

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703

January 9, 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. Page, Dr. Laird, Mr. Root, Mr. Ehrman, Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Brue, Dr. Thurman, Ms. Larson, Mr. DePatis, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Dr. Goble, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Runge

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

II. Closed Session

There were no closed session items to report.

III. Director's Report

A. Discuss/Approve Ball Chatham Request

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that Ball-Chatham school district has requested three student slots at SASED Central School for the 2018-19 school year. Ball-Chatham currently has three students attending SASED Central School with two in the high school program and one in the junior high program. Mr. Strawn stated that Ball-Chatham would like to replace one of the high school student slots with an elementary slot. However, due to high enrollment and space issues in the elementary program, this would not be feasible. Mr. Strawn recommended to the Board that SASED allow Ball-Chatham to continue to have the three requested slots for the 2018-19 school year as they are currently outlined. As far as the enrollment/space issues for the elementary program, SASED is looking to create an additional classroom, by dividing the Psych/Social Work room into two rooms and putting in a temporary wall. Mr. Ehrman made the recommendation to allow Ball-Chatham the three requested slots for the 2018-19 school year, seconded by Mr. DePatis. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

B. Update on the IDEA Grant

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that in keeping with the new Uniform Guidance compliance measures, SASED has created a document to ensure that the monitoring of the IDEA Grant meets federal standards. This document will be sent to districts once a year for completion, and a signed copy should be returned to SASED. SASED will utilize the information from these documents to determine the allotment of IDEA Flow-Through and Preschool funds for the following fiscal

year. The document is based on the ISBE requirement as the Grantee to maintain a detailed accounting of the federally awarded funds.

#### C. Discuss Symphony Math

Ms. Assalley informed the Board that the pilot for Symphony Math was completed using six elementary level teachers and one junior high CBE teacher with lower level learning students. Feedback on the utilization of this program was gathered in early December and the response was unanimous in approval for initiating this program. Growth was seen in students who used this program for a minimum of forty-five minutes a week. The pilot group recommended implementing this program for all elementary students showing math deficiencies. Ms. Assalley stated that SASED would like to purchase this program using IDEA Grant funds once we have gathered data on the number of students who would be utilizing the program overall. SASED would also like to look at piloting a similar program for junior high and high school students.

#### D. Approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of FMLA Policy

Mr. Alexander made the recommendation to approve the updated SASED FMLA policy, seconded by Dr. Laird. The motion carried 10:0.

#### E. Update on FY 17 Recap

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that the recap has been calculated using Insurance, General State Aid and Fee for Service funds. The recap will be credited to each district's bill starting in January with the third quarter billing.

#### F. SASED Central School Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that SASED Central School currently has seventy-eight students attending the program. There are nineteen openings at the high school level and two in the structured teaching program while the elementary program is full. SASED Central has a "Pillowcase Project" upcoming, where students will be taught about awareness and prevention during emergencies. School staff will also be conducting focus groups and hosting a positive reinforcement event with laser tag for the students. Ms. Horn also stated that SASED Central will be conducting an active shooter drill on January 30, 2018 for teachers and Central Office staff after the school day has ended. Students will not be present.

### IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session of December 12, 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 new employee Kara Dowell to a certified staff position as well as the hiring of Flora Dickerson, Debra Krick and Sara Osborn to noncertified staff positions. The report also contains the resignation of Suzanne Smith from a certified staff position. Mr. Page made the motion to approve the

Consent Agenda, seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business


Mr. Strawn informed the Board that the asbestos testing was completed and SASSED had received the final results and recommendations.


VI. Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Schafer

VII. Adjournment

Mr. DePatis made the recommendation to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried 10:0.

  
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Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman

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