

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703

May 14, 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, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Ehrman, Mr. Alexander,  
Mr. Brue, Ms. Larson, Mr. DePatis, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Dr. Laird, Dr. Goble, Mr. Runge, Mr. Polanin

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

II. Closed Session

Mr. DePatis made the motion to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:01 a.m., seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried on a 9:0 roll call vote.

III. Director's Report

A. Approve contractor for security expansion project

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASSED has received and reviewed three bids for the proposed security expansion project that includes the installation of new cameras, replacement cameras and a mag lock on the front office doors. The lowest contract bid was from Synergy Tech at \$29,692. Mr. Page made the motion to approve the contractor Synergy Tech, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion carried on an 8:0 roll call vote.

B. Approve the hiring of administration

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED has completed interviews for the open positions of Special Education Administrator (SEA) and Assistant Principal. SASSED is therefore recommending the hiring of Jennifer Mendenhall for the SEA position and Crystal Grimes for the position of Assistant Principal at SASSED Central School. Ms. Larson made the motion hire Jennifer Mendenhall and Crystal Grimes, seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion carried 8:0.

C. Adopt Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Mr. Root made the motion to adopt the new Prevailing Wage Ordinance, seconded by Mr. DePatis. The motion carried 9:0.

D. Discuss/approve cooperative paper purchase

Mr. Page made the motion to approve the solicitation of bids for paper purchases pertaining to the 2019-2020 school year, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion carried 9:0.

#### E. Discuss option to address space issues at Central School

Mr. Strawn provided the Board with handouts outlining the costs of three different options SASED could implement regarding the space issues at SASED Central School and the SASED Central Office. One option is to lease office space for the Central Office, the second to purchase a building to house the Central Office and the third option is to build office space on existing land to house the Central Office. After reviewing the materials, the Board requested SASED also look into the purchase of a portable building before a decision is made.

#### G. SASED Central Report

Ms. Horn notified the Board that enrollment is currently at eighty-eight students with one student dropping. Enrollment next year is predicted to be between eighty-four and eighty-six students. Four students are currently working toward transitioning back to their home districts. Two students are set to graduate at the end of the current school year. Ms. Horn is also looking at dates for CPI trainings for the upcoming school year. Structured Teacher Training will be held during the third week of SASED ESY.

#### IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session on April 9, 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 Haley Hart, Crystal Grimes, Jennifer Mendenhall and Jordee Yanez to certified staff positions as well as the resignation of Lindsey Sarff from a certified staff position. The report also includes the hiring of Melissa Campbell, Joseph Felchner, Markaya Johnson and DeJuana Thomas to non-certified staff positions as well as the resignation of Liz Hart and Mary Smith from non-certified staff positions. Mr. DePatis made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion carried on an 9:0 roll call vote.

#### V. Other Business


Mr. Strawn notified the Board that directly after the Board Meeting, the SASED Finance Committee would be meeting to discuss the upcoming school year budget. Ms. Larson requested to discuss SASED Central enrollment with regard to the Rochester and Chatham School Districts and the availability of spots in the programs.

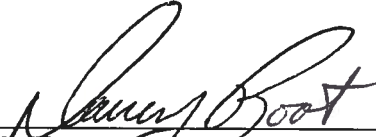
#### VI. Recognition of Visitors

Shelly Nicholson

VII. Adjournment

Ms. Larson made the motion to adjourn at 9:48 a.m., seconded by Dr. Ehrman. The motion was approved 9:0.

  
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Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman

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