

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

November 13, 2018
9:02 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Mr. Brue called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Roll call was taken:

Members Present: Mr. Page, Dr. Laird, Mr. Root, Dr. Goble, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Ehrman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Runge, Mr. Brue, Mr. Polanin, Ms. Larson, Mr. DePatis, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent:

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

II. Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:02 a.m. after passage of a motion by Dr. Laird, seconded by Mr. Root. The motion passed with a 13:0 roll call approval.

III. Director's Report

A. Discuss/Approve Liability/Worker's Comp Insurance Renewal

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED's renewal for Liability/Worker's Compensation Insurance is in December. Mr. Strawn reviewed the proposed premium rates as well as a history of claims since 2014. Mr. Strawn also noted that currently ICRMT is the only insurance company at present to provide SASSED a bid for the liability/workers compensation insurance. Troxell Insurance reached out to several insurance companies that declined due to the high risk of claims. The Board recommended for the next renewal having Bushue Human Resources collaborate with Troxell in locating other vendors that could provide quotes for insurance to SASSED. Dr. Laird made the motion to approval the Liability/Worker's Compensation Renewal seconded by Mr. Root. The motion passed on a 13:0 roll call vote.

B. Discuss/Approve FY 18 Audit

Mr. Brue noted that the FY18 Audit for SASSED has been completed. Mr. DePatis made the motion to approve the FY18 Audit, seconded by Dr. Ehrman. The motion carried 13:0.

C. 2nd Reading/ Approval of Proposed Changes to Board Policy Article 4F.

Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the changes to the Board Policy Article 4F, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion carried 13:0.

D. Discuss/ Approve IEP program contract.

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED's contract with the current IEP system provider will end in March. SASSED has already looked at other systems and recommends the Embrace system formerly known as Power IEP. This system is currently in use in other districts and has proven to be more efficient. Mr. Strawn has done a test demonstration in the new system to determine its feasibility and is making the recommendation to use this system when our current contract expires. SASSED will start training staff on the new program so they will be able to use it once the transition has taken place. Trainings will be provided during days where staff can attend without having to hire a sub. Mr. Strawn explained the conversion process from the current system to the new system and the cost that will be associated with the entire project. Mr. Reedy made the motion to approve the purchase of a new IEP program, seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion carried on a 13:0 roll call vote.

E. Certified Staff Member Retirement Notice

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that a certified staff member has requested to retire in the 2022 school year. The staff member is eligible for the five percent retirement bonus. Ms. Larson made the motion to approve the retirement request, seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion carried on a 13:0 roll call vote.

F. Discuss/Approve building projects for FY19

Mr. Strawn previously emailed the Board a list of the proposed projects that SASSED would like to undertake for this current fiscal year. These projects include parking lot replacement and additional drive space to accommodate buses, asbestos abatement in the cafeteria, tying in to the city sewer system and additional security measures for the building. Mr. Brue made the recommendation for Mr. Strawn to start soliciting bids for these projects and the Board will vote on the bids once received.

G. Member District Decentralization

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that the North Mac School District is looking to hire their own special education teachers and paraprofessionals. The district did a feasibility study and is taking this information into consideration. The district will need to provide SASSED a letter no later than December 1st if they wish to move forward with this plan.

H. Certified Staff Member Extended Leave Request.

After a review of information provided in Closed Session, the Board unanimously opted not to approve the Extended Leave Request for the certified staff member.

I. SASSED Central Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that SASSED Central's current enrollment is eighty-one students with two students leaving the program in the next few weeks. Three students are set to graduate at the end of the first semester. SASSED Central held a structured teaching training for paraprofessionals and will do a follow-up that will provide a more hands on approach. The Autism committee will meet next week to discuss more specific structured teaching trainings. CPI Staff Trainers will meet this week to discuss training dates for CPI during the second semester.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session on October 9, 2018 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 retirement request of Mary Bolletta and Shari Stahl from certified staff positions as well as the hiring of Braden Dilley, Diamone Fowler, Cathy Howard and Sherri Taapken to non-certified staff positions, and the resignation of Kristin Walker from a non-certified staff position. Mr. DePatis made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion carried on a 13:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business

Mr. Strawn wanted to recognize SASSED Central Principal Elizabeth Horn for her help and the guidance that she has been providing in member districts.

VI. Recognition of Visitors

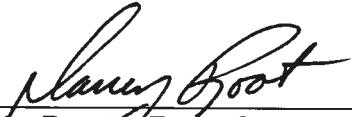
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VII. Adjournment

Mr. Page made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. DePatis. The motion carried 13:0.



Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman



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