

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 186, SPRINGFIELD,
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Monday, June 5, 2023 (5:30 PM)

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

Present: Micah Miller, President
Nicole Irlam, Assistant Board Secretary

Erica Austin
Sarah Blissett
Ken Gilmore
Debra Iams
Buffy Lael-Wolf
Tony Mares

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)

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: 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)'

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 5:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 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 June 5, 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: **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 thanked the staff and administration that organized each of the senior recognition events and graduation ceremonies over the previous two weeks. Each of the other Board members joined in Mr. Miller's thanks to staff and congratulations to graduating seniors.

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.

Dubois Teachers Shoutout

Terri Burns, Co-President of the Alpha Delta Kappa Service Sorority recently contacted the District to commend Ms. Jennifer Mann and Ms. Elizabeth Marcy from Dubois Elementary School for giving a presentation to the sorority on autism and classroom activities they use to help students be successful.

Grant Middle School Crossing Guard

Superintendent Gill commended Mr. Williams, Grant Middle School's Crossing Guard, for his work to keep students safe as they arrive and leave school each day. She noted that Mr. Williams was presented with a thank you package from Troxell Insurance and has been recognized by parents and students for his work attitude on several occasions.

Grad Walk the Halls

Superintendent Gill reported that the District has started a new annual tradition, Grad Walk the Halls, to celebrate high school seniors and share their success with younger students. Groups of seniors visited middle and elementary schools in their graduation regalia to celebrate their accomplishments. Superintendent Gill shared several photos from the event. She reported that as a part of AVID, as well as college and career readiness, the District will continue to work to empower students to reach their full potential and graduation goals.

Project SEARCH Graduation

Superintendent Gill shared photos from Project SEARCH's graduation ceremony. She reported that family and friends gathered at Memorial Medical Center for the ceremony. Nine graduates walked the stage and received their program certificates. She noted that the students have been enrolled in the transition-to-work program for the last year. She thanked SPARC, Memorial Health and the Illinois Department of Human Services for partnering with the district on the program which provides young adults with intellectual, developmental and other disabilities an opportunity for career development, internship experience, and support to achieve their goals.

NAACP Back to School/Stay in School Academy Graduation

Superintendent Gill reported that family and friends of those graduating from the NAACP's Back to School/Stay in School Academy gathered at the Salvation Army to celebrate the graduates. She noted that the program is a community-based alternative program for District 186 students. Keynote speakers for the graduation were Xyonesh Williams and Makayla Horton. NAACP President Teresa Haley, Program Director Tim Allen and Superintendent Gill presented the graduates with their diplomas.

Lawrence Education Center Graduation

Lawrence Education Center recently held their graduation ceremony. Friends, faculty, and community members gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates. Principal Reiko Hurd gave the address, highlighting the key moments from the school year. Sixty-two students graduated from the program this year.

Lanphier, Southeast and Springfield High School Graduations

Lanphier, Southeast, and Springfield High Schools held graduation ceremonies on Saturday, June 3, 2023 at the Bank of Springfield Center. The three schools graduated 759 students this year. Superintendent Gill congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments and wished them well in their future endeavors.

District Retirees Dinner

The District Retiree Dinner was held in late May. Superintendent Gill shared photos from the event. She congratulated each of the retirees and thanked them for their service to the District.

Summer Meal Program

Superintendent Gill shared information about the summer meal program. She reported that the program kicks off later in the week with free meals to anyone under 18 years of age. Meals must be eaten at the school. She directed those interested in the program to visit the District's homepage for a list of locations and operating hours.

Our Schools Our Future Facilities Update

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

- Photos of the new Lober-Nika competition gym construction were shared. She indicated that the space is receiving the first coat of drywall paint on the ceiling. Additionally, the auxiliary gym has received a first coat of paint.
- Photos of the new mechanical room were shared. She reported that gear switches have been installed in the room and electricians are in the process of wiring the entire school.

Updates on Property Items

Superintendent Gill provided updates on the following property items:

- 10th Street Rail Corridor at Lanphier High School
- 5th/6th Street Expansion at Southern View Elementary School
- North Grand and 11th Street Sidewalk/Parking Updates
- Various Clean up of Property Records
- North Grand Overpass associated with the Rail Corridor plans

With respect to the 10th Street Rail Corridor, Superintendent Gill shared an aerial view of the property. She reported that the City has requested a total of 1.130 acres of the Lanphier High School parking lot on the corner of 11th and Converse Streets, which includes a full parking lot and 1130 acres of other land. The City of Springfield will pay approximately \$223,100 to the District for the property. The City has also requested a small temporary construction easement along the parking area for use during the rail construction.

With respect to the 5th/6th Street expansion at Southern View Elementary School, Superintendent Gill reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has requested a total of 0.022 acres to expand 6th Street. The District will be paid approximately \$4,600 for the property. The transfer will allow IDOT to remove and upgrade drainage along the road which is currently difficult to maintain. Parallel parking will be available and will be paved. Parking is currently available on a gravel lot.

With respect to the North Grand and 11th Street sidewalk/parking updates, an intergovernmental agreement will increase the sidewalk to 8 feet on 11th Street and North Grand. Additionally, other construction that is part of the rail corridor will add 55 parking spaces along Michigan Avenue and 37 spots on North Grand Avenue after the overpass is constructed.

Superintendent Gill then shared information about small changes to vacate property from the City of Springfield to the District including two alleys and part of Spring Street adjacent to Black Hawk and ELC, allies adjacent to Feitshans, Iles, and Lincoln, as well as a portion of Brown Street adjacent to

Matheny-Withrow. The intergovernmental agreement will also vacate a portion of Spruce Street adjacent to Lawrence Education Center from the District to the City of Springfield.

Next, Superintendent Gill provided information on the North Grand overpass construction set to begin in early 2024 and continue through late 2025 between 9th Street and 19th Street. The work will realign a portion of North Grand. The realignment will have two lanes of traffic in each direction between 9th and 19th Street. Additionally, between 13th Street and Michigan Avenue, the remaining portion of North Grand will be renamed Robin Roberts Road. This portion of the road will have one lane in each direction, with parallel parking on either side of the street. Robin Roberts Road will dead end at the east side of Michigan Avenue. This will allow for access to Michigan Avenue from Robin Roberts Road. This will also allow for continued circular access around Lanphier High School, Memorial Stadium, and Robin Roberts ballpark.

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:

- Donna Hopwood - regarding her involvement in the school district
- Aaron Graves - regarding the move of the Springfield Learning Academy to White Oaks Mall

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

9.1 Equity Plan Presentation

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

Dr. Jamar Scott presented information about the most recent Report to the Court. Dr. Scott then provided an overview of the Equity Plan recommended by the District's Equity Team. He reviewed the process, the District's mission, vision, goals and commitments, AVID's four domains, and the Equity Team members. Dr. Scott then shared the three goals – improve culture, reduce gaps, and increase proficiency.

BUSINESS REPORT

10.1 Business Reports

Board members were provided with the Business Office Report of June 5, 2023. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Steven Miller, Director of Business Services, reported that the evening's report will provide a recap of outstanding State payments as of May 31, 2023, and cash roll forward for the capital projects fund as of April 30, 2023.

Mr. Miller reported that outstanding payments from the State of Illinois for Fiscal Year 2023 totaled approximately \$109,700, as of May 30, 2023. He noted that Driver's Education program totaled approximately \$84,300 in the Education Fund. Additionally, there were approximately \$20,700 in outstanding payments for the Special Projects funding and approximately \$4,600 in outstanding payments for State Free Lunch & Breakfast Food Service funding.

Next, Mr. Miller overviewed the cash roll forward detail of the Capital Projects Fund revenues and expenditures incurred during the month of April 2023. He indicated that the report is also a report of sales tax revenue and the separate bond transactions within the capital improvements. He noted that the Capital Projects cash roll forward review shows a starting balance of approximately \$98.9 million. April Sales Tax receipts of approximately \$958,000 were reported for the January reporting period. Bond draws and expenses for the period came to approximately \$469,000, while dividends and interest for the period resulted in approximately \$180,000, yielding an ending balance of approximately \$99.6 million.

10.2 FY22-23 Amended Budget Report

Board members were provided with the Fiscal Year 2023 Amended Budget Report. Copies filed with the Official Minutes are available for public viewing on the Electronic School Board website.

Steven Miller, Director of Business Services, reported that the numbers are representative of the expected position of the District on June 30, 2023. He noted that the report does not include the Special Projects Grant funds and that the grant funds all have balanced budgets. Next, Mr. Miller indicated that revenues for the amended budget are approximately \$194.2 million, up from approximately \$188.7 million in the original budget. He reported that much of the increase in revenues was due to an increase in the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax (CPPRT) and the interest income account. He indicated that the CPPRT was budgeted at approximately \$18 million, but came in at approximately \$21 million.

Mr. Miller then provided information about expenditures for the amended budget. He noted that expenditures are approximately \$192.2 million, up from approximately \$187.7 million. He indicated that this is due to the original budget being submitted prior to negotiated salary increases. He stated that the

operating fund includes the Education Fund, the Operations and Maintenance Fund, and the Transportation Fund.

Mr. Miller noted that in the original budget there was a surplus of approximately \$1.0 million with an established Fund Balance of 24.1%. The amended budget provides for a projected surplus of approximately \$1.99 million and a 24.8% fund balance of the operating fund. The working cash fund balance remained the same at approximately \$15.5 million.

Mr. Miller then provided information about the individual major funds. In the Education Fund, the fiscal year 2023 amended budget revenues are approximately \$162 million, an increase of approximately \$4.6 million. The increase in revenues was mostly due to the increase in CPPRT of approximately \$3.2 million over the original budgeted amount and interest income of approximately \$325,000. There was an increase in expenditures in the fund of approximately \$3.8 million to approximately \$159.5 million from the negotiated salary increases.

For the Operations and Maintenance Fund, revenues increased by approximately \$34,000 to approximately \$18.4 million. Expenditures increased by approximately \$730,500 to approximately \$18.3 million. There is a projected surplus in the fund of approximately \$130,900. The projected fund balance in the Operations and Maintenance Fund as of June 30, 2023, is approximately \$4.9 million.

Lastly, Mr. Miller noted that the budget is on file in the Board Office. The hearing for the budget will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING

11.1 Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education of the District to Sell Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$114,100,000

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ken Gilmore**) Moved, Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board adjourns into the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the District to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$114,100,000'.

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

The meeting adjourned into the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

Superintendent Gill called the hearing to order. She opened the discussion and explained that the purpose for the proposed sale of the Bonds is for financing costs to acquire, develop, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, improve, finance, architecturally plan, and install District facilities and school sites including but not limited to renovate, repair, equip and build an addition to Springfield High School, renovate, repair and equip Southeast High School, replace Owen Marsh Elementary School, and construct a new school due to consolidation, and costs of legal, financial, bond discount, capitalized interest, printing and publication costs, and of issuing the bonds. Superintendent Gill then asked if there were any comments by Board members and the public.

There were no comments at this time.

Superintendent Gill then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed sale of the Bonds.

Member **(Anthony Mares)** Moved, Member **(Micah Miller)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Board adjourns the public hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education of the District to sell bonds in an amount not to exceed \$114,100,000 and resume the open session'.

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

The public session resumed at 7:50 p.m.

CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

12.1 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 12.2 through 12.7 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 12.2 through 12.7 as described in the corresponding resolutions'.

There was some discussion regarding the fuel bid.

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 the Minutes of the Executive Session and Regular Meeting of May 15, 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.

12.3 Approval of Payroll and Bills Payable

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

12.4 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment

Bid #23-16 — Prime Vendor 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 #23-16 — Prime Vendor Food Service

12.5 Tabulation of Bids and Recommendation for Purchase and Payment

Bid #23-17 — Fuel for Buses

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

Bid #23-17 — Fuel for Buses

12.6 Approval of the Consolidated District Wide Plan

ISBE Consolidated District Plan

This is our annual approval of the Consolidated District Plan that merges all of our federal funds into one plan. This plan is developed from our district-wide improvement plan and by several departments.

Resolution: WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education requires all school districts to develop a consolidated plan for federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the consolidated plan has been reviewed and submitted to the Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Springfield School District 186 approves the Consolidated District Plan.

12.7 Approval of an Agreement with DotCom Therapy for Occupational Therapy Supervision

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 desires services of DotCom Therapy, Inc., for Occupational Therapy Supervision Services; and

WHEREAS, DotCom Therapy is appropriately qualified and able to provide 0.09 FTE Occupational Therapy Supervision to District 186 for the sole purpose of covering the 2022-2023 extended school year vacancy due to an unfilled position;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves an agreement between Springfield Public School District 186 and DotCom Therapy, Inc. for the time period of June 5, 2023, through August 18, 2023, at an hourly contract rate of \$75 to be paid monthly with an estimated contract cost of \$2,707 as stated in the agreement.

Superintendent Gill noted that this agreement will only be used if the position is unable to be filled with a current District employee.

ROLL CALL ACTION ITEMS

13.1 Approval of Personnel Recommendations

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

- On the Summer School pages, Page 9, VIII, should be listed as a Social Worker.
- On the Addendum -
 - Page 1, II A, the location should be McClelland Elementary
 - Page 1, III A, change from 220 days per year to 218 days per year.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Erica Austin)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'The Superintendent recommends the 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

Superintendent Gill introduced the following administrators who have accepted different positions in the District for the 2023-2024 school year: Tiffany Williams, Carly Erickson, Ward Lamon, and Dan Ford.

13.2 Appointment of Treasurer

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Steven Miller be appointed Treasurer to the Board of Education.

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Steven Miller be appointed Treasurer to the Board of Education.'

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

13.3 Approval of a Lease Agreement with Simon Property Group

Resolution: WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 and Springfield Learning Academy has a partnership with the Simon Youth Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Simon Property Group's White Oaks Mall has space available; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Learning Academy programming would benefit from moving to this space;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a lease agreement pending final legal review with Simon Property Group for seven years beginning with the 2023-2024 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual cost for the first year is \$144,000 with a three percent increase each year after.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sarah Blissett**) Moved, Member (**Buffy Lael-Wolf**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion "WHEREAS, Springfield Public School District 186 and Springfield Learning Academy has a partnership with the Simon Youth Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Simon Property Group's White Oaks Mall has space available; and

WHEREAS, Springfield Learning Academy programming would benefit from moving to this space;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves a lease agreement pending final legal review with Simon Property Group for seven years beginning with the 2023-2024 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the annual cost for the first year is \$144,000 with a three percent increase each year after.'

Superintendent Gill overviewed security that will be on hand at the facility.

Ms. Lael-Wolf asked Mr. Hurd and Mr. Barham to provide additional information regarding the benefits of the new location to the program. Mr. Hurd reported that the new location will provide more opportunities for students as the number of partnerships that can be developed from businesses in the immediate area will increase. He indicated that a big focus for students in the program is to develop plans for post-high school. Having increased partnerships will expand opportunities for students' post-high school plans. There was then some additional discussion regarding other benefits.

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

13.4 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 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 (14-33.0-202-015) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$255,000.00, 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;

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 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 (14-33.0-202-015) should be purchased in a total amount not to exceed \$255,000.00, 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 parcel (14-33.0-202-029) contiguous with existing District property at Springfield High School; in a total amount not to exceed \$255,000.00, 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

13.5 Approval of a Contract to Purchase Property

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amended Contract for Sale of Real Estate with HDS Building, LLC.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sarah Blissett)** Moved, Member **(Anthony Mares)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the amended Contract for Sale of Real Estate with HDS Building, LLC.'

Superintendent Gill reported that the HDS building is fully handicap accessible. The building will allow for the consolidation of the administrative buildings. She indicated that the building includes all of the furniture, filing cabinets, and art work, some of which was created by Mrs. Henry Dale Smith. She noted that any artwork that the District plans to remove will need to be returned to the family but otherwise may be kept as long as it remains hanging in the building.

There was then some additional discussion regarding the location of a new school on the south side of Springfield.

Mr. Miller reported that he will vote no due to the inclusion of the retention pond on the property. There was then some additional discussion regarding the pond.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **6** Nay: **1**. The motion **Carried. 6 - 1**

Those voting "aye": Austin, Blissett, Gilmore, Iams, Lael-Wolf, Mares
Those voting "no": Miller

13.6 Student Discipline

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

- That one 8th grade students be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 9th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Douglas School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year without a program.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Erica Austin)** 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 8th grade students be hereby expelled from further attendance at Washington Middle School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year with a program; and
- That one 9th grade student be hereby expelled from further attendance at Douglas School through the end of the 2023-2024 school year without 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

14.1 Next Regular Meeting — Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. — Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Miller declared the meeting adjourned until Tuesday, June 20, 2023. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Micah Miller, President

Julie Hammers, Board Secretary

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