

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, April 10, 2023 (5:00 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on April 10 A.D., 2023, at 5:00 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

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Mares called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Approve the Agenda for April 10, 2023

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 0**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

3.1 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.

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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.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Approval of Executive Session

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

4.1 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and that upon conclusion of the executive session, the Board shall immediately reconvene into open session and the meeting shall be adjourned.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Erica Austin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session to consider the following matters: 2.1 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and that upon conclusion of the executive session, the Board shall immediately reconvene into open session and the meeting shall be adjourned.'

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried 6 - 0**.

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

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:10 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that six Board members were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Mares declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, April 17, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Anthony Mares, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: April 17, 2023