

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

March 13, 2018
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. Root, Dr. Goble, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Ehrman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brue, Dr. Thurman, Ms. Larson, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Mr. Page, Dr. Laird, Mr. Runge, Mr. DePatis

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

II. Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:01 a.m. after passage of a motion by Mr. Root, seconded by Mr. Ehrman. The motion passed with a 9:0 roll call approval.

III. Director's Report

A. Resolutions for Nonrenewal

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED is recommending the nonrenewal of a certified staff member's contract for the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Thurman made the motion not to renew the certified staff member's contract for the 2018-2019 school year, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion was approved on a 9:0 roll call vote.

B. Approve SEA Administrator position

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASSED conducted interviews with five strong candidates that applied for the open Special Education Administrator position available upon the completion of the 2017-2018 school year. After conducting all five interviews, SASSED made the recommendation to hire Denise Myers, a current Special Education teacher in the Riverton School District. Dr. Thurman made the motion to hire Denise Myers for the open position, seconded by Mr. Root. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

C. Approve IDEA purchases for member districts

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED has received feedback from districts regarding the proposed purchases through the IDEA Grant. SASSED is utilizing an inventory system that will help track these purchases. The items requested by

districts have been grouped into like areas and will be purchased by this grouping system. All items will be purchased by the end of the school year, with hopes that all items will be in place by the start of the next school year. Mr. Heavner made the recommendation to approve the IDEA purchases, seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

D. Discuss possibility of Music Therapy for SASSED Central School

Ms. Horn notified the Board that SASSED Central has developed an improvement committee to look at ways to improve the current SASSED Central programs. One recommendation was to implement a music therapy program. Ms. Horn reached out to Music Therapy Connections, a local organization, to see about utilizing a program that would take place once a week at SASSED Central School. The program would entail group sessions for the elementary students and one on one sessions for the middle and high school students. Ms. Horn received a quote from Music Therapy Connections regarding this type of program, and was informed that this price is negotiable depending on the SASSED budget. Mr. Strawn informed the Board that this would be considered a purchased service and not a staff position, and can therefore be contracted under the IDEA Grant. Mr. Strawn stated that SASSED will still be doing further research in this area as well as looking into a potential art therapy program.

E. Discuss/ Approve structured cable and phone replacement RFP

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASSED put out a Request for Proposal to replace our existing cabling and phone system. SASSED conducted a walk-through with two potential vendors and received one bid on the project at a total cost of \$52,634.30. Mr. Strawn recommended accepting this proposal from Americall Communications. He noted that the bid includes only the networking and phone system and that the maintenance package was optional. Dr. Goble made the motion to approve the Americall Communications bid, seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion carried on an 9:0 roll call vote.

F. 1st Reading of the SASSED Central School Handbook revisions

Ms. Horn outlined to the Board the proposed revisions to the SASSED Central School Handbook in the areas of Truancy, Walk-Off policy, Student Drop-Off, Emergency, Immunization Records, and Administering Student Medication as well as Drivers Ed and Graduation protocols.

G. SASSED Central School Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that SASSED Central currently has 82 students enrolled. Staff is currently working with four students to transition back to their home districts, and they are also working on PARCC assessments this week.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session of February 13, 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 resignation of Susan Farris-Howard from a certified staff position as well as the hiring of Jared Spaid to a noncertified staff position. The report also contains the resignation of Debra Krick from a non-certified staff position. Mr. Root made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business


No Other Business

VI. Recognition of Visitors

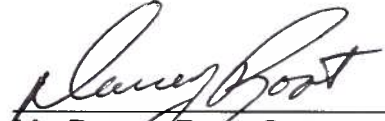
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VII. Adjournment

Ms. Larson made the motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion carried 9:0.



Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman



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