the Community Planning, Research & Technology Group.

Ms. Berns provided information about how the proposed maps were developed. She indicated that the Board of Education, through their legal counsel, provided the SSCRPC with five guidelines to use when developing the maps. Those guidelines were:

1. The seven sub-districts should remain compact and contiguous, and as equal in population as possible.
2. The sub-districts should comport with precinct lines to the greatest extent possible.
3. The sub-districts should be configured in accordance with the guidelines of the Voting Rights Act.
4. To minimize voter confusion, the new maps should be drawn to depart as little as possible from the current sub-district configurations while still complying with other criteria.
5. Create a map to overlay the existing map for ease of reference when reviewing the proposed changes.

Additionally, Ms. Berns reported that when she had originally presented to the Board of Education in January 2022, the Board had requested that they each remain in their current sub-district.

Next, Ms. Berns reported that the planners determined the target population number for each sub-district by dividing the total number of residents by the number of sub-districts. This resulted in a target population of 15,604 residents in each sub-district. Each district was to be as close to this number as possible. She reported that the populations on the north and east sides of Springfield have shifted west. She reported that the planners worked to keep neighborhoods in the same sub-district. She reported that there is a small amount of variation between the proposed maps.

Ms. Berns then asked if there were any questions from the Board. Ms. Blissett asked if any of the boundaries end in the middle of a block. Ms. Berns reported that none of the sub-district lines end in the middle of a block. She indicated that they follow census tracts. She also noted that the proposed changes follow precincts, however, she is unable to guarantee that those precinct boundaries will remain unchanged. She stated that she had spoken to the Sangamon County Clerk who reported that his office also works to follow the various political boundaries. Mr. Miller noted that there is little change to the current map and that his sub-district seems to be moving southwest and encroaching upon Sub-District 1. He noted that he would prefer to have his sub-district include more of the Northgate subdivision rather than including more of one of the southwest side's subdivisions. He asked if the map can be shifted in a clockwise manner, rather than in a counter-clockwise manner. He asked if additional maps could be provided which address his suggestion. Ms. Berns encouraged members to work with President Mares and their legal counsel to provide specific suggestions for changes to the proposed maps. She indicated that changes of this nature are included with the current agreement held between the Board of Education and the SSCRPC. She noted that the SSCRPC was not asked to consider the locations of schools when creating the maps. She also noted that in the guidelines provided by the Board, the SSCRPC was asked to minimize the changes made to the current map as much as possible. She noted that Sub-Districts 1 and 4 gained the most population and Sub-Districts 2, 3 and 6 lost the most population. Because of these shifts in population and the directive to minimize the changes to the sub-districts, it is necessary for Sub-District 2 to pick up areas formerly in Sub-District 1. She reported that this approach ensures the least amount of change to the sub-districts overall. Ms. Berns cautioned against making significant changes to the proposed maps as doing so could skew the population numbers in each of the sub-districts. Mr. Miller inquired as to the number of maps that were created during the entire process. Ms. Berns reported that at least one of the planners had developed eight or nine different maps. The two maps presented adhere the closest to the guidelines provided by the Board of Education. Mr. Zimmers suggested that Mr. Miller looks at the voter patterns in his sub-district as presented in the proposed maps as the proposed changes may benefit him. Ms. Blissett noted that changes, as suggested by Mr. Miller, may put her and him in the same sub-district. There was additional discussion about the computer program used to make the changes and population numbers in each sub-district.

Superintendent Gill reported that the proposed changes and maps are available on the SSCRPC website, in the Board Room, and in the Board of Education's office.

BUSINESS REPORT

10.1 Business Reports

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

Mr. Tom Osborne, Director of Business Services, reported that for the month of February 2022, the Education Fund revenues were approximately \$4.47 million. He reported that Education Fund expenditures totaled approximately \$10.25 million and that expenditures exceed revenues by approximately \$5.78 million. Mr. Osborne reported that year-to-date Education Fund revenues have exceeded the expenditures by approximately \$5.5 million dollars.

Mr. Osborne then reported that the Operations and Maintenance fund revenues were approximately \$72,000 and expenditures were approximately \$1.3 million. He reported that expenditures exceed revenues by approximately \$1.23 million. Mr. Osborne then reported that year-to-date the Operation and Maintenance fund expenditures have exceeded revenues by approximately \$3.1 million.

Next, Mr. Osborne presented the Investment Balances Report. He reported that as of February 28, 2022, the District had a combined cash balance of approximately \$68.09 million in the bank for all funds. For the operating funds only (Education, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, & Working Cash), there was total cash in the bank of approximately \$16.52 million. He indicated that total investments for this time period were approximately \$56.27 million. Next, he reported that earned interest on all cash accounts for the month was approximately \$261,000. The interest rate on all cash accounts as of February 28, 2022, was 0.38%. Mr. Osborne stated that the total balance of cash and investments for all funds as of February 28, 2022, was approximately \$124.36 million and that with respect to the operating funds only, the balance was approximately \$16.52 million.

Lastly, Mr. Osborne noted that the district also shows County sales tax proceeds received during the month of February were approximately \$1.093 million dollars for November collections. Total collections thus far for FY22 are approximately \$8.503 million and total collections are approximately \$25.84 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 11.8 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Michael Zimmers**) Moved, Member (**Erica Austin**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.8 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

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

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

11.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and the Regular Meeting of March 8, 2022

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 reviews the minutes of the regular session and the executive session of the previous Board Meetings; and

WHEREAS, copies of these sets of minutes were distributed to the Board in the board packet prior to this meeting;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the aforementioned sets of regular session, special session and executive session minutes and directs the Secretary to include them in the official records of the Board of Education meetings.

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 #22-11 — Toilet Room Renovation – Southeast High School

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

Bid #22-11 — Toilet Renovation – Southeast High School

11.5 Declaration of Surplus Property

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

11.6 Approval of a Consultant Agreement with Midwest PBIS Network

The Midwest PBIS Network will provide training opportunities for the Tier 1 and Tier 2 BBSS teams at each of our schools. Tier 1 training leads teams through examining and making modifications to the areas of: (a) teaching school-wide expectations, (b) acknowledging appropriate behavior, (c) correcting errors, and (d) requesting assistance. Tier 1 systems provide support to all students in our schools.

Tier 2 team training is designed to help teams and schools develop the capacity for an effective and efficient continuum of Tier 2 supports for youth. School teams will be supported in the establishment of a Secondary Systems Planning Team, learning how to use universal data to identify groups of students in need of Tier II support. Tier 2 systems support students in the school who need more support in addition to the Tier 1 system teaching and support provided by school staff.

The Midwest PBIS Network supports the implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in state, local, and community agencies throughout the Midwest. The Network is committed to building capacity of schools to prevent problem behaviors, promote positive school culture, and to evaluate the impact on both social and academic success of all youth, including those with the highest level of need.

The training will consist of 6 days of training in June and August.

Funding: Title II

Cost: \$400 per hour for a total of \$16,800 plus mileage

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 is constantly looking for ways to improve the knowledge of the staff; and

WHEREAS, Midwest PBIS Network is prepared to present to the BBSS staff to support the capacity of schools to prevent problem behaviors, promote positive school culture, and to evaluate the impact on both social and academic success of all youth, including those with the highest level of need; and

WHEREAS, PBIS's consultant services are completely reimbursable through Title II funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Midwest PBIS Network consultants to conduct training for BBSS staff at \$400 per hour for a total of \$16,800 plus mileage.

11.7 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Membership in the Illinois High School Association

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the renewal of membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for Lanphier High School, Southeast High School and Springfield

High School at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 per high school to be paid from the athletic funds at each school; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board adopts the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the IHSA.

11.8 Approval of a Cooperative Team Sponsorship

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the cooperative team sponsorship between Lanphier High School, Southeast High School, and Springfield High School for Esports for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Michael Zimmers**) Moved, Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the Personnel recommendations as presented'.

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

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

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 (**William Ringer**) Moved, Member (**Michael Zimmers**) 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, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None

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

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; and

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 (**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 Lawrence Education Center non-certified personnel employed by the Board; and

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, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None

12.4 Approval of a Resolution for Reduction in Force of Lawrence Education Non-Certified Personnel – Part II

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; and

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 **(Michael Zimmers)** 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; and

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, Zimmers
Those voting "no": None

12.5 Approval of the Purchase of a Weapons Detection System

The following is included in the purchase of the CEIA Weapons Detection Systems:

Lanphier High School - 3 Opengate Systems - \$12,360 per unit
Southeast High School - 3 Opengate Systems - \$12,360 per unit
Springfield High School - 3 Opengate Systems - \$12,360 per unit

Douglas Alternative School - 2 PMD Systems - \$4,600 per unit
Lawrence Education Center/Springfield Learning Academy - 1 PMD System - \$4,600

The purchase also includes the necessary batteries for each system and test kits.

Installation and training is included in the total cost.

Total Cost - \$131,000

Delivery, installation, and training is expected to take approximately 2-6 weeks after an order is placed.

System options for middle schools will be considered at a future Board of Education meeting for installation prior to the 2022-2023 school year.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for weapons detection systems; and

WHEREAS, CEIA's proposal was selected by District representatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the purchase of the Opengate system for the three high schools and PMD detectors for the alternative schools at a total cost of \$131,000.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Erica Austin)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for weapons detection systems; and

WHEREAS, CEIA's proposal was selected by District representatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the purchase of the Opengate system for the three high schools and PMD detectors for the alternative schools at a total cost of \$131,000'.

Superintendent Gill noted that these systems are for the three high schools and alternative schools. Systems for the middle schools will be presented for approval in the future. Ms. Lael-Wolf and Ms. Austin spoke to the process of evaluating the need for weapons detection systems within the middle and high schools and provided their rationale for supporting the installation of the systems in schools.

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

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

12.6 Approval of a Change Order for Dubois Elementary School

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously approved a Bid from the below listed contractor for the location 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: Dubois Elementary School

Change Order: #7

Amount: \$13,102.72

Contractor: Evans Construction

Provide structural support to existing deteriorated lintels above the doors accessing the new addition.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(William Ringer)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** 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 the below listed contractor for the location 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: Dubois Elementary School

Change Order: #7

Amount: \$13,102.72

Contractor: Evans Construction

Provide structural support to existing deteriorated lintels above the doors accessing the new addition'.

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

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

Those voting "no": None

12.7 Approval of Travel to AVID Conference for Erica Austin

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for Erica Austin to attend the AVID conference from July 26-28, 2022:

Registration – \$875.00
Transportation – \$650.00
Hotel – \$910.00
Meals – \$120.00
Miscellaneous (shuttle, luggage) – \$50.00

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Michael Zimmers)** Moved, Member **(Buffy Lael-Wolf)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for Erica Austin to attend the AVID conference from July 26-28, 2022:

Registration – \$875.00
Transportation – \$650.00
Hotel – \$910.00
Meals – \$120.00
Miscellaneous (shuttle, luggage) – \$50.00'.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 1. The motion **Carried. 6 - 1.**

Those voting “aye”: Austin, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller, Ringer, Zimmers
Those voting “no”: Blissett

12.8 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 Grant Middle School through the end of the 2022-2023 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 2021-2022 school year without a program; and
- That one 7th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Jefferson Middle School through the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year with a program; and
- That one 10th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Springfield High School through the end of the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year with a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Erica Austin)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board approves the student discipline as discussed in Executive Session and summarized by the Superintendent'.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, April 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

13.2 Upcoming District Events

March 21-25 - No School - Spring Break

April 7-22 - No School for Balanced Calendar - Spring Break

April 15 & 18 - No School - Holiday

13.3 Freedom of Information Report

Board members were provided with a copy of the Freedom of Information Act Report for the weeks covering March 4, 2022, through March 18, 2022. Copies have been filed with the Official Minutes and are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Juneteenth Observation

Superintendent Gill asked that the Board meeting scheduled currently for June 20, 2022, be moved to Tuesday, June 21, 2022, as the District's offices and balanced calendar schools will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. There was consensus to move the Monday, June 20, 2022, Regular Board of Education meeting to Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

Teen Court

Ms. Austin thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney and District 186 alum Sierra Senior Moore for her work to create a Teen Court program for students in District 186. She indicated that the program is slated to begin at Southeast High School.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mares declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, April 4, 2022. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Anthony Mares, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: April 4, 2022