



# DISTRICT 186

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Springfield School District No. 186

Board of Education

Date: [August 21, 2023](#)

Executive Session Start Time: [5:45 p.m.](#)

Present: Sarah Blissett, Ken Gilmore, Debi Iams, Buffy Lael-Wolf, Micah Miller

Jennifer Gill and Rob Cross present. Jason Wind present for student discipline and other matters concerning individual students.

1. **Appointment, Employment, or Dismissal of Employees (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))**

Superintendent Gill reviewed a number of background checks for job applicants and others: a sub food service applicant had a 2014 conviction for theft; a sub food service applicant had a 2013 conviction for retail theft; a sub custodian applicant had a 2000 conviction for forgery; a sub custodian applicant had a 2012 conviction for burglary; a sub food service applicant had a 2000 conviction for resisting a police officer and a 1992 conviction for battery; a potential athletics volunteer had convictions in 2005 and 2006 for possession of alcohol by a minor and a conviction in 2005 for battery; and an employee of a contractor had a 2020 conviction for battery, a 2017 conviction for driving on a suspended license, and a 2011 conviction for failure to pay child support. The Board approved placing the applicants on a future agenda for potential action.

Superintendent Gill and Board members reviewed individual items on the evening's personnel agenda.

2. **Student Discipline and Other Matters Concerning Individual Students**

Superintendent Gill, Jason Wind, and Board members reviewed four appeals of transfer request denials from District students. One appeal was approved and three appeals were denied.

3. **Imminent Pending Litigation**

Rob Cross informed the Board of an invitation the District received from Wagstaff and Cartmell, the attorneys who handled the Juul litigation, to participate in litigation against social media companies. The Board seemed favorable to participate in the class action litigation.

End time: 6:38 p.m.