

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

March 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, Dr. Ehrman,
Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brue, Mr. Polanin, Ms. Larson, Mr. Reedy

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

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

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. Ehrman. The motion passed with a 10:0 roll call approval.

III. Director's Report

A. Proposed Employee Leave Agreement

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that a Leave Agreement has been executed between SASSED and a tenured employee, Debra Ochu. Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the Leave Agreement with Ms. Ochu as presented, seconded by Mr. Root. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

B. Approve the Outcome of Dismissal Hearing

Mr. Strawn requested the Board approve SASSED's recommendation to dismiss Katie Hall from a paraprofessional position. Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the dismissal of Ms. Hall as presented, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

C. Resolution for Nonrenewal

Mr. Strawn requested that the Board approve the nonrenewal of Keith Williams and Jeff Hall as certified substitutes. Mr. Heavner approved the nonrenewal of Keith Williams and Jeff Hall as presented, seconded by Mr. Reedy. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

D. IDEA Procedural Change Extension

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASSED is requesting to extend the IDEA Grant for one year under the ISBE Procedural Change Extension guidelines. Mr. Polanin made the motion to approve the IDEA Procedural Change Extension, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

E. Approve Lincoln Prairie Service Agreement

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASED is requesting approval to contract with Lincoln Prairie to provide clinical services for female high school students currently in attendance at SASED Central School. Lincoln Prairie will provide the services at the SASED Central location at no cost to SASED. Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the Lincoln Prairie Service Agreement, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried 10:0.

F. Approve Surveillance Camera Project

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASED would like to proceed with Phase II of the security system upgrade. This would entail more security cameras throughout the building, moving cameras in the safe rooms as well as installing an Access Control system at the front doors. SASED solicited bids from several vendors including the original contractor, however some bids included alternative suggestions to the specs provided in the bid. Therefore, the recommendation from the Board is to rebid the project with the alternate specifications included and table the approval until the next board meeting.

G. Discuss/Approve addition of SASED Central Classroom

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that due in part to the population increase and placement needs in the structured teaching program, SASED Central is requesting approval to create another structured teaching classroom to be staffed with a certified teacher and two paraprofessionals for the 2019-2020 school year. Dr. Goble made the motion to approve the creation of a structured teaching classroom, seconded by Dr. Ehrman. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

H. Discuss/ Approve proposal for SASED Central Assistant Principal

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that due to the population increase in the SASED Central Program as well as the increase in demand for Ms. Horn's assistance in member districts, SASED is proposing to hire an Assistant Principal for SASED Central School. This position will be hired on a one-year contract to be re-determined on a year to year basis thereafter. Mr. Strawn also noted that SASED is working on a five-year plan that will deal with the current spacing issues due to the growth in the SASED Central program as well as staff retention in the that program. Dr. Goble made the motion to approve the hiring of an Assistant Principal for SASED Central, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

I. Approve SASED Central Calendar 2019-2020

The SASED Central Calendar was created to align with Springfield School District #186. Teacher start day will be August 15, 2019 and the student start day will be August 19, 2019. Mr. Root made the motion to approve the SASED Central Calendar, seconded by Ms. Larson.

J. SASSED Central Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that current enrollment is at eighty-eight students with two additional students slated to attend in the next two weeks. The Elementary BD and Structured Teaching programs are currently full and there are five openings in the Intermediate and High School BD programs. Student interest groups are scheduled for March 22, 2019 and the behavioral award for the month is a bowling trip for the students. The final CPI training for the school year is scheduled for April. SASSED will be providing a week long structured teaching training during the summer session with the specific dates to be determined. SASSED Central will have three students graduating at the end of the school year and possibly four students transitioning back to district.

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 Rhonda Brown to a certified staff position and the hiring of Kathleen Ellingson, Jeffrey Hall and Briana Kirkham to non-certified staff positions. The report also includes the resignation of Sarah Garner, Amy Sager and Shanna Schneider from certified staff positions as well as the resignation of Jamie Drury, Kristen Parker and Nancy Rapps from non-certified staff positions. Dr. Ehrman made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion carried on a 10:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business

Mr. Strawn acknowledged that Nancy Rapps will be retiring at the end of September. Gretchen Reimnitz is currently planning to fill her position beginning October 1, 2019.


VI. Recognition of Visitors

Shelly Nicholson

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Page made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Alexander. The motion to adjourn was approved 10:0.


Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman


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