

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Thursday, May 11, 2023 (4:00 PM)

The Board of Education convened in Special Session on May 11 A.D., 2023, at 4:05 p.m., there being present thereat:

Present: Micah Miller, President
 Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

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

CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

President Miller called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Approve the Agenda for May 11, 2023

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Moved to approve the agenda. Member (**Tony Mares**) 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: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Gilmore, Mares, Miller
Those voting "no": None

PUBLIC COMMENT

8.1 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.

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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.

There was no public comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Approval of Executive Session

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

4.1 Student Board Representative Interviews - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Tony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session to consider the following matters: 4.1 Student Board Representative Interviews - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).'

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

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Gilmore, Mares, Miller

Those voting "no": None

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. and reconvened at 6:06 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that six Board members were present as Ms. Lael-Wolf joined the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 6:07 p.m.

Micah Miller, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: May 15, 2023