

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

September 11, 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. Heavner, Dr. Ehrman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Runge, Mr. Brue, Mr. Polanin, Ms. Larson, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Dr. Goble, 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 Dr. Laird, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion passed with an 11:0 roll call approval.

III. Director's Report

A. Discuss/approve insurance plans 2018-2019

Mr. Strawn provided the board with the recommended insurance rates and plans for 2018-2019. Changes to the plans include, moving from Principal Life and Dental to Dearborn Life and Sun Life Dental. An optional vision package will also be included with the plans. SASSED in the past had a flat rate for life insurance premiums; this will now be a graduated rate based on the staff member's age. SASSED is holding an insurance meeting for the staff to go over these new plans. Mr. Heavner made the motion to approve the new insurance plans, seconded by Mr. Polanin. The motion carried on a 11:0 roll call vote.

B. Update on the future of IDEA Flow-Through

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that due to changes ISBE has to implement per the Office of Special Education Programs, SASSED will no longer be the flow-through agent for each member district's IDEA and Preschool grants. These changes mean that each district will apply for and receive their grant monies directly. These changes are in order to comply with the new Uniform Guidance Laws. The changes are to be implemented with the FY2020 fiscal year. SASSED is looking into the current articles of agreement to determine whether they need to be amended as well as ways that this transition will take place. SASSED will provide further information to the districts once it becomes available.

C. Update on Short Term Emergency Approvals

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASSED is currently working with the ROE on short term emergency approvals in order to cover the teacher shortages in districts and within SASSED Central School. Retired teachers are currently filling some of the open positions.

D. Update on IEP Program

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that SASSED is looking into a new vendor for their IEP program. SASSED currently uses Frontline, but have not been satisfied with the operational aspects of the program. The renewal for Frontline is March of next year and SASSED hopes to have another vendor in place before the renewal date.

E. SASSED Central Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that SASSED Central currently has seventy-six students enrolled and is projected to have eighty before the end of the first semester. The structured teaching program is full at this time. The initial CPI training date has been moved up to September and the refresher course is scheduled in November. Ms. Horn has also received a request to do a paraprofessional training and will be working to schedule a date. SASSED Central staff will also be providing supports for teachers who received trainings over the summer. A SASSED Central teacher will go out to district to provide assistance, and another follow-up training will be scheduled.

Ms. Horn also informed the Board of a permanent change to the High School program. In the past the high school students transitioned between class periods. The teachers felt this contributed to some of the behavioral issues that were present in their classes. Last year transitions were limited to PE and lunch only, and a significant drop in behavioral issues in classes was observed. Therefore, Central School is now making this a permanent change to their High School program.

Ms. Horn stated that the next award within their behavior system will be the Hungry Hippo challenge.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session of August 14, 2018 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 Nicholas Andresen, Liz Hart, Taylor Tarr and Laura Ulery to non-certified staff positions as well as the resignation of Katie Trautmann from a non-certified staff position. Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Reedy. The motion carried on an 11:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that October 17th, SASSED will be holding another Administrator's Academy with Brandon Wright. SASSED has opened this up to other districts this year. If any member districts have staff that wish to attend, please contact Nancy Rapps. The meeting will be held out at CACC. Lunch will be provided.

VI. Recognition of Visitors


Amy Crowdson
Shelly Nicholson

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Runge made the motion to adjourn at 9:35 a.m., seconded by Mr. Polanin. The motion carried 11:0.



Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman



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