

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

February 12, 2019
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, Mr. Root, Dr. Goble, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Runge, Ms. Larson, Mr. Polanin, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Dr. Laird, Dr. Ehrman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. DePatis

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

II. Closed Session

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

III. Director's Report

A. Proposed Employee Leave Agreement

The Board tabled this request until the next Board meeting.

B. Update on Parking Lot Project

Mr. Strawn provided the Board drawings from the engineer showing the planned, replacement and extension of the existing SASSED parking lot. Due to the proposed parking lot extension SASSED will also be removing the current septic tank system, and connecting the city sewer utilities. SASSED is accepting bid proposals and will look at awarding the contract in April with construction to begin in June. The construct project with be done in phases to accommodate the ESY schedule.

C. Approve ESY Dates

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that the current ESY schedule is from June 10, 2019 through July 2, 2019 barring any more snow days. ESY is scheduled to conclude before July 4, 2019 due to a drop in enrollment during the last ESY session beyond this date. Mr. Polanin made the motion to approve the ESY dates, seconded by Mr. Runge. The motion to approve the ESY dates was approved 9:0.

D. Approve purchase of laptops for psychologists/social workers

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASSED will be looking to purchase twenty-two new laptops for the psychologists and social workers per SASSED's laptop rotation

policy. SASSED received three quotes and the lowest quote was from Marko at \$994.00 per laptop resulting in a total price of \$21,871.08. Mr. Heavner made the motion to approve the purchase of twenty-two laptops for the SASSED psychologists and social workers, seconded by Mr. Runge. The motion was approved on a 9:0 roll call vote.

E. Approve Learning Ally renewal

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that due to usage of the system, SASSED reduced the number of seats to thirty in the new proposed renewal. Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the renewal of the Learning Ally program, seconded by Mr. Root. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

F. Update on Professional Development

Ms. Assalley updated the Board on the ongoing and upcoming professional development trainings. Ms. Assalley stated that SASSED met with the mentors in the Mentorship program and received positive feedback regarding the program. The plan is to meet with the mentors again at the end of April. Ms. Assalley also notified the Board that the second part of the Trauma Informed Training for the SASSED Central staff was held in January. SASSED has also begun trainings on the new IEP System, Embrace. Trainings are scheduled to conclude in February. SASSED has received positive feedback regarding the new system with some teachers already making the switch from the current IEP system. SASSED has also completed Functional Behavioral Assessment Training for psychologists. In March, SASSED will conduct a Parent Workshop based on commonly asked questions about special education. SASSED is also offering an Infinitech training addressing strategies for teaching social and emotional skills. A webinar is scheduled for April on expanding the teacher toolbox for students with disabilities, and CPI trainings continue to be held.

G. Update on Child Count

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED is working with the SEAs, giving them weekly snapshots of their current student counts so that SEAs can cross-reference this with their master lists. This will be done every Friday and will continue throughout the school year. The goal is to help with the accuracy of the child counts reported to ISBE.

H. SASSED Central Report

SASSED Central currently has eighty-six students enrolled in the program with one new move in and one student moving back to Chatham, since the last Board meeting. SASSED Central's next reward is scheduled for Friday and will be a school wide movie. A CPI training is scheduled for the February 20th, and student interest groups will meet on the February 22nd. Ms. Horn stated that she is looking into having another weeklong structured teaching training this summer during the ESY session.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session on January 8, 2019 and approval and sealing of executive session minutes from that date. The Agenda also contains Financial Reports, Bills Payable and a Personnel Report including the hiring of Ann Young to a certified staff position and the hiring of Ericka McCoy and Kristin Sidwell to non-certified staff positions. The report also includes the resignation of Diamone Fowler, Anna Stevens, Sherri Taapken and Ronnie Wilson Jr from non-certified staff positions. Mr. Heavner made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Runge. The motion was approved on a 9:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business

The Board discussed member districts moving to implement early dismissal on Wednesday to allow for required Professional Development.

Ms. Williams informed the Board that their district IDEA Excess Costs worksheets had been submitted to ISBE and that she will email these worksheets to the individual districts for their records.

VI. Recognition of Visitors

Amy Crowdson

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Heavner made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Runge. The motion to adjourn was approved 9:0.



Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman



Mr. Darren Root, Secretary
Dr. Adam Ehrman, Vice Chairman