

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703

October 10, 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. Goble, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Runge, Mr. Brue,  
Dr. Thurman, Ms. Larson, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Dr. Laird, Mr. Root, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Ehrman, Mr. DePatis

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

II. Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:00 a.m. after passage of a motion by Mr. Page, seconded by Dr. Thurman. The motion passed with an 8:0 roll call approval.

At 9:06 a.m. a motion was made by Dr. Thurman to end the closed session, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion passed 8:0.

III. Director's Report

A. Discuss/Approve FY17 Audit

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASED has received the final Audit for FY17 which noted three findings of non-compliance. The areas of concern were Dual Controls, a staffing issue regarding the completion of an Annual Review, and Sub-Recipient Monitoring. SASED has addressed all of these areas in preparation for next year's audit. Dr. Thurman made the motion to approve SASED's final FY17 Audit, seconded by Mr. Reedy. The motion passed on an 8:0 roll call vote.

B. Discuss/Approve Ten Year Life Safety Survey Results

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASED received the results of the Ten-Year Life Safety inspection. There were fifteen findings of noncompliance reported including correcting an elevator issue and masonry work needed on the front of the building. The report stated that the first seven items of noncompliance need to be addressed within one year with the remaining eight over the next five years. SASED is looking at putting the costs of these repairs in the IDEA Grant. Mr. Page made the motion to approve the Ten Year Life Safety Survey Results, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion carried 8:0.

### C. Discuss SB1947 impact on Special Education

Mr. Strawn discussed with the Board the recent information he received regarding the impact of the Senate Bill 1947 with regard to the Personnel monies SASSED received for FY 16-17 and the monies to be received from this point forward. Mr. Strawn stated that most districts still have not received their final FY 16-17 fourth quarter payment, and that ISBE has stated that this payment should be received hopefully by November. In an effort to determine how to disperse the now exact amount of Personnel funding that SASSED will receive from year to year, SASSED will still submit Personnel approvals as a way to account for what staff are in district, however any staff added after the FY 16-17 school year will not be included in the equation to determine district allocation of these funds. Mr. Strawn also noted with regard to district impact the new formula does not account for students who have severe needs, nor was there any guidance given on what to do if a district leaves or moves into a Cooperative. Ms. Larson noted that there is a Regional Meeting being held on October 18, 2017 that is scheduled to provide further information regarding this Senate Bill and its impact to districts.

### D. Discuss Date for Holiday Open House/Retirement Recognition

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that the Holiday Open House/Retirement Recognition is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. The event, which is hosted by the Board, recognizes 2018 retirees. Employee service awards are also presented.

### E. Workshop Update

Ms. Assalley provided the Board with an update regarding the Administrators Academy that was recently held. Ms. Assalley stated that that session well attended and pertinent information was provided including guidelines surrounding 504 plans for IEP students. Ms. Assalley also stated that she met with the six teachers who will participate in the Symphony Math pilot. Once the pilot gets underway they will provide feedback on whether this program will be useful district wide. The goal is to have each student spend 45 minutes a week using the program. Ms. Assalley stated that SASSED provided a Parent Workshop where six parents were in attendance. The goal was to reiterate SASSED's role with regard to their child's education and how they can partner with the member districts to provide the necessary services for their children. Ms. Assalley stated good questions were asked and there was good discussion regarding the topics presented. A survey was given at the end requesting that parents note any future trainings they would be interested seeing SASSED provide. SASSED may also look at providing a second training sometime in the second semester for parents of students who are nearing graduation. Future staff workshops include follow-up PECs training in late November or early December as well as a Symbolstix, Reading Plus and *News 2 You* training taking place next week.

## F. SASSED Central School Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that three graduates from last year are currently attending Lincoln Land Community College, and one student is currently working. Ms. Horn also stated that enrollment has dropped from 81 to 80 students since last Board Meeting. SASSED Central held its first positive reinforcement event with a bouncy house obstacle course in which seventy of the eighty students were able to participate. SASSED Central is scheduling the second event in the near future. A question was raised regarding the spacing issue at SASSED with the increase of students. Mr. Strawn stated that SASSED is looking at ways to address the issue, but the main concern is staffing to cover the needs of these students. Another topic was raised regarding options for assisting new teachers in order to provide them adequate support in adapting instruction for students with special needs. Several SASSED Central teachers have gone out to districts to observe and provide such support. Mr. Strawn discussed the possibility of compensating these teachers for providing this assistance in the future, which always includes a written report.

## IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session of September 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 staff person Jeff Hall to certified staff positions as well as the hiring of Nolan Hudspeth and Linda Wood and the resignation of Michael Lehman from non-certified staff positions. Dr. Thurman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion passed on an 8:0 roll call vote.

## V. Other Business


Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED is having an asbestos inspection done this year. SASSED has been provided with two quotes, one from IDEAL and the other from Environmental Consultants. Mr. Strawn discussed the proposals with Board and a recommendation was made regarding which firm to use for the inspection.

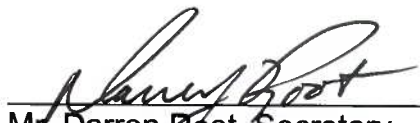
## VI. Recognition of Visitors

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## VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. after passage of a motion made by Ms. Larson, seconded by Mr. Page.

  
Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman

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