

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, March 24, 2025 (5:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on March 24, A.D., 2025, 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
Phong Duong, 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 Contract Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- 2.4 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

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 Contract Negotiations - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), 2.4 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).'

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

Those voting "aye": Blissett, Gilmore, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller

Those voting “no”: None

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Austin and Ms. Iams joined the meeting at 5:31 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 March 24, 2025

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved to approve the agenda. Member **(Debra Iams)** seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion, ‘That the Board of Education approves the agenda.’

There was then some discussion regarding amending the motion to remove item 12.7 Approval of the Termination of the Project SCOPE Program and Superintendent Direction for Deficit Planning Implementation. Mr. Miller stated that while discussion would occur on the topic, it is his opinion that it is premature to take action.

After the discussion, Member **(Micah Miller)** motioned to approve the agenda, amended to remove item 12.7 from action. Member **(Sarah Blissett)** seconded to approve the agenda, as amended.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote on the amended agenda was: Aye: 4 Nay: 3. The motion **Carried 4 - 3**.

Those voting “aye”: Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Miller
Those voting “no”: Gilmore, Iams, Mares

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

5.1 President’s Comments

Mr. Miller 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.

5.2 Student Report

Mr. Duong reported that students have returned from Spring Break. He noted that the last few weeks have been busy with events, including the Springfield Public Schools Foundation's Annual Dinner. He praised Springfield High School's 7 & Senators and the District's co-op Show Choir, Collage, for the performances given at the dinner.

Next, Mr. Duong reported that the fourth quarter is well underway. He encouraged incoming seniors interested in serving as the 2025 - 2026 Student Representative to the Board of Education to complete an application. He noted that a link to the application can be found on the Board of Education's page of the District website.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Superintendent's Report

Celebrate 186

Superintendent Gill provided the bi-weekly Celebrate 186 presentation. Copies of the presentation filed with the Official Minutes are available [here](#). The report covered the following topics.

Springfield High School Scholastic Bowl

Superintendent Gill congratulated the Springfield High School Scholastic Bowl team for placing 5th at the State tournament. She praised Coach Eaton for her dedication to the team. She noted that the team is ranked 77th in the nation.

Owen Marsh Elementary School Groundbreaking

The groundbreaking ceremony for Owen Marsh Elementary School took place on March 11. Principal Wendy Conaway, members of the school's Student Council, and District leaders celebrated the start of construction.

Kindergarten Preview Night

Kindergarten Preview Night will take place on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Families with a child that will turn 5 on or before September 1, 2025, are invited to attend. Families can find their boundary area school by visiting the District's website or calling 217/525-3011.

All City Music Festival

The All City Music Festival will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Sangamon Auditorium on the University of Illinois, Springfield campus. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

Our Schools Our Future

Superintendent Gill shared photos and an update from Southeast High School's Spartan Field & McBride Track. She reported that work is complete at the facility. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed for Southeast High School science teacher Jerry Lopian and retired teacher Charlie Bordeau, who both recently passed away.

6.2 Three-Year Deficit Reduction Plan

Board members were provided with a PowerPoint containing information on a three-year deficit reduction plan. Copies filed with the Official Minutes can be found [here](#).

Superintendent Gill reported that expected cuts in federal and state funding have necessitated the development of a deficit reduction plan. She thanked Steve Miller, Director of Business Services, and the rest of her cabinet for their assistance in developing the plan. She noted the importance of the District operating within its means. She reported meeting individually with each Board member to discuss the possible cuts.

Steve Miller then provided an overview of the recommendations. He indicated that a priority was given to keeping cuts away from the classroom. He noted that savings related to staff reductions are being done through attrition. The positions may be filled at a lower rate, repurposed, or enveloped into another role. He noted that no employees would be cut.

He then shared reductions from the Central Administrative Office, which includes cutting a cabinet-level position vacated mid-way through the year. The position will not be filled, resulting in savings of approximately \$50,000 in FY25 and \$150,000 in savings during FY26. Additional savings will be seen through administration retirement savings, position reduction and staff changes in the Transportation Department, a position reduction in the Purchasing and Payroll Departments, position reductions to administrative support staff, and a reduction in the number of District coaches for STEM/AVID.

Ms. Blissett asked if the savings from the cabinet-level position cut can be claimed year over year or once. Mr. Miller indicated that the District will see savings from one position in FY25 and FY26. Then, in FY27, additional savings will be seen through the reduction of a second cabinet-level position.

Mr. Miller then shared recommended reductions to the Department of Operations and Maintenance, including reductions to custodial positions, custodial overtime, savings seen through more efficient use of temperature controls in all buildings, savings from solar panels at Lanphier High School, increased revenues by more closely following facility rental guidelines, and a reduction to the budget for the purchase of air filters and fleet replacement.

President Miller asked about the savings being seen by the solar panels at Lanphier High School. Mr. Miller reported that the District has one month of data on the savings as the panels are very new. President Miller then asked if solar panels will be added to Springfield High School during the construction. Mr. Miller reported that the building will be able to accommodate solar panels; however, currently, no grants are available to add the solar panels. There was some additional discussion regarding the facility rentals.

Next, reductions at the schools were discussed, including a reduction to administration through attrition, the reduction of 15 middle and high school positions through attrition, a reduction to athletic coaching positions due to co-op teams, a change to the criteria needed for enrollment at CACC, and a reduction of five elementary positions based on staffing needs.

Ms. Blissett asked for additional information about the change to the criteria for enrollment at CACC. Mr. Miller reported that attendance history will factor into the decision, as some students with poor attendance have been enrolled previously. When their poor attendance continues or these students drop from CACC midyear, the District loses the fee paid to CACC. He noted that fewer seats will be offered to students,

however, the number of seats is not set in stone. If a student would benefit from CACC but a school has met its allotment, the student will still be offered a spot. There was additional discussion regarding CACC.

Mr. Miller then reviewed savings through the elimination of Project Scope, which will be taken over by the YMCA, the closure of the IRC building, and a return to the regular calendar for the balanced calendar school. He reviewed proposed additions to the budget, including a pay increase for Paraprofessionals and Teaching Assistants, the addition of librarians for some elementary schools, and the addition of American Sign Language to the curriculum. He noted that these additions have already been approved. He also reported that requests have been made to add a full-time roofer and Yonder Pouches. He also reminded the Board that any increases to come out of this year's negotiations must be added to the budget increases.

President Miller provided some context for the requested additions of a roofer and Yonder Pouches. Ms. Lams indicated that she is opposed to the additions. There was then some additional discussion regarding the additions. Mr. Mares also asked how much each percent increase to salaries agreed to in negotiations will add to the budget. Mr. Miller reported that each percent increase across all bargaining groups amounts to an approximately \$1.5 million budget increase.

6.3 Future Plans for Before/After School Programming

Superintendent Gill provided information about a proposed termination of Project SCOPE. She noted that the program will continue to be provided by the YMCA with the same level of service and at the same locations.

There was a discussion regarding the program's financial deficit, with Mr. Miller reporting that at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, the program had an approximately \$787,000 deficit. At the end of the summer, the program had an approximate \$400,000 deficit. Superintendent Gill noted that the rate will need to increase to approximately \$127 per child per week for the program to break even. Currently, families pay \$85 per child if their child goes to the program both before and after school. She spoke to the need to keep the program rate level over the last few years as families struggled with the financial implications of the pandemic. Because of this, the District resisted raising rates, despite the program losing money. Ms. Lael-Wolf asked for a line item of expenditures. President Miller asked if the deficit accumulated over a period of time. Mr. Miller reported that the program's cumulative deficit for the last ten years is approximately \$2.7 million. He expects that will increase by \$300,000 or \$400,000 next year if the program continues. Ms. Lael-Wolf reported that she would like an expenditure list to assess if anything can be cut to ensure the program continues. Mr. Miller reported that approximately \$1.6 million is spent on salaries, \$620,000 on benefits, \$46,000 on purchased services, which includes field trips, postage, and other similar expenditures, and \$32,500 for supplies and materials, which includes after-school snacks for the students.

There was additional discussion regarding changes for employees of the program and consolidating locations.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Old Business

First Student

At the Board's request, representatives of First Student were in attendance to address concerns from the recently approved contract extension. Chris Coyle, General Manager, Rich Newicky, Regional Vice President, and Dan Thompson, Location Manager, availed themselves to the Board.

Mr. Coyle reported that First Student plans to work closely with the District to address concerns regarding transition times and meeting the District's and parents' expectations.

Ms. Austin asked for information on plans the company has to address late pickups and drop-offs. Mr. Coyle reported that this will be addressed as he and Mr. Miller work together to improve services. President Miller asked if the company will offer concessions again if performance goals are not met. Mr. Coyle reported that the contract that was approved at the last meeting is an extension of the last contract that included those concessions. As such, the concessions will continue for any unmet performance goals.

Mr. Miller provided information on improvements that have been made since the approval of the last contract. Ms. Lael-Wolf asked that the Board be provided with information as the company meets its quality assurance goals to ensure the Board is hearing the positive in addition to the negative complaints that they receive when parents are upset. Mr. Mares asked if the cost increase could have been spread out over the three years more evenly. Mr. Coyle reported that there were factors that contributed to the larger first-year increase.

It was noted that Ms. Lael-Wolf left the meeting at 7:55 p.m. and returned at 7:59 p.m. It was also noted that Ms. Austin left the meeting at 7:59 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

7.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8.1 Public Comment

Mr. Miller asked if there was any public comment. He then read the following statement:

The Board of Education and I encourage public comment and public participation in Board meetings. However, it is inappropriate for any person to name a student or an individual employee, including designating an employee by job title rather than name, in open session. If any public commenter wants to address issues related to an individual student or a District 186 employee, that commenter is invited to contact the Board office or a member of the cabinet prior to public comment.

It is not the intention of the Board to discourage public comment in any way; rather, it is the intention of the Board to address issues regarding individual students and employees in an appropriate manner. We thank you for respecting the privacy of our students and employees by following this rule.

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

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

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding Project Scope:

- John Berry
- Danielle Watts
- Cheryl Rice
- Ken Pacha
- Breeanna Eilers
- Anne Logue
- Jennifer Perez
- Liz Mitchell
- Gene Mitchell
- Whitney Barnes
- Bria Novonte
- Katherine Thompson
- Mohammad Tahir
- Kenneth Higgins, Jr.
- Becky Nevil
- Aaron Berkowitz
- Breanna Roberts
- Catherine Black
- Lindsay Smith
- David Richter - Mr. Rickter also gave comment regarding adding solar panels to school buildings.
- Lynette Ware - Ms. Ware also gave comment regarding parent advocacy.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

There were no presentations to the Board at this time.

BUSINESS REPORT

10.1 Business Report

Board members were provided with copies of the Business Office Report for March 24, 2025. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing [here](#).

Steve Miller, Director of Business Services, reported that for the month of February 2025, Education Fund revenues were \$4.6 million, and expenditures were \$14.3 million. The Operations and Maintenance fund saw revenues of \$51,000 in February and expenditures of \$1.3 million.

For the Investment Balances Report, Mr. Miller reported that as of February 28, 2025, the District had a combined cash balance of \$59.6 million in the bank for all funds. For the operating funds only, which include the Education, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, and Working Cash Funds, the total cash in the bank was \$29.1 million. Total investments are \$51.5 million. Year-to-date earned interest on all cash accounts for the month was approximately \$1.4 million. The interest rate on all cash accounts for February was 2.5% or 250 basis points. The total balance of cash and investments for all funds as of February 28, 2025, was \$111.2 million. He then noted that the district also shows recorded County sales

tax proceeds received during the month of February of \$1.2 million for the November collection period. The total collection of sales tax since 2019 is \$66.1 million.

Next, Mr. Miller shared graphs comparing the percentages of expenditures in the Education Fund by month in the fiscal year 2025 to the average percentages from fiscal years 2023 and 2024, as well as a similar graph with percentages for the Operating Funds.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

11.1 Approval of Consent Action Items

Approval of consent action items as listed in the agenda.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.5 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Erica Austin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.5 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 March 10, 2025

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 Balanced Calendar for the 2025-2026 School Year

State law requires express permission be given by the Board of Education for Graham and Southern View schools to operate as balanced calendar schools. This resolution fulfills the Board's legal obligation to provide operating permission for Graham and Southern View.

The attached calendar reflects as closely as possible those teacher institutes, teacher in-services, and school improvement workshops shown on the regular school calendar as approved by the Board of Education.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Graham and Southern View schools have requested permission to continue operation as balanced calendar schools for the 2025-2026 academic year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Graham School and Southern View School are granted permission to operate as a balanced calendar school and to follow the proposed calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

11.5 Approval of a Contract with Cisco/Presidio

The District Technology Department is recommending the District enter into a three-year contract with Cisco for On-Premises Calling licensing through Presidio. This is the software used for on-premises servers to run our Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) calling throughout all of our buildings.

Resolution: WHEREAS, the District currently uses Cisco software for on-premises servers to run our Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system; and

WHEREAS, the District would like to maintain the same software for the on-premises servers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a three-year contract with Cisco/Presidio at a total cost of \$399,756.29.

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 **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the adoption of the Personnel recommendations, with one change.'

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 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 **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** 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, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller
Those voting "no": None

12.3 Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Notice to Remedy

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received reports from Administration regarding the conduct and performance of Michelle Sabath, a teacher of this School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that such reports state causes, charges, reasons, and defects in the performance and conduct of Michelle Sabath, which, if not removed, are causes, charges, and reasons warranting discharge and dismissal of Michelle Sabath as a teacher in this School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Springfield School District No. 186, Sangamon County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the President and Secretary of this Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to sign and serve, or cause to be served, on behalf of this Board of Education, on Michelle Sabath a Notice To Remedy substantially in the form of Exhibit 1, attached to and made a part of this Resolution, which Notice enumerates causes, charges, reasons, and defects that this Board determines, if not remedied, may result in the discharge and dismissal of Michelle Sabath as a teacher in the School District.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received reports from Administration regarding the conduct and performance of Michelle Sabath, a teacher of this School District; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that such reports state causes, charges, reasons, and defects in the performance and conduct of Michelle Sabath, which, if not removed, are causes, charges, and reasons warranting discharge and dismissal of Michelle Sabath as a teacher in this School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Springfield School District No. 186, Sangamon County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the President and Secretary of this Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to sign and serve, or cause to be served, on behalf of this Board of Education, on Michelle Sabath a Notice To Remedy substantially in the form of Exhibit 1, attached to and made a part of this Resolution, which Notice enumerates causes, charges, reasons, and defects that this Board determines, if not remedied, may result in the discharge and dismissal of Michelle Sabath as a teacher in the School District.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.'

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 Resolution to Amend the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

Resolution: WHEREAS, a Board of Education may from time to time find it necessary to amend its budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois provides for such amendments; and

WHEREAS, the District has more accurate data because of the updating of certain information, which became available after the original budget was approved in September of 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend the School District's Approved Budget for FY 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Tentative Amended Budget be made available for public inspection in the School District's offices located at 3063 Fiat Ave, Springfield, Illinois, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days beginning the 4th day of April 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the Tentative Amended Budget for inspection to be published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearing on the Tentative Amended Budget be established for 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Amended Budget that is on file might be further revised or amended.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, a Board of Education may from time to time find it necessary to amend its budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois provides for such amendments; and

WHEREAS, the District has more accurate data because of the updating of certain information, which became available after the original budget was approved in September of 2024;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend the School District's Approved Budget for FY 2025; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the Tentative Amended Budget for inspection to be published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearing on the Tentative Amended Budget be established for 6:30 p.m. on May 5, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Amended Budget that is on file might be further revised or amended.'

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 Acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 105, Article 5, Section 2-3.17a require the completion of an annual financial audit by all school districts; and

WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Wipfli, LLP, has conducted such an audit in accordance with all prescribed statutory requirements, rules, regulations, and/or standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and reviewed said audit from, Wipfli, LLP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (audit) for Fiscal Year 2024 as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Debra Iams)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 105, Article 5, Section 2-3.17a require the completion of an annual financial audit by all school districts; and

WHEREAS, the accounting firm of Wipfli, LLP, has conducted such an audit in accordance with all prescribed statutory requirements, rules, regulations, and/or standards; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has received and reviewed said audit from, Wipfli, LLP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (audit) for Fiscal Year 2024 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

12.6 Adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025 of the District in a principal amount not to exceed \$85,500,000 to be used for school facility purposes under the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law, including but not limited to renovating, repairing, equipping and building an addition to Springfield High School and replacing the existing Owen Marsh Elementary School with construction of a new facility, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds

Approval of General Obligation Bonds

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached resolution as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the attached resolution 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

12.7 Approval of the Termination of the Project SCOPE Program and Superintendent Direction for Deficit Planning Implementation

Per action taken earlier in the meeting, this item was removed from consideration. No action was taken.

12.8 Student Discipline

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** 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, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller
Those voting "no": None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, April 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

13.2 Upcoming District Events

April 4 - Teacher Institute Day

April 8 - All City Music Festival

April 18 & 21 - No School - Holiday

April 7-25 - Spring Break for Balanced Calendar

13.3 Freedom of Information Act Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, April 7, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Micah Miller, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: April 7, 2025