

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, May 1, 2023 (5:15 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on May 1 A.D., 2023, at 5:30 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Anthony Mares, President
Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Erica Austin
Sarah Blissett
Buffy Lael-Wolf
Micah Miller
Bill Ringer

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools
Passion Hood, Student Board Member

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Mares called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Mares asked those in attendance to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1 Approve the Agenda for May 1, 2023

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved to approve the agenda. Member **(Sarah Blissett)** 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

REPORT OF THE CANVASS OF VOTES

4.1 Declaring the Results of the Election on April 4, 2023

Ms. Hammers reported the results of the Consolidated Election held on April 4, 2023, as prepared by the County Election Office.

- In sub-district 1, for a full 2-year term, Anthony Mares received 3,293 votes and was unopposed. Mr. Mares was declared the winner.
- In sub-district 2, for a full 2-year term, Micah Miller received 1,796 votes. Emerson Weed received 1,235 votes. Mr. Miller was declared the winner.
- In sub-district 3, for a full 4-year term, Sarah Blissett received 840 votes, Spurgeon Johnson received 570 votes, and Jessica Bandy received 509 votes. Ms. Blissett was declared the winner.
- In sub-district 4, for a full 4-year term, Ken Gilmore received 2,033 votes, Jeff Tucka received 1,837 votes, and Donna J. Hopwood received 807 votes. Mr. Gilmore was declared the winner.
- In sub-district 5, for a full 4-year term, Buffy Lael-Wolf received 2,387 votes and was unopposed. Ms. Lael-Wolf was declared the winner.
- In sub-district 6, for a full 2-year term, Erica Austin received 1,810 votes and was unopposed. Ms. Austin was declared the winner.
- In sub-district 7, for a full 4-year term, Debra Merriman Iams received 2,151 votes and was unopposed. Ms. Merriman Iams was declared the winner.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

5.1 Adjourn Sine Die

Resolution: That the Board of Education adjourn sine die.

Original - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) moved, Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board of Education adjourns sine die.'

Superintendent Gill thanked Mr. Ringer and Mr. Tucka, in absentia, for their service. Mr. Ringer was then presented with a plaque and gift honoring his service.

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.

The meeting adjourned *sine die* at 5:34 p.m.

SEATING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

6.1 Seating of the Board of Education

Superintendent Gill presented Mr. Ringer with a plaque and gift, given in gratitude for his service. She also acknowledged Mr. Tucka's service and thanked him, in absentia.

At this time, Mr. Ringer left his seat at the Board table. Mr. Gilmore and Ms. Iams came forward to take their seats and receive their nameplates.

OATH OF OFFICE

7.1 Oath of Office

Superintendent Gill asked the Board members to stand to take the Oath of Office, as follows:

"I, (name of member or successful candidate), affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Springfield Public School District #186, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further affirm that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school district's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting and;

I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

The Board members introduced their family and friends in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

8.1 Roll Call

Superintendent Gill called the meeting to order and the roll was taken. It was noted that the following members were present: Erica Austin, Sarah Blissett, Ken Gilmore, Debra Iams, Buffy Lael-Wolf, Anthony Mares, Micah Miller.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Nominations for President of the Board of Education

The Superintendent will accept nominations for president.

Resolution: That the Board of Education nominate and elect a Board President for a one-year term.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) moved, Member (**Sarah Blissett**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board of Education nominate and elect a Board President for a one-year term. New president assumes the duties of presiding officer.' Ms. Lael-Wolf then nominated Mr. Miller for President. Ms. Blissett seconded the nomination.

Superintendent Gill then called for additional nominees. Ms. Iams nominated Mr. Mares. Mr. Mares seconded the nomination. Superintendent Gill then called for additional nominees three more times. There were no additional nominees.

Superintendent Gill directed members to indicate their choice for President during the roll call.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Miller: (4) Mares: (3). The motion **Carried**.

Those voting "Miller": Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Miller

Those voting "Mares": Gilmore, Iams, Mares

Mr. Miller was declared President. With this declaration, Superintendent Gill turned the meeting over to Mr. Miller to continue with nominations for the other offices.

9.2 Nominations for Vice-President of the Board of Education

The President will accept nominations for vice-president.

Resolution: That the Board of Education nominate and elect a Vice-President for a one-year term.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Debra Iams**) moved, Member (**Tony Mares**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board of Education nominate and elect a Vice President for a one-year term.' Ms. Iams then nominated Mr. Mares for Vice President. seconded the nomination.

Mr. Miller then called for additional nominees. Ms. Blissett nominated Ms. Austin. Ms. Lael-Wolf seconded the nomination. Mr. Miller then called for additional nominees three more times. There were no additional nominees.

Ms. Hammers directed members to indicate their choice for Vice President during the roll call.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Austin: (4) Mares: (3). The motion **Carried**.

Those voting "Austin": Austin, Blissett, Lael-Wolf, Miller

Those voting "Mares": Gilmore, Iams, Mares

Erica Austin was declared the Vice-President. Ms. Austin thanked those that voted for her.

9.3 Nominations for Secretary

The President will accept nominations for Secretary.

Resolution: That the Board of Education nominate and elect a Board Secretary.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) moved, Member (**Debra Iams**) seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board of Education nominate and elect a Board Secretary for a one-year term.' Ms. Blissett nominated Julie Hammers, with a second by Ms. Iams. Mr. Miller then called for any other nominations three additional times. There were no additional nominations.

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.

Ms. Hammers was declared Board Secretary.

9.4 Nominations for Assistant Secretary

The President will accept nominations for Assistant Secretary.

Resolution: That the Board of Education nominate and elect an Assistant Board Secretary.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Anthony Mares)** moved, Member **(Sarah Blissett)** seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the Board of Education nominate and elect an Assistant Board Secretary for a one-year term.' Mr. Mares nominated Nicole Irlam, with a second by Ms. Blissett. Mr. Miller then called for any other nominations three additional times. There were no additional nominations.

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.

Ms. Irlam was declared Assistant Board Secretary.

9.5 Adoption of Board Policies and Code of Conduct

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board re-adopt Board Policies as currently in effect, that the Board observe Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised, except as otherwise provided by Board Policies or statute, that Roll Calls be made on a rotating basis and that the Board shall adhere to the attached Code of Conduct.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Buffy Lael-Wolf)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board re-adopt Board Policies as currently in effect, that the Board observe Roberts' Rules of Order, Revised, except as otherwise provided by Board Policies or statute, that Roll Calls be made on a rotating basis and that the Board shall adhere to the attached Code of Conduct'.
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.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Executive Session

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

- 10.1 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9, 10)
- 10.2 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- 10.3 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- 10.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session to consider the following matters: 10.1 Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9, 10), 10.2 The Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), 10.3 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), 10.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6).'

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

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. and reconvened at 7:26 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

11.1 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.

11.2 Student Report

Ms. Hood reported that many seniors participated earlier in the day in National Decision Day. During events held in conjunction with the day, annually, students announce the college, university, or technical school they plan to attend after graduation.

Next, Ms. Hood reported that prom season has begun. Lanphier High School hosted their prom on April 29, 2023. Southeast and Springfield High Schools will host their proms on May 6, 2023.

Ms. Hood also noted that students are currently in the middle of taking AP tests. Seniors are looking forward to the upcoming graduation ceremonies.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

12.1 Superintendent's Report

Celebrate 186

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

School Administrators' Week

Superintendent Gill reported that May 1-5 is School Administrators' Week. She thanked all of the District's administrators for their dedication and hard work.

Enos Eagles Earth Day Celebration

The Enos Eagles visited Springfield Park District's Southwind Park on April 21, 2023, to celebrate Earth Day. Superintendent Gill noted that students, families and staff planted trees, spread fresh mulch and picked up trash during the visit. Students also were able to enjoy their lunch in the park and get some exercise while playing on the playground equipment. Superintendent Gill reported that students, families and staff from Enos School have participated in an Earth Day project in partnership with the park district for several years.

Wilcox Elementary Ruby Bridges Production

Wilcox Elementary students put on a production titled *A Six Year Old Walk: The Ruby Bridges Story*, that was directed by longtime retired District 186 educator, Irma Lott- Hart. Superintendent Gill reported that Ms. Lott-Hart rehearsed and coached the students on their parts over the last couple of months and put together a memorable program.

Black Hawk Elementary College and Career Week

Superintendent Gill reported that the week of April 24-28, 2023, was college and career week at Black Hawk Elementary.

She noted that employees from Hy-Vee, one of the district's partners, visited the school and talked about different jobs in the seafood department. Students also learned about a variety of sea life during the visit and were able to view a lobster up close.

Butler Elementary Visits Capital Area Career Center

Superintendent Gill reported that students from Butler Elementary recently visited Capital Area Career Center (CACC), where they had the opportunity to learn about all of the high school programs CACC has to offer. The students enjoyed learning about programs such as building trades, cosmetology, culinary arts, audio/video production, electronics and engineering, and law enforcement/EMT.

Southern View Elementary Happenings

Superintendent Gill reported that she visited Southern View Elementary School on Thursday, April 27, 2023, to sneak a peek at all of the wonderful things happening in the classrooms. She noted that third grade students were hard at work on a reading assignment. Additionally, Principal Lott gave her a tour, which included stops in the 1st grade classroom and art classroom, where students were drawing pictures of three baby chicks.

Illinois State Fair Postcard Contest

Superintendent Gill reported that Ridgely Elementary staff and The Illinois State Fair teamed up to provide a unique opportunity for the students at Ridgely recently. Ms. Glovinsky, the art teacher, had all K-5th grade students design and create their own postcard that captured their creative view of the Illinois State Fair. Students highlighted rides, food, the giant slide and more. Ridgely staff selected one postcard from each grade level as the winner.

The six winning postcards will be printed and available for free in the Agriculture Tent, Emerson Building, and the Expo Building during the eleven-day run of the Illinois State Fair in August. Superintendent Gill

congratulated the winners: Megan, Laymah, Jaxton, Addison, Oksana and Will.

Summer Programs Registration

Superintendent Gill reported that information regarding the 2023 Summer Programming available to District 186 students is now available. She indicated that the information and registration can be found on the District's website and on the home page.

Our Schools Our Future Facilities Update

Next, Superintendent Gill provided pictures and drone footage of construction work at Lanphier and Springfield High Schools. She shared the following:

- Lanphier High School - Photos of the three story atrium/commons from the first floor and third floor facing North were shared. Superintendent Gill reported that most of the concrete flooring has been poured on the first floor. They will complete pouring the concrete once the steel work has been completed to connect the additions. A view from the east classroom addition's second floor corridor was also shared.
- Memorial Stadium - Photos of the completed locker rooms were shared. The rooms have concrete benches, epoxied floors and brand new lockers. Lanphier and Springfield High Schools both have their own locker rooms with special touches to reflect the individual schools.

Due Diligence Committee Update

Next, Superintendent Gill provided an update on the Due Diligence Committee. She reported that the District is working with the current owners of the 11th Street property, the Smith family, to move forward on purchasing the facility and land around the facility totalling 5.01 acres. She noted that this will allow the District to move forward on the purchase of the building and parking areas to consolidate the administrative buildings for relational and operational functionality. She indicated that District legal counsel is working with the current owner's legal counsel on the matter. She noted that further discussion is not possible at this time now that the attorney's are in discussions.

Superintendent/Board Goals for 2023-23 and Beyond

Superintendent Gill thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to serve the District for a few more years with the passage of her contract at the April 17, 2023, meeting. She then presented some Board and Superintendent Goals, as had been requested.

Superintendent Gill reported that the goals are used to ignite the success of District 186. Each goal directly supports students as the community comes out of a worldwide pandemic. She stated that support for both students and staff have changed as a result of the pandemic. She further noted the importance of working with and supporting families and community engagement efforts.

Next, Superintendent Gill reported that each goal underpins the importance of attendance and programming that considers each student's unique needs including those with special needs. The goals emphasize the importance of a college and career focus. She indicated that work streams and action steps will be built out to support the overarching goals.

Superintendent Gill reported that the Board can expect to receive reports on District goals, school improvement plans, and the Illinois State Board of Education's School Report Card four times per year. During the 2023-2024 school year, those reports will take place during the Board of Education meetings of November 20, 2023, January 16, 2024, March 18, 2024, and June 17, 2023. She then provided the

goals.

She reported that Goal 1 is to address with urgency the most underperforming elementary, middle and high schools, based on ISBE designations and other data sources such as attendance, assessment (both qualitative and quantitative) data, student conduct and support systems in place. She asked that a Board committee be formed to work with her on this goal.

Goal 2 is to examine research surrounding the data processes and the recommendation of retention or social promotion in District 186 schools. In particular, to analyze data surrounding students promoted to high school from 8th grade.

Goal 3 relates to Freshman on Track, a measure that is part of the overall school designation program for the ISBE School Report Card data released each fall. She noted that this goal will monitor programming and individual growth of students in all high school programs to make sure 9th grade students are on track, as well as monitor student supports, as needed. These supports could include mentoring, tutoring, attendance supports, and so forth.

Superintendent Gill reported that Goal 4 is to design communication and support structures for students to address graduation rates of all District 186 credit bearing programs. Goal 5 is to conduct a study surrounding the issues of declining enrollment in district schools, utilize future forecasting of enrollment and analyze its relation to the community's overall population. Superintendent Gill noted that the analysis will be presented to the Board of Education by the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Lastly, Superintendent Gill shared Goal 6, to monitor and communicate with the Board of Education regularly on the hiring, recruitment, promotion, and support for all staff as the district navigates an overall teacher shortage in education. Additionally, Superintendent Gill reported that as the Consent Decree, which is based on the Desegregation Order of 1976, is supported, she will communicate matters concerning minority recruitment, hiring, support systems and promotions.

Moment of Silence

Superintendent Gill asked for a moment of silence in memory of two young Springfield High School graduates, Timothy White, Class of 2020, and Ali Fultz, Class of 2021, both of whom recently passed away. A moment of silence was then observed. .

DISCUSSION ITEMS

13.1 Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

13.2 New Business

There was no new business at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

14.1 Public Comment

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

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

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

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.

There was no public comment at this time.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

15.1 2023-2024 Student & Family Handbook

Board members were provided with draft copies of the 2023-2024 Student & Family Handbook and the presentation related to the handbook. A copy of the presentation filed with the Official Minutes is available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Jason Wind, Executive Director of School Support, gave the presentation. He noted that this is an annual review of the handbook. On March 29, 2023, thirty-four individuals attended the annual review meeting, representing teachers, administrators, parents, and other District staff. Committee members concentrated on one of the following categories during the meeting: Handbook Introduction, School Culture, Student Discipline, Technology Policies and Extracurricular/Athletic Activities Policies, or Bullying, Hazing, and Harassment. Mr. Wind then overviewed several notable changes made to the handbook, as follows.

With respect to the Handbook Introduction section, general updates to the information that regularly changes, such as phone numbers and District contact information, were made. Additions were made to the Residency information, including what proofs of residency are required at each school level. Mr. Wind noted that excused absences for middle and high school students now include one day of absence to attend a civic event sponsored by a governmental or non-profit organization, as is required by State law. Also, changes and additions to the information related to tardiness and leaving school during school hours were shared. He shared a chart that has been added to the handbook which provides guidelines for full or half-day absences. Language related to emergency school closings was changed to add information about E-Learning Days. Graduation requirements were also updated in keeping with changes adopted by the Board in January 2023.

With respect to the School Culture section of the handbook, the District 186 Equity Statement was added, as were common goals for District 186 students. Additions were also made to student responsibilities and rights to address safety concerns in school buildings. Guidelines for the dress code were updated to specify that hoods of any type should not be worn in school buildings. Mr. Wind noted that a meeting was

held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, to discuss the enhanced dress code, which will be removed. Language was removed from the handbook to reflect this and language encouraging students to wear school spirit wear supporting school teams, clubs, and organizations was added. Additionally, links to information on MTSS have been added to the handbook.

With respect to the Student Discipline section of the handbook, a checkbox to show that social media was involved in a discipline referral was added. Also, language prohibiting ammunition on school grounds was added. Changes were made to the language regarding the reporting of suspension data to the Board. Lastly, guidelines for missed school work were added to this section.

As for the Technology Policies and Extracurricular Activities section, updates were made to reflect changes in athletic fees and attendance at school dances. Changes to the Bullying, Hazing, and Harassment section include the addition of language emphasizing cyberbullying, the Safe 2 Help hotline resource, and a list of Title I schools.

There was some additional discussion regarding the final exam policy and mental health day absences, as well as absences due to visits with siblings and family arranged by DCFS.

BUSINESS REPORT

16.1 Business Reports

Board members were provided with the Business Report of May 1, 2023. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Angela Burris, Assistant Director of Business Services, reported that the evening's report will provide information regarding outstanding payments due the District from the State of Illinois as of April 27, 2023, as well as information regarding the cash roll forward for the Capital Projects Fund as of March 31, 2023.

Ms. Burris reported that outstanding payments due the District from the State of Illinois for fiscal year 2023 totaled approximately \$455,000 as of March 27, 2023. Those outstanding payments include approximately \$84,000 for the Driver's Education program, approximately \$367,000 in Special Projects funding, and approximately \$4,400 for the State Free Lunch and Breakfast Service program.

Next, Ms. Burris provided information regarding the cash roll forward detail of the Capital Projects Fund revenues and expenditures incurred during the month of March 2023. Included in the information was a report of sales tax revenues and the separate bond transactions within the capital improvements. She noted that the Capital Projects cash roll forward review showed a starting balance of approximately \$101.5 million. March 2023 sales tax receipts were approximately \$1.3 million reported for the December reporting period. Bond draws and expenses for the period were approximately \$4 million. Dividends and interest for the period resulted in approximately \$182,000, yielding an ending balance of approximately \$98.9 million.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

17.1 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 17.2 through 17.6 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Erica Austin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends approval of the consent action items 17.2 through 17.6 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

17.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of April 17, 2023

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.

17.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable

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

17.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment

Bid #23-15 — Beverage Bid – Food Service

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

Bid #23-15 — Beverage Bid – Food Service

17.5 Approval of an Agreement with CrowdStrike

The District Technology Department is recommending the purchase of a one year contract with CrowdStrike for Extended Detection and Response. This service will provide antivirus, threat detection, and prevention for staff devices and servers.

Total cost not to exceed: \$12,127

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 has a need for an additional layer of protection to monitor and detect against malware and viruses on devices and servers; and

WHEREAS, CrowdStrike has quoted a one-year contract for services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the purchase of monitoring services at a total cost of \$12,127.

17.6 Approval of the Schedule of Meetings of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 School Year

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the attached calendar of dates for the regular meetings of the Board of Education of Springfield Public School District 186 be adopted for the 2023-2024 school year.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

18.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

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

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares, Miller
Those voting "no": None
Those "abstaining": Gilmore from Section A, change of assignment #3 only

18.2 Approval of a resolution authorizing the issuance of general obligation alternate bonds of Springfield School District No. 186, Sangamon County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$114,100,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended

This resolution gives notice of a public hearing to be held June 5, 2023, pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell general obligation alternate bonds of the District in an amount not to exceed \$114,100,000.

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ken Gilmore**) 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

18.3 Approval of a Change Order for Lanphier High School

Change order to project amount for build out of Commons area for Building Trades Class

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously approved a Bid from below listed contractors for locations listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Architect for such project has recommended approval of a change order which complies with the applicable provisions of Chapters 122 and 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist to provide payment for the additional requested change in this contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Order and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

Location: Lanphier High School

Change Order: #1

Amount: \$826,337.05

Contractor: O'Shea Builders

Scope of Work: Provide build out of existing commons area for Trades Class. The work will include, but not limited to, two classrooms, one large work area, material storage area along with modifications to the existing electrical, HVAC, plumbing systems and fire protection systems.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously approved a Bid from below listed contractors for locations listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Architect for such project has recommended approval of a change order which complies with the applicable provisions of Chapters 122 and 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist to provide payment for the additional requested change in this contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Order and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

Location: Lanphier High School

Change Order: #1

Amount: \$826,337.05

Contractor: O'Shea Builders

Scope of Work: Provide build out of existing commons area for Trades Class. The work will include, but not limited to, two classrooms, one large work area, material storage area along with modifications to the existing electrical, HVAC, plumbing systems, and fire protection systems.'

Darrell Schaver, Director of Operations and Maintenance, provided some additional detail regarding the work that will take place at Lanphier with the change order.

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

18.4 Approval of a Change Order for Sandburg Elementary School

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously approved a Bid from below listed contractors for locations listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Architect for such project has recommended approval of a change order which complies with the applicable provisions of Chapters 122 and 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds exist to provide payment for the additional requested change in this contract;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the following Change Order and directs the Superintendent to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Board.

Location: Sandburg Elementary School
Change Order: #1
Amount: \$45,159.80
Contractor: R.L. Vollintine Construction

Provide additional demolition of walls, install additional drywall, and miscellaneous steel support.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** 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 previously approved a Bid from below listed contractors for locations listed below; and

WHEREAS, the Architect for such project has recommended approval of a change order which complies with the applicable provisions of Chapters 122 and 38 of the Illinois Revised Statutes; and

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Change Order: #1
Amount: \$45,159.80
Contractor: R.L. Vollintine Construction

Provide additional demolition of walls, install additional drywall and miscellaneous steel support.'

There was some additional discussion regarding the scope of work.

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

18.5 Student Discipline

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

- That one 6th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Franklin Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 10th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Southeast High School through the end of the 2022-2023 school year with a program; and
- That one 11th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Lanphier High School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year without a program; and
- That one 12th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Southeast High School through the end of the 2022-2023 school year with a program; and
- That one 12th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Springfield High School through the end of the 2022-2023 school year with a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Moved, Member (**Erica Austin**) 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

19.1 Next Regular Meeting — Monday, May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

19.2 Upcoming District Events

May 29 – No School – Memorial Day
June 2 – Last Day of School
June 7 – Last Day of School for Graham & Southern View
June 2 – Lawrence Education Center Graduation
June 3 – High School Graduation

19.3 Freedom of Information Act Report

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller declared the meeting adjourned until Monday, May 15, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Micah Miller, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: May 15, 2023