

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, April 21, 2025 (5:30 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on April 21, 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

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 approve 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, Iams, Mares, Miller

Those voting “no”: None

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Lael-Wolf joined the meeting at 5:32 p.m. and Dr. Austin joined the meeting at 6:33 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 April 21, 2025

Resolution: That the Board of Education approve the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote on the amended agenda 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 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

There was no student report from Mr. Duong at this time. Dr. Austin introduced Maleya L., a student at Harvard Park. She was shadowing Dr. Austin for the evening.

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.

Memorial Care Hospital Heroes

Superintendent Gill provided information about the Memorial Care Hospital Heroes program. She noted that to expose students to the many healthcare career opportunities, the District in conjunction with Memorial Health, has developed Hospital Heroes Starter Kits. The kits include books and other engaging materials for teachers and/or volunteer librarians to use to both educate and engage students in learning about the many healthcare careers that go far beyond doctors and nurses. The program is currently a pilot at Ridgely, Wilcox, and Southern View Elementary Schools.

Horace Mann Educator and Administrator of the Year

Superintendent Gill congratulated Erika Metz of Southeast High School and Lisa Schweska of Black Hawk Elementary School on being named the 2025 Horace Mann Administrator of the Year and 2025 Horace Mann Educator of the Year.

Grant Middle School Visit

Superintendent Gill reported visiting Grant Middle School recently, where she connected with several students in the SWIS room. She indicated that the students spoke to her about their goals and achievements this school year. She noted that she also had the opportunity to play the role of a patient in a Project Lead the Way class called Medical Detectives. Students had to ask many questions to make a diagnosis during the class.

All City Music Showcase

Superintendent Gill reported that the All City Music Showcase was full of great sounds and excitement this year. She gave special thanks to the Springfield Public Schools Foundation for supporting the event, as well as Amy Minch and each of the band and choir directors. She congratulated the talented students who participated from the 5th-grade bands, as well as the middle and high school bands and choirs.

Heart of Gold Volunteer Award

Superintendent Gill congratulated Amber Boone, a parent representative on the District 186 Family and Community Engagement team, for being selected to receive the Heart of Gold Volunteer Award for her work with the District and the community. Individual Board members also gave accolades to Ms. Boone for her dedication to the District.

Terrance Jordan, Director of School Leadership, Family and Community Engagement, spoke to the impact Ms. Boone has had on the District and the Family Engagement group that he leads.

It was noted that Dr. Jordan had nominated Ms. Boone for this award.

Superintendent Gill then congratulated Dr. Jordan for recently receiving his PhD.

Kindergarten Preview Night

Families of children who turn five on or before September 1, 2025, are invited to attend Kindergarten Preview Night on Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Families are asked to attend the event at their boundary school, which can be found on the District's website or by calling 217/525-3011.

Our Schools Our Future

Superintendent Gill shared photos and a construction update from the Springfield High School construction project. She noted that the commons area will have a beautiful skylight once the work is completed. She also reported that progress is being made on the classroom spaces. She shared photos of two brand new classrooms that were completed recently and are now occupied. She also provided a

brief update on the final outdoor landscaping and site cleanup work that is being completed at Lanphier High School.

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. 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:

- Jessica Handy regarding chronic absenteeism
- John Berry regarding Project SCOPE

Superintendent Gill thanked Ms. Handy for her comments. She noted that chronic absenteeism has impacted the District's report card ratings. She indicated that work is ongoing to address chronic absenteeism. There was some discussion regarding consistency in policies at the high schools to address chronic absenteeism.

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 March 2025 Monthly Business Report. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing [here](#).

Angela Burris, Director of Accounting, reported that for March 2025, Education Fund revenues were \$5.5 million, with expenditures in the fund totaling \$13.7 million. The Operations and Maintenance Fund had revenues of \$1,567 for the month and expenditures of \$1.6 million.

Concerning the Investments Balances Report, Ms. Burris reported that as of March 31, 2025, the District had a combined cash balance of \$43.9 million in the bank for all funds. For the operating funds only, which include the Education, Operations and Maintenance, Transportation, and Working Cash funds, total cash in the bank was \$16.9 million. Total investments as of March 31, 2025, were \$45.9 million. Year-to-date earned interest on all cash accounts for the month was \$1.6 million. The interest rate on all cash accounts for March was 2.5% or 250 basis points. The total balance of cash and investments for all funds as of March 31, 2025, was \$89.8 million. The District also shows County sales tax proceeds received during March of \$1.4 million for the December collection period. Total collections of sales tax since 2019 are \$67.4 million.

Next, Ms. Burris shared two graphs. The first graph compares the percentages of expenditures in the Education Fund by month in FY2025 to an average of the FY23 and FY24 percentages. The second graph compares the same type of information, but combined from the Education Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund, and the Transportation Fund.

Ms. Burris then provided the Board with an opportunity to ask questions related to the report and to the Amended Budget.

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 11.10 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 11.2 through 11.10 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0, with a noted abstention by Dr. Austin on 11.10 only. The motion **Carried 7 - 0**.

Those voting "aye":	Austin, Blissett, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller
Those voting "no":	None
Those abstaining:	Austin on 11.10 only

11.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of April 7, 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 approve payroll and bills payable as shown in the attached report.

11.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment

Bid #25-09 — Asbestos Abatement Work at Sandburg, Dubois and Lawrence

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

Bid #25-09 — Asbestos Abatement Work at Sandburg, Dubois, and Lawrence

11.5 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment

Bid #25-12 — Fuel for School Buses and Warehouse

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

Bid #25-12 — Fuel for School Buses and Warehouse

11.6 Approval of an ISBE Learning Partner Agreement for Lee School with Partnership for Resilience

Proposal

Lee Elementary School is identified as a Comprehensive School in need of school improvement from the 2024 School Report Card. The school is proposing to engage in a new learning partnership with the Partnership for Resilience (P4R) to support school improvement efforts. The Partnership for Resilience works to improve academic, health, and social outcomes for children by fostering trauma-responsive schools alongside effective family, school, health, and community partnerships. The Partnership for Resilience currently supports our district's Springfield Resilience Initiative (SRI) in partnership with SEA. The schools currently involved in SRI include: Matheny, Ridgely, Fairview, Feitshans, Harvard Park, WMS, and SLA. The SRI partnership focuses on trauma-informed and responsive practice, professional development, and support at these schools. The specific proposed contract for Lee Elementary will include the following work:

Help organize the overall structure, activities, and work plan for the Initiative's first two years of operation.
Provide coaching to the Lee School Steering Team to help develop meeting goals and agendas.
Give Lee School access to its body of training curricula and evaluation tools to be adapted to its needs.
Assist with the development of baseline training and action planning sessions.

Provide other ongoing assistance to advance the goals of the Lee School's efforts ,including the design of PLCs and school resilience team coaching.

Cost: \$35,212

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 has developed Work Plans for School Improvement; and

WHEREAS, Lee Elementary School has identified a need for support in organizing structure, activities, and training to improve academic, health, and social outcomes for children in a trauma-responsive school; and

WHEREAS, Partnership for Resilience is an approved IL School Improvement partner that can provide these supports;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement with Partnership for Resilience for a total amount of \$35,212 to be paid from Title I School Improvement 1003(a) funds.

11.7 Approval of a Consulting Agreement with Don Parker Corporation

Consulting agreement and proposal

Springfield Southeast High School will enter into a consulting agreement with Dr Don Parker Corporation to provide training in building trusting relationships with students. This will be a one full-day workshop of live training, course materials, facilitated discussions, self-reflection, and growth with research and practical strategies.

The workshop will be held on June 24, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Training will be held at Springfield Southeast High School for the building staff.

The cost will be \$7500, which includes all materials, presentations, and travel.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Southeast High School is constantly looking for ways to improve the knowledge of all staff; and

WHEREAS, Dr Don Parker will provide a workshop on the characteristics of challenging students and the difficulties they face in building trusting relationships with adults in school settings, staff; and

WHEREAS, the consulting services will be completely reimbursed through 1003 (a) Title I School Improvement funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the consulting agreement with Dr Don Parker for one full day of workshop training at a total cost to Springfield Southeast High of \$7500.

11.8 Approval of a Training Service Agreement with STAR Autism Support, Inc.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 desires consultant services to provide Autism curriculum training to STRIVE teachers; and

WHEREAS, STAR Autism Support, Inc. is qualified to provide such services as a Consultant for the District; and

WHEREAS, the cost for these services is \$5,900.00, which includes all travel expenses (i.e., transportation, meals, lodging, etc.) and will be paid by IDEA Part B Flow-Through Federal Grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement between Springfield Public School District 186 and STAR Autism Support, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year, per the terms identified above.

11.9 Approval of a Contract for Speaker Services for the Empower All Abilities Conference

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 desires contract speaker services for the Empower All Abilities Conference in 2025 to provide professional development focused specifically on students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shelley Moore with Outside Pin Consulting Ltd, is qualified to provide such services as a Contract Speaker for the District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Shelley Moore has indicated a willingness and desire to provide professional development at the Empower All Abilities Conference on November 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the cost for said services is \$12,000.00, which includes all travel expenses (i.e., transportation, meals, lodging, etc.) and will be paid by IDEA Part B Flow-Through Federal grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a Contract for Speaker Services between Springfield Public School District 186 and Outside Pin Consulting Ltd. per the terms identified above.

11.10 Approval of an Amendment to Contract with Southern Illinois University School of Medicine for Audiological Services

Resolution: WHEREAS, Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine provides the services of a Licensed Audiologist who provides comprehensive hearing healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, SIU School of Medicine and the Audiologist agree to provide assistive devices and other necessary services for students with related and hearing impairments; and

WHEREAS, District 186 desires to provide services for students with hearing impairments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an Amendment to University Contract R-231009 dated July 1, 2022, between Springfield Public School District 186 and SIU School of Medicine at a rate of \$50 per hour not to exceed an annual aggregate sum of \$9,000.

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 (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) 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 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 Jennifer Vargas, 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 Jennifer Vargas, which, if not removed, are causes, charges, and reasons warranting discharge and dismissal of Jennifer Vargas 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 Jennifer Vargas 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 Jennifer Vargas 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 **(Buffy Lael-Wolf)** 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 Jennifer Vargas, 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 Jennifer Vargas, which, if not removed, are causes, charges, and reasons warranting discharge and dismissal of Jennifer Vargas 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 Jennifer Vargas 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 Jennifer Vargas 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

12.3 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 Julie Whitlock, 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 Julie Whitlock, which, if not removed, are causes, charges, and reasons warranting discharge and dismissal of Julie Whitlock 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 Julie Whitlock 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 Julie Whitlock 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 Julie Whitlock, 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 Julie Whitlock, which, if not removed, are causes, charges, and reasons warranting discharge and dismissal of Julie Whitlock 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 Julie Whitlock

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 Julie Whitlock 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 for Bank Line of Credit

Approval of a line of credit in the amount of \$20 million with the Bank of Springfield at 5.95%.

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the District maintain sufficient cash flow throughout the year to meet authorized payroll and accounts payable expenses of the District as they become due; and

WHEREAS, the District may experience temporary cash-flow shortages; and

WHEREAS, Section 5/17-17 of the School Code authorizes the issuance of notes or other obligations in connection with the establishment of a line of credit with a bank or other financial institution that may be drawn upon in the event of a cash flow shortage; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the District that a line of credit be so established for fiscal year 2024-2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Bank of Springfield finalizing the line of credit for \$20,000,000 at a rate of 5.95% for a term beginning April 22, 2025, through June 30, 2025.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the District maintain sufficient cash flow throughout the year to meet authorized payroll and accounts payable expenses of the District as they become due; and

WHEREAS, the District may experience temporary cash-flow shortages; and

WHEREAS, Section 5/17-17 of the School Code authorizes the issuance of notes or other obligations in connection with the establishment of a line of credit with a bank or other financial institution that may be drawn upon in the event of a cash flow shortage; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the District that a line of credit be so established for fiscal year 2024-2025; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Bank of Springfield finalizing the line of credit for \$20,000,000 at a rate of 5.95% for a term beginning April 22, 2025, through June 30, 2025.'

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 Approval of the Summer SCOPE Fees

Resolution: WHEREAS, Project SCOPE, an extended care and summer program, has experienced increasing costs of various goods and services associated with its operations; and

WHEREAS, the revenues needed to operate the SCOPE program have not kept pace with the expenditures; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an increase in the SCOPE summer program weekly fee to \$155 per child and an activity fee of \$30 per child.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, Project SCOPE, an extended care and summer program, has experienced increasing costs of various goods and services associated with its operations; and

WHEREAS, the revenues needed to operate the SCOPE program have not kept pace with the expenditures; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an increase in the SCOPE summer program weekly fee to \$155 per child and an activity fee of \$30 per child.'

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 Student Discipline

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

- One 7th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Franklin Middle School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year with a program; and that
- One 7th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Jefferson Middle School through the end of the 2024-2025 school year with a program; and that
- One 8th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Jefferson Middle School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year with a program; and that
- One 8th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington Middle School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year with a program; and that
- One 9th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year with a program.

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 as follows:

- 'One 7th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Franklin Middle School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year with a program; and that
- One 7th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Jefferson Middle School through the end of the 2024-2025 school year with a program; and that
- One 8th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Jefferson Middle School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year with a program; and that
- One 8th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington Middle School through the end of the 2025-2026 school year with a program; and that
- One 9th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the 2025-2026 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

Superintendent Gill announced that this will be Mr. Mares' last regular meeting. She presented him with a token of appreciation for his service. Each of the Board members gave Mr. Mares accolades and thanked him for his service.

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

13.2 Upcoming District Events

April 29 - Kindergarten Preview Night

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, May 5, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Micah Miller, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: May 5, 2025