

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703

February 13, 2018  
9:03 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Mr. Brue called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Roll call was taken:

Members Present: Mr. Page, Dr. Laird, Mr. Root, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Ehrman, Mr. Mr. Runge, Brue, Dr. Thurman, Ms. Larson,

Members Absent: Dr. Goble, Mr. DePatis, Mr. Reedy

Also Present: Mr. Strawn, Ms. Assalley, Ms. Horn, Ms. Williams, Ms. Points

II. Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:04 a.m. after passage of a motion by Dr. Thurman, seconded by Mr. Runge. The motion passed with a 9:0 roll call approval.

III. Director's Report

A. Discuss Budget Projection Process

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED is working with administrators and staff to determine projections for next school year. They still have Psychology and Social Work time percentages to determine, but as it stands there is currently only one district that will have changes due to current projections. Mr. Strawn stated that SASSED will be scheduling times to meet with individual district superintendents sometime in April to go over individual district budgets.

B. Update on SEA Vacancy

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that they have received five applicants for the Special Education Administrator position that will become available after the retirement of Gretchen Reimnitz at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. SASSED will be setting up interviews with these applicants at the end of this month.

C. Discuss/Approve ESY Dates and Proposed 2018-19 SCS Calendar

Ms. Horn notified the Board that the proposed dates for ESY are June 11, 2018 through July 6, 2018 with the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday not being in session. This will be a total of 19 days with the hours being 8:30 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. daily. Ms. Horn also provided the Board the proposed calendar for SASSED Central School for the 2018-2019 school year. The calendar was modeled after the calendar for School District

186. Ms. Horn noted that there were more days of professional development added to this calendar than in previous years. Mr. Heavner made the motion to approve the ESY and 2018-2019 SCS calendars, seconded by Mr. Ehrman. The motion carried on a 9:0 vote.

#### D. Discuss/Approve Symphony Math subscription

Ms. Assalley informed the Board that she had the number of students who would be utilizing the Symphony Math program that SASSED piloted. In total there would be 260 students who would benefit from the use of this program at a cost of \$7,800.00 for a full subscription year. Ms. Larson made the motion to purchase the Symphony Math program, seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

#### E. Approve Purchase of Laptops for SLPs

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that the SLP staff have not had new laptops purchased since 2013 and provided the Board with the two quotes received thus far. Mr. Runge made the motion to approve the purchase of laptops for the SLP staff, seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

#### F. Update on IDEA Grant

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that due to carry-over funds still being available in the IDEA Grant, SASSED worked with SEAs and surveyed district staff to determine what items they would like to purchase for use in the district. A listing was compiled, reviewed by SASSED to determine allowable purchases through the Grant and broken down by district to be emailed to each Superintendent for review. SASSED asks that each superintendent see if they may have some of the items requested already in their district, but not currently in use. SASSED will then determine a process for purchasing these items upon Board approval.

#### G. SASSED Central School Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that SASSED Central currently has 82 students enrolled in the program with fifteen openings still available in the High School and four in the Junior High levels. SASSED has a new enrollment and a 45-Day Placement in the structured teaching level this month. Ms. Horn also informed the Board that the last CPI training will be held on March 15, 2018 and they currently have five individuals registered to take the training. SASSED Central also held an active shooter drill and SASSED is developing a safety committee to address the concerns that were determined from this drill and to develop a plan that will include communication needs, emergency kits for each classroom, a numbering system for the rooms so teachers can report their status as well as ways to block doors in the event of an emergency.

#### IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session of

January 9, 2018 and approval and sealing of executive session minutes from that date. The Agenda also contains Financial Reports, Bills Payable and a Personnel Report, indicating the hiring of new employees Dara Bahlmann, Kimberly Grotts, and Melanie Lehnerr to certified staff positions as well as the hiring of Tara Biggs, Laretta Gifford, Amy Ihlenfeldt, Christina Kendall, Patricia Krummrich and Mary Smith to noncertified staff positions. The report also contains the resignation of Charles Hayes III, Lyndee Joe and Floyd Townsend from non-certified staff positions. Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business


A review of a recent trainings was provided by Ms. Larson and Dr. Thurman


VI. Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Points

VII. Adjournment

Dr. Thurman made the motion to adjourn at 9:47 a.m., seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried 9:0.

  
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Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman

  
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Mr. Darren Root, Secretary  
Mr. Tim Page, Vice Chairman