

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

The Board of Education convened in Regular Session on May 15 A.D., 2023, 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
Micah Miller

Jennifer Gill, Superintendent of Schools

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)
- 2.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6)
- 2.5 Student Board Representative Interviews 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

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 Pending and Imminent Litigation - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), 2.4 Real Estate - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5,6), 2.5 Student Board Representative Interviews 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).'

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

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

Adjournment to Executive Session

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 7:04 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that seven Board members were present as Ms. Austin, Mr. Gilmore, and Ms. Lael-Wolf joined the meeting at 5:32 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 May 15, 2023

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves the agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Moved to approve the agenda. Member (**Anthony 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: 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.

Mr. Miller announced the 2023-2024 Student Board of Education Representative, Harrison Gray, Springfield High School. He thanked all of the students that applied. Mr. Gray thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve in the role and introduced his family members in attendance.

5.2 Student Report

In Ms. Hood's absence, Mr. Gray previewed some of his goals for the upcoming year for the Student Board Representative position. He reported that he would like to start a Student Board Representative page on different social media platforms. He also reported that he would like to visit the other high schools to shadow other students in order to gather feedback from students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 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.

Students for Innovation Advocacy Day

Superintendent Gill reported that Harvard Park and Dubois Elementary students and representatives recently participated in the Illinois Students for Innovation Advocacy Day at the Illinois State Capitol. Harvard Park students showcased their student-created virtual calming rooms that are used when students need a break to collect themselves during class. Dubois students spoke about the Kidzeum partnership and the importance of STEAM. The goal of the Students for Innovation Advocacy Day is to promote student and educator voices by demonstrating innovative learning occurring across Illinois schools.

Council for Exceptional Students and School Professional Awards

The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Chapter 102 hosted this year's Exceptional Student and School Professional Awards at Erin's Pavilion on Monday, May 8, 2023. Superintendent Gill reported that several students and staff were nominated for awards. Erica Koch from Fairview Elementary was selected as the 2023 Exceptional School Professional of the Year. She congratulated all of the nominees.

Sandburg Elementary Poetry Night

Sandburg Elementary recently hosted The Poetry Cafe. Students recited poems they had written on stage to a full crowd of parents, special guests, staff, and other students.

Sangamon CEO: Sharks vs. CEO

The Sangamon CEO class held their annual Shark Tank awards where the students' business ideas were showcased and judged by a panel of local business people.

Springfield High School student, Grant Capps, won with his product "CLEAN CLIP." Grant developed the product to provide those with mobility or low grip strength issues a means to clip their own toenails.

Springfield High School Boys Tennis

The Springfield High School Boys' Tennis team won both the singles and doubles titles in the Central State 8 conference tournament recently.

High School Girls State Track Qualifiers

Superintendent Gill congratulated the female athletes from Southeast and Springfield High Schools that qualified to participate in the State Track and Field tournament. She noted that Springfield High School's Deja Anderson qualified in the 100 and Long Jump, while Linden Neposchlan qualified in the Pole Vault. Southeast's Ameeria Jackson qualified in the 200, while a relay team composed of Saniya Howse, Jumie

Rice, Ameeria Jackson, and Amore Hobson qualified for the 4x200 relay, and Alannah Lowery qualified in the triple jump. She wished each of the girls good luck in the State meet.

Esports Update

Board members were provided with a presentation on the District's Esports team. Copies of the presentation filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board.

Esports' coach, Dalton McGhiey, gave the update on the team's successes during the past school year. Mr. McGhiey reported that the team took 2nd in the State Fortnite competition recently in Chicago. He thanked the team's sponsors for their support and shared photos of the team. He reported that a portion of the Lanphier High School renovations and construction includes an esports arena and indicated that he hopes to host a Special Olympic Unified Esports event during the upcoming school year.

Mr. McGhiey then introduced Jackson Werts, Southeast High School student and incoming Esports team president. Jackson spoke to the positive attributes of the program.

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 construction taking place in the area where the new auditorium will be located were shared. The auditorium will include band and choral areas, as well. Additional photos of the beginnings of the new collaboration stairs connecting the 1936 portion of the building to the 1966 addition were shared.

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 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.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Tammi Bolden spoke about minority hiring.
- Marc Supreme thanked the District for partnering with his organization on a college fair.
- Ethan Posey, the new Community Relations Director from the City of Springfield, introduced himself.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

9.1 Consolidated District Plan

Board members were provided with draft copies of the Consolidated District Plan presentation. A copy of the presentation filed with the Official Minutes is available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Superintendent Gill reported that the Consolidated District Plan is an annual report that must be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). She indicated that the plan will be presented for Board approval at the June 5, 2023 meeting. She noted that the plan provides a summary of the District's Improvement Plans. Submission of the plan to ISBE is required before funding is released to the District.

Dr. Nicole Moody, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, provided the presentation. She shared the District Improvement Plan goals in Literacy, Math and Social-Emotional Learning. She noted that a different approach was taken this year to the District Improvement Goals by breaking them down by the measures used in elementary, middle and high school.

Dr. Moody reported that at the elementary and middle school levels, the NWEA Map and IAR measures are used to determine proficiency and set the goals related to literacy and math. At the high school level, the SAT is the measure used. She then provided the benchmarks for each goal at the elementary, middle and high school levels. With respect to SMART Goal 3: Culture and Climate, the BBSS Fidelity Tool and 5 Essentials survey are the measures used to set District Improvement Plan goals. She reported that goals are set with a target to increase proficiency percentiles by 5% annually. She noted that the individual School Improvement Plans and Goals are developed by each school, with planning taking place year-round.

Dr. Moody then provided highlights from each department. With respect to College and Career Readiness, she reported that a team led by Tracy Gage, School Leadership Director, provides support and professional development to schools to implement AVID, along with Dr. Lance Thurman for the development of Career Pathways. Professional development related to the District's equity work is led by Jamar Scott, School Leadership Director, and the District's Equity Team, which meets monthly. She noted that the District's Equity Plan will be presented during the June 5, 2023 regular Board meeting.

Dr. Moody overviewed social, emotional, and behavioral learning, as well as updates from the Math, Science and Technology programs, and Literacy, Social Science, and Libraries programs. She noted that

a task force was put together earlier in the year to research dyslexia screeners and intervention tools. Additionally, the process has begun for a K-8 grade literacy curriculum adoption and a 12th grade transitional English course was developed in collaboration with Lincoln Land Community College.

With respect to Student Support Services, Dr. Moody overviewed the inclusive practices used by the District and noted the initiatives in place to support college and career readiness for all students. She then provided information regarding Family and Community Engagement efforts, which are led by Terrance Jordan, School Leadership Director.

BUSINESS REPORT

10.1 Business Reports

Board members were provided with the April 2023 Monthly Business Report. 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 for April 2023, Education Fund revenues were approximately \$4.9 million, with expenditures totaling approximately \$11.7 million for the month. The Operations and Maintenance Fund revenues were approximately \$600,000 and expenditures were approximately \$1.4 million.

Ms. Burris then provided information regarding the Investments Balances Report. She noted that as of April 30, 2023, the District had a combined cash balance of approximately \$71.1 million in the bank for all funds. For the operating funds only (ED, O&M, Transportation, & Working Cash), total cash in the bank was approximately \$25.8 million. Total investments were approximately \$58.5 million. The year-to date earned interest on all cash accounts for the month was approximately \$2.5 million. The interest rate on all cash accounts on April 30, 2023, was 2.5% or 250 basis points. The total balance of cash and investments for all funds as of April 30, 2023, was approximately \$129.6 million. She reported that the District had recorded County Sales Tax proceeds received during the month of April of approximately \$957,537, for the January 2023 collection period. Total collections year-to-date for fiscal year 2023 are approximately \$11.2 million with total collections since inception of the sales tax of approximately \$41.1 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 11.10 as described in the corresponding resolutions.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Moved, Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) 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**. 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 May 1, 2023, and the Executive Session and Special Meeting of May 11, 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.

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 Approval of an Agreement with Apptegy for Rooms

Apptegy's Thrillshare platform will integrate a classroom communication tool, Rooms, with the District's current website and app. The one-time implementation cost including training is \$13,600. The annual cost is \$44,000 for the first two years.

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 values communication between schools, classrooms, and families; and

WHEREAS, the District currently uses Apptegy's Thrillshare platform to provide the District's website, app, and mass communication tools; and

WHEREAS, the Apptegy Thrillshare platform can also integrate classroom communication tools within the current website and app;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a two-year contract with Apptegy for the Rooms platform with an annual cost of \$44,000 and one-time implementation cost of \$13,600 to be paid from ESSER funds.

11.5 Approval of LETRS Literacy Training for the 2023-2024 School Year

Proposal

The need for explicit systematic instruction that meets the needs of all early reading learners, specifically in phonological awareness and phonics skills, calls for continued and additional teacher training. Lexia LETRS training provides a professional learning course of study based in the science of reading for elementary educators. The course teaches the how, what, and why of literacy acquisition to improve instructional practice and achieve long-term systemic change in literacy instruction. The Lexia LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) Suite is comprehensive professional learning designed to provide early childhood and elementary educators and administrators with deep knowledge to be literacy and language experts in the science of reading. This is a comprehensive commitment to 2 years of training. This will be done in a cohort model. Educators will have to meet certain criteria, which is being developed, in order to be considered for the cohort(s) going through the training over this time span. This shows the commitment of the district to provide outstanding professional learning that meets the needs of teachers.

Cost: \$186,590

Resolution: WHEREAS, District 186 continues to better our instruction practices of elementary educators to meet the needs of all early reading learners; and

WHEREAS, LETRS provides comprehensive professional learning designed to provide early childhood and elementary educators and administrators with deep knowledge to be literacy and language experts in the science of reading;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement between Springfield Public School District 186 and LETRS Literacy Training for the 2023-2024 school year at the cost of \$186,590 to be paid from Title II.

11.6 Approval of the Student and Family Handbook for the 2023-2024 School Year

That the Board of Education approves the reviewed and revised Student and Family Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.

Resolution: WHEREAS, it is required to review the Student and Family Handbook annually; and

WHEREAS, a committee consisting of parents, administrators, teachers and secondary students reviewed and revised the Student and Family Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the newly reviewed and revised Springfield Public Schools Student and Family Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year.

11.7 Approval of Travel for the Lincoln Magnet School Band

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Lincoln Magnet School Band has requested permission to travel to St. Louis, Missouri, to perform at Busch Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Magnet School Band agrees to raise all necessary funds and abide by all rules and regulations of Springfield School District 186;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln Magnet School Band has permission to travel to St. Louis, Missouri, on August 1, 2023.

11.8 Approval of a Resolution Regarding Membership in the Illinois High School Association

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the renewal of membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for Lanphier High School, Southeast High School, and Springfield High School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board adopts the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines and Policies of the IHSA.

11.9 Approval of the Amendments to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Capital Area Career Center

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Springfield Public School District No. 186 ("District") is a member of the Capital Area Career Center ("CACC"); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Council has approved the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control has approved the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by a minimum two-thirds favorable vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District determines that it is in the best interest of the School District and CACC to approve the proposed amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the District hereby approves the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

Section 2. The Superintendent is hereby directed to provide a signed copy of this resolution to the Director of CACC within 60 days of receipt of proposed amendments.

11.10 Approval of the Amendments to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Regional Office of Career and Technical Education

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Springfield Public School District No. 186 ("District") is a member of the Regional Office of Career and Technical Education ("ROCTE"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Control has approved the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement by a minimum two-thirds favorable vote; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District determines that it is in the best interest of the School District and ROCTE to approve the proposed amendments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the District hereby approves the proposed amendments to the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.

Section 2. The Superintendent is hereby directed to provide a signed copy of this resolution to the Director of ROCTE within 60 days of receipt of proposed amendments.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

12.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends the adoption of the Personnel recommendations with the following verbal changes:

- Personnel Agenda: Letter E. Change of Assignment, page 5, Certified, Item 1, remove from consideration at this time.
- Addendum: Page 1, II A., remove from consideration at this time.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Erica Austin)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the adoption of the Personnel recommendations with the following verbal changes:

- Personnel Agenda: Letter E. Change of Assignment, page 5, Certified, Item 1, remove from consideration at this time.
- Addendum: Page 1, II A., remove from consideration at this time. '

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 to Amend the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

Resolution: WHEREAS, a Board of Education may from time to time find it necessary to amend its budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois provides for such amendments; and

WHEREAS, the District has more accurate data because of the updating of certain information, which became available after the original budget was approved in September of 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend the School District's Approved Budget for FY 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Tentative Amended Budget be made available for public inspection in the School District's offices located at 1900 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days beginning the 19th day of May 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the Tentative Amended Budget for inspection to be published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearing on the Tentative Amended Budget be established for 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Amended Budget that is on file might be further revised or amended.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Micah Miller)** Moved, Member **(Buffy Lael-Wolf)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'WHEREAS, a Board of Education may from time to time find it necessary to amend its budget; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-1 of The School Code of Illinois provides for such amendments; and

WHEREAS, the District has more accurate data because of the updating of certain information, which became available after the original budget was approved in September of 2022;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to amend the School District's Approved Budget for FY 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this Tentative Amended Budget be made available for public inspection in the School District's offices located at 1900 West Monroe Street, Springfield, Illinois, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days beginning the 19th day of May 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board is directed to cause proper and legal notice of the availability of the Tentative Amended Budget for inspection to be published; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public hearing on the Tentative Amended Budget be established for 6:30 p.m. on June 20, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at any time during this period of examination the Tentative Amended Budget that is on file might be further revised or amended.'

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 Travel Expenses for Board Members (State Conference)

Resolution: That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference from November 17-19, 2023:

Erica Austin
Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00

Sarah Blissett
Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00

Ken Gilmore
Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00

Debra Iams
Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00

Buffy Lael-Wolf
Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00

Tony Mares

Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Micah Miller**) Moved, Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Board of Education approves travel expenses as follows for the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference from November 17-19, 2023:

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Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00

Tony Mares
Registration - \$520.00
Hotel - \$780.00
Transportation - \$80.00'

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 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 adjacent to property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the four (4) parcels in question (parcels 14-33.0-202-025, 14-33.0-202-026, 14-33.0-202-027, and 14-33.0-202-028) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees, and relocation costs not to exceed \$56,080.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to purchase the parcels (14-33.0-202-025, 14-33.0-202-026, 14-33.0-202-027, and 14-33.0-202-028) contiguous with existing District property at Springfield High School in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees, and relocation costs not to exceed \$56,080.00;

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 (**Sarah Blissett**) 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 adjacent to property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the four (4) parcels in question (parcels 14-33.0-202-025, 14-33.0-202-026, 14-33.0-202-027, and 14-33.0-202-028) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees, and relocation costs not to exceed \$56,080.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to purchase the parcels (14-33.0-202-025, 14-33.0-202-026, 14-33.0-202-027, and 14-33.0-202-028) contiguous with existing District property at Springfield High School in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees, and relocation costs not to exceed \$56,080.00;

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

12.5 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 one (1) parcel adjacent to property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the one (1) parcel in question (14-33.0-202-029) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$670,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees, and relocation costs not to exceed \$30,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the Contract for Sale of Real Estate to purchase the parcel (14-33.0-202-029) contiguous with existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$670,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees, and relocation costs not to exceed \$30,000.00;

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 (**Erica Austin**) 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 one (1) parcel adjacent to property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the one (1) parcel in question (14-33.0-202-029) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$670,000.00, plus transactional costs and brokerage fees, and relocation costs not to exceed \$30,000.00;

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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 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 three (3) parcels adjacent to property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the three (3) parcels in question (14-33.0-202-016; 14-33.0-202-017; and 14-33.0-202-018) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, 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 (14-33.0-202-016; 14-33.0-202-017; and 14-33.0-202-018) contiguous with existing District property at Springfield High School in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, 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 (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) 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 three (3) parcels adjacent to property already owned by the District on Lewis Street; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education agrees that the three (3) parcels in question (14-33.0-202-016; 14-33.0-202-017; and 14-33.0-202-018) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, 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 (14-33.0-202-016; 14-33.0-202-017; and 14-33.0-202-018) contiguous with existing District property at Springfield High School in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, 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

12.7 Modification or Termination of District Contract to Purchase 11th Street Real Property from HDS Building, LLC.

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to continue negotiations with HDS Building, LLC to amend the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, or terminate the same if an amicable amendment is not reached prior to the deadline to terminate.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Moved, Member (**Anthony Mares**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to continue negotiations with HDS Building, LLC to amend the Contract for Sale of Real Estate, or terminate the same if an amicable amendment is not reached prior to the deadline to terminate.'

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

12.8 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 6th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Grant Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 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 2022-2023 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 first semester of the 2023-2024 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:

- 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 6th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Grant Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 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 2022-2023 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 first semester 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, May 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

13.2 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

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, June 5, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Micah Miller, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

Dated: June 5, 2023