

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

September 12, 2017
9:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Mr. Brue called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken:

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

Members Absent: Mr. Alexander

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

II. Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:00 a.m. after passage of a motion by Mr. DePatis, seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion passed with a 12:0 roll call approval.

At 9:15 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Thurman to end the closed session, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion passed 12:0.

III. Director's Report

A. Discuss/Approve Insurance Plans for 2017-18

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that the Insurance Committee began meeting in July with representatives from R.W. Troxell and Blue Cross Blue Shield, the current provider. The initial offer from Blue Cross Blue Shield was an eight percent increase over the current rates. The committee rejected this offer and Blue Cross Blue Shield countered with a reduced five percent increase over the current rates. At that time, the SASSED Insurance Committee requested that R.W. Troxell solicit other vendors for competitive rates. Blue Cross Blue Shield then proposed a reduced one point seven percent increase over current rates. Health Alliance made an offer of five percent less than the lowest Blue Cross Blue Shield rates. Upon comparing plan offerings, the committee was unable to come to a consensus. The Board asked if it was possible to stay with Blue Cross Blue Shield for one more year and take a closer look at how the staff will be affected by the change in providers. A member from the Insurance Committee stated this was an option. Mr. Root made the motion to accept the Health Alliance plan, seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion failed on a 3:9 roll call vote. Mr. DePatis made the motion to accept the Blue Cross Blue Shield proposed plan, seconded by Dr. Laird. The motion passed on a 9:1:2 majority roll call vote.

B. Discuss Building Maintenance

Mr. Strawn provided the Board with an updated listing of maintenance improvement items that SASED would like to recommend for completion. Mr. Strawn also informed the Board that the 10-year Health Life and Safety inspection was completed and SASED was awaiting the final report.

C. Results of Water Testing for Lead Contents

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASED contracted with IDEAL to test all the faucets for lead contents. The testing has been completed with all faucets being up to code; however, one faucet was near the threshold limit. The faucet in question has since been replaced.

D. Update on Professional Development

Ms. Assalley provided the Board with an update on Professional Development trainings that had been offered as well as upcoming opportunities. Ms. Assalley informed the Board that SASED had completed a two-day New Teacher Training which covered IEP development as well as training on eStar, the IEP software utilized by SASED. SASED also offered an eStar Refresher for staff who currently utilize the system. SASED offered SLO and Evaluwise training for current staff as well as a Transition Planning Seminar for Junior High and High School teachers. Ms. Assalley also notified the Board that Brandon Wright, SASED's attorney, is meeting quarterly with Special Education Administrators (SEAs) to review rules, regulations and guidance to ensure compliance. SASED will also be providing a curriculum based training, an Administrator's Academy, and Reading Plus and Unique Learning refreshers. Ms. Assalley also stated that SASED will be providing a Parent Workshop on October 3rd to cover Parents' rights and procedural safeguards.

E. Update on Symphony Math Pilot

Ms. Assalley informed the Board that the Symphony Math Program comes from the same provider as Reading Plus and Sound Reading Solutions, programs that SASED currently utilizes. SASED has reached out to teachers and compiled a list of those who are willing to participate in the pilot of this new Math Program. The pilot will take place starting in December.

F. SASED Central School Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that SASED Central School currently has 81 students enrolled. SASED Central staff is looking at ways to increase student motivation within the SASED Central credit system. One of the methods SASED Central has decided upon is to implement more scheduled events for students throughout the year than in previous school years. SASED will also be implementing special interest groups for students who have specific interests. Students will be allowed to sign up for and participate in these activities based on their daily performance.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session of August 9, 2017 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 retired staff persons Michelle Curran, Denise DeMoulin, Arlen Schwarz and Kevin Williams as well as new staff person Mary Ellen Dean to certified staff positions. The reports also note the resignation of Elizabeth Coe from a certified staff position as well as the hiring of Christopher Brooks, Daniel Carrigan, Anna Stevens and the resignation of Donald Allen, Cherie James, Wendy Malone, Kevin Norris and Nathan Wise from non-certified staff positions. Dr. Thurman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Runge. The motion passed on a 12:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business

No other business.

VI. Recognition of Visitors


Stacy Schafer

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. after passage of a motion made by Mr. DePatis, seconded by Mr. Page.



Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman



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