

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
**Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (5:30 PM)**

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on March 5 A.D., 2024, at 5:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Micah Miller, President  
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Erica Austin  
Sarah Blissett  
Ken Gilmore  
Debra Iams  
Buffy Lael-Wolf  
Anthony Mares

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent

**CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Roll Call**

President Miller called the meeting to order.

**APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Approval of Executive Session**

**Resolution:** That the Board of Education approves adjournment to Executive Session to consider the following items:

- 2.1 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9, 10)
- 2.2 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- 2.3 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Debra Iams)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** 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).'

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

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Iams, Miller  
Those voting "no": None

## **Adjournment to Executive Session**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Mr. Gilmore, Ms. Lael-Wolf, and Mr. Mares joined the meeting at 5:30 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 5, 2024**

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

## **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved to approve the agenda. Member **(Buffy Lael-Wolf)** seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion, 'That the Board of Education approves the agenda.'

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

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

Those voting "no": None

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

Mr. Miller read the following statement:

#### **Public Comment**

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

### **5.2 Student Report**

There was no student report at this time.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

Superintendent Gill gave a statement addressing comments made during the February 20, 2024 meeting related to racism, as well as the support of teachers, administrators, and students.

### **Celebrate 186**

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

### **Engineer in the Classroom Rube Goldberg Showcase**

Superintendent Gill reported that The Engineer in the Classroom Rube Goldberg 5th Grade Showcase recently took place at Lincoln Land Community College. A team of students from Black Hawk Elementary placed 2nd. They will compete at an open house event at the University of Illinois Champaign Urbana. Other teams from Black Hawk will have their projects displayed at Kidzeum. Graham Elementary also had a team finish in the top 5.

### **All City Music Festival**

The All City Music Festival will take place on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at the Sangamon Auditorium on the University of Illinois Springfield campus. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

### **District Career Fair**

The District will host a career fair on Wednesday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and then again from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the District Administrative Office, 3063 Fiat Avenue. There are immediate openings in several different areas including paraprofessionals, substitute teaching, civilian sub-security, clerical, and more.

### **Kindergarten Preview Night**

Kindergarten Preview Night will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The event is open to all children who turn 5 on or before September 1, 2024. Families should attend the Preview Night event at their child's home school. Additional information, including boundary information, is available by calling 217/525-3011 or by visiting the District's website.

### **School Celebrations**

Dr. Nicole Moody introduced Claudia Johnson, Principal of Enos Elementary, and Erica Filipiak, Principal of Wilcox Elementary School, who addressed the Board with celebrations from their buildings.

### **Enos Elementary School**

Ms. Johnson provided information about Enos. Cheerleaders from the school performed briefly. Ms. Johnson reported that a focus on students, staff, opportunities, academics, assessments and resources has contributed to the school's growth and success. She noted that the school has a targeted learning focus to be present, regulate and always communicate. She shared the results of a survey of students. The results of the survey indicate that 91% of students feel they can control their emotions on the playground. Another 90% feel they can control their emotions during specials. Approximately 86% of students feel they can control their emotions in the classroom and 84% feel they can be okay even if others are not okay. Additionally, the school has seen a significant decrease in chronic absenteeism from 2021, when the rate was 72.8%, to 2023, when it was 38%. She reported that several practices have contributed to these positive outcomes, including co-teaching and inclusive practices, having an attendance team and attendance incentives, using the Panorama survey data, student goal setting, improved effective communication, focusing on equity, and a feedback loop.

Next, Ms. Johnson overviewed opportunities provided to students at Enos. She noted a partnership with the YMCA and Boys and Girls Club, having a STEM Club, basketball, cheerleading, mentors, field trips, student leaders, Mighty Movers Dance, a Starter Strings program, and volleyball.

Ms. Johnson then focused on academics and assessments. She provided data on the number of students that have met or exceeded on the IAR. She noted that differentiated and targeted professional development, data-based decisions, backward planning, and feedback have contributed to the school's growth, which has resulted in a "Commendable" designation from the State of Illinois. Lastly, Ms. Johnson overviewed the resources available to students including the Real Men Read program, Granny Bee, Library Ladies, Cherry Hills Church support, SIU School of Medicine support, after-school tutoring, 4th/5th Grandma volunteers, community volunteer tutors, retired teacher volunteers, and the support of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

### **Wilcox Elementary**

Ms. Filipiak provided information about the school. She reported that the school is anchored in equity. She noted that the school moved from an "Under-Performing" designation in 2020 to a "Commendable" designation in 2022 and again in 2023. She indicated that the school's staff focuses on supporting all students, however, there has been additional support provided to one particular sub-group of students that were underperforming in IAR growth. She shared that the school's target learning focus is "At Wilcox, students use critical thinking skills to have quality discussions during collaborative learning opportunities."

Next, Ms. Filipiak provided information about how that targeted learning focus is supported. She reported that AVID, student collaboration, having a college and career culture, student-led skills-based coaching, small group instruction, goal setting, a growth mindset, and weekly MTSS meetings during which data is reviewed keep the school focused on the targeted learning focus. She also provided information on enrichment activities and supports offered by the school including basketball, cheerleading, Garden Club, Body Works, Cooking Club, behavior interventions and support, as well as family support and events.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7.1 Old Business**

#### **IASB Report**

Ms. Lael-Wolf provided the monthly Illinois Association of School Board's (IASB) Liaison Report. She noted that the association's Advocacy Ambassadors Program now has 69 members who are learning how to advocate for public schools. The group meets for discussions and training once a month. Membership is still open. She noted that any Board members interested in joining the group can find more information in the email that will be shared.

Next, Ms. Lael-Wolf reported that the 2024 Call for Resolutions has gone out via email from IASB. The deadline to submit a resolution is June 26, 2024. The resolutions will be considered during the Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference in November. Also, division meetings are now underway and applications for School Board Governance Recognition are available online. The deadline for submission is July 1, 2024.

### **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:

- Christina Deacon regarding special education services and personnel matters
- Gail Simpson regarding the Consent Decree
- Brian Daughtery regarding student behavior
- R. Michael Jerome regarding personnel matters
- Jeanette Goza regarding women in leadership positions
- Aaron Graves regarding the work of the Springfield Education Association

## **PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD**

### **9.1 Literacy Curriculum Recommendation**

Board members were provided with a presentation on the K-8 Literacy curriculum adoption. A copy of the presentation has been filed with the Official Minutes and is available for public viewing [here](#). Deana Metzke, Coordinator of Literacy led the presentation with the assistance of several classroom teacher-members of the Literacy Adoption Committee including Jayda Williams, Kate Dabbs, Milena Crum, Erika Jones, Cindy Crow, Tina Freeman, Beth Holcomb, Katie Schatz, and Kaitlyn McCarthy.

Ms. Metzke noted that Benchmark Advance is recommended for the elementary level and myPerspectives is recommended for the middle school level.

There were questions from the Board related to future updates to this curriculum, the cost, other schools in Illinois utilizing the curriculum, the process for selecting the curriculum, and differences between the curriculum selected and the current curriculum.

## **BUSINESS REPORT**

### **10.1 Business Report**

Board members were provided with the Business Office Report of March 5, 2024. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing [here](#).

Steve Miller, Director of Business Services, reported that the evening's report includes a recap of outstanding State payments as of February 29, 2024, as well as the cash roll forward for the capital projects fund as of January 31, 2024.

Mr. Miller indicated that outstanding payments due the District from the State of Illinois for FY24 total approximately \$382,000 as of February 29, 2024. Driver's Education program totals approximately \$30,700. The Early Childhood Block Grant totals approximately \$343,800. He noted that both of these are in the Education Fund. He reported that there are also approximately \$8,200 in outstanding payments for the State Free Lunch and Breakfast Food Service funding.

Next, Mr. Miller provided the cash roll forward detail of the Capital Projects Fund revenues and expenditures incurred during the month of January 2024. The report also included sales tax revenue and the separate bond transactions within the capital improvements. Capital Projects cash roll forward review shows a starting balance of approximately \$155.1 million. January Sales Tax receipts totaled approximately \$1.1 million for the October reporting period. Bond draws and expenses for the period came to approximately \$2.7 million, while dividends and interest for the period resulted in approximately \$211,000, yielding an ending balance of approximately \$153.7 million.

Mr. Miller then followed up on a question from the February 20, 2024, Board of Education meeting. He reported that there was an error in the Salaries line of the Year-to-Year report. The figure was recorded as approximately \$62.3 million, which was the remaining balance of the fund. Instead, the total should have been approximately \$49 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 11.11 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.11 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

Superintendent Gill overviewed each of the Consent Action items.

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 February 20, 2024**

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

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

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

**11.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable**

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

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

**Bid #24-12 — Asbestos Abatement Work - Springfield 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 #24-12 — Asbestos Abatement Work - Springfield High School

**11.5 Approval of an Agreement with Kidzeum of Health and Science Regarding a Summer Camp**

The District will seek Board approval of a one-year-only partnership with Kidzeum of Springfield. Kidzeum of Health and Science is offering a full-day summer camp focused on STEM/STEAM, literacy and social-emotional learning through exploration and play. Topics will include pollinators & ecology, sport science, superhero science, food science, survivor skills, aviation, and more. The curriculum for the flight camp was developed in partnership with the Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport. Each one-week camp has a different theme that will expose campers to a wide range of topics. Kidzeum camp runs Monday-Friday from 8:30-3:30, June 10-August 2 (no camp June 19, July 4). Lunch is provided. This camp is divided into two age groups. Group 1 includes students who have completed 1st or 2nd grade, and Group 2 includes students who have completed 3rd or 4th grade. Students may attend one or more weeks. Cost is \$315 for the full-week camps and \$252 for the two camps that include a holiday. This partnership will allow District students to attend the camp at no cost. ARP ESSER III funds will be used to support this partnership at a total cost of \$71,820.

Kidzeum camp runs Monday-Friday from 8:30-3:30

June 10-14 Eco Camp

June 17-21 Sport Science (6/19 off)

June 24-28 Flight School

July 1-5 Survivor Camp (7/4 off)

July 8-12 Superhero Science

July 15-19 Deep Sea Adventures

July 22-26 Cardboard Carnival

July 29-Aug 2 Food Science

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Springfield School District students will benefit from Kidzeum of Health and Science Steam Camp, a summer enrichment program; and

WHEREAS, the Kidzeum of Health and Science are able to provide facilities, staff and educational enrichment to the students this summer; and

WHEREAS, the Kidzeum Steam Camp encourages young people to develop their emotional, physical, artistic, social and intellectual selves;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with the Kidzeum of Health and Science pending final legal review for a total annual cost of \$71,820 per year for one year to be paid from ESSER funds.

#### **11.6 Approval of an Agreement with the Springfield Art Association**

The District will seek Board approval for a one-year-only partnership with the Springfield Art Association. Currently, 20 students from McClernand and 32 high school students are participating in an after-school program. They will have an opportunity to choose one or more 5-day summer camps at the Art Association. The total cost to not exceed \$37,144. ARP ESSER III funds will be used to support this partnership.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, McClernand Elementary School, Lanphier, Springfield, and Southeast high school students will benefit from Springfield Art Association summer enrichment programs; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Art Association is able to provide facilities, staff, and educational enrichment to the students during summer programs; and

WHEREAS, the Springfield Art Association summer camps encourage young people to develop their emotional, physical, artistic, social, and intellectual selves;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with the Springfield Art Association for a total cost not to exceed \$37,144 to be paid from ESSER funds.

#### **11.7 Approval of the Summer Sparks Program**

The District will seek Board approval of a partnership with the YMCA of Springfield and the Springfield Art Association. A total of up to sixty students from Enos and McClernand elementary schools will participate in a summer program at McClernand. The program will run Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The program dates are June 10 to July 26. The morning will focus on academics and the afternoon will feature enrichment activities. Both breakfast and lunch will be provided at no cost to families. Parents will be required to drop off and pick up students from McClernand at the end of the program day. ARP ESSER III funds will be used to support this partnership at a total cost of approximately \$82,207.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Enos and McClernand students will benefit from Summer Sparks, a summer enrichment program; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA and Springfield School District are able to provide facilities and the YMCA and Springfield Art Association will provide staff and educational enrichment to the students this summer; and

WHEREAS, the Summer Sparks program encourages young people to develop their emotional, physical, artistic, social and intellectual selves;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with the YMCA and Springfield Art Association for a total annual cost of \$82,207 per year for one year to be paid from ESSER funds.

#### **11.8 Approval of the Camp Invention Program**



The District will seek Board approval of a partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Four hundred elementary school students (grades K-5) will participate in a one-week summer program held at Franklin Middle School. The program will feature two one-week long programs (Week 1 – June 24-28, Week 2 – July 8-12) and will run Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students may attend one of the sessions. Camp Invention is a confidence-boosting STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) summer camp where students build creative inventions and lasting friendships. The camp offers new and exciting hands-on activities every year. Transportation and lunch will be provided at no charge to families. Historically this program has been offered at a cost to district families which prevented our underserved population from attending. This partnership will allow a more diverse group of students to benefit from this camp. ARP ESSER III/After School funds will be used to support this partnership at a total cost of \$100,000.

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, four hundred Springfield School District 186 elementary students will benefit from Camp Invention, a one-week summer camp program at Franklin Middle School; and

WHEREAS, the National Convention Hall of Fame is able to provide staff and educational enrichment to these students; and

WHEREAS, the National Convention Hall of Fame's program encourages young people to develop their innovative thinking skills, self-confidence, problem-solving skills, social skills, and their intellectual selves;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with the National Convention Hall of Fame pending final legal review for a total annual cost of \$100,000 per year for one year to be paid from ESSER funds.

### **11.9 Approval of Art of Education Flex and Pro Curriculum Suite Pilot**

#### Quote

The Visual Art department would like to pilot the Art of Education Flex and Pro Curriculum Suite for the second semester, following a one-month free trial for all art teachers in January. The Pilot will include nine teachers with representatives at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The FLEX platform provides access to a comprehensive on-demand digital library of standards-aligned instructional materials. This will allow teachers to utilize scope and sequences in FLEX, curate custom classes or units, or pull individual resources to supplement or refresh the lessons. The Pro platform provides access to in-depth, short-form video tutorials and premium classroom resources, teachers can apply what they learned directly into their classroom.

The pilot cost can be applied to the total adoption cost if the curriculum is approved and adopted.

Pilot Cost \$2,597.44, funded by Title IV

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, the Springfield Public School District 186 Curriculum Council heard the presentation from the Fine Arts Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the Curriculum Council recommends a pilot of the curriculum by nine art teachers throughout the District from elementary through high school during the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Art of Education Flex and Pro Curriculum Suite Pilot to be implemented through the end of the 2023-2024 school year and to be purchased with Title IV funds at a total cost of \$2,597.44.

**11.10 Approval of an Agreement with the Indiana University School of Medicine's HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 is constantly looking for ways to enhance the education and experience for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana University School of Medicine's HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center is able to provide an evaluation of our current practices and programs for our students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other special needs; and

WHEREAS, this evaluation will assist the District in enhancing the education of children with ASD and other special needs and also improve classroom management using data-driven strategies applicable to all students; and

WHEREAS, HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center's services are completely reimbursable through ARP-ESSER III funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the the agreement with the Indiana University School of Medicine's HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center, pending final legal review, to conduct an evaluation of current practices and programs at a cost of \$8,700.

**11.11 Approval of an Agreement with the Indiana University School of Medicine's HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center**

**Resolution:** WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 is constantly looking for ways to enhance the education and experience for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana University School of Medicine's HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center is able to provide training for classroom staff, administrators, and other district staff to foster shared knowledge, awareness, and skill development across all personnel; and

WHEREAS, this training will assist the District in enhancing the education of children with autism spectrum disorders and other special needs and also improve classroom management using data driven strategies applicable to all students; and

WHEREAS, HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center's services are completely reimbursable through ARP-ESSER III funds;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the agreement with the Indiana University School of Medicine's HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center, pending final legal review, to implement a training program from July 2024 through June 2027 at a total cost of \$321,000.

**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 **(Micah Miller)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the adoption of the Personnel recommendations, as presented.'

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it is advantageous to the District to purchase four (4) parcels in the vicinity of property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the four (4) parcels in question (14-33.0-204-003, 14-33.0-204-004, 14-33.0-204-005, and 14-33.0-204-006) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to purchase the parcels (14-33.0-204-003, 14-33.0-204-004, 14-33.0-204-005, and 14-33.0-204-006) in the vicinity of existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

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

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes that it is advantageous to the District to purchase four (4) parcels in the vicinity of property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the four (4) parcels in question (14-33.0-204-003, 14-33.0-204-004, 14-33.0-204-005, and 14-33.0-204-006) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to purchase the parcels (14-33.0-204-003, 14-33.0-204-004, 14-33.0-204-005, and 14-33.0-204-006) in the vicinity of existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$140,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees;

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

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

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

### **12.3 Student Discipline**

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

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

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

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

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, March 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room**

**13.2 Upcoming District Events**

March 29 - April 5 - No School - Spring Break

March 25 - April 12 - Balanced Calendar Spring Break

**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, March 18, 2024. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

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Micah Miller, President

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Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: March 18, 2024