

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT  
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue  
Springfield, IL 62703

August 14, 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. Goble, Mr. Heavner, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Brue,  
Mr. Polanin, Ms. Larson, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Dr. Laird, Mr. Root, Mr. Ehrman, 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 Mr. Reedy. The motion passed with an 8:0 roll call approval.

III. Director's Report

A. Discuss/Approve Leave for Certified Staff

Mr. Strawn made the recommendation to the Board to approve the Administrative Leave for a certified staff member located in the North Mac School district pending certification. Mr. Heavner made the motion to approve the Administrative Leave, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion carried on an 8:0 roll call vote.

B. Approve SASSED Ad Hoc Committees

Mr. Strawn provided the Board with the updated Ad Hoc Committee rosters for FY 2018-2019. Some changes included the addition of structured teachers to the Autism Committee and changes in staff to replace Dr. Thurman due to his departure from the Cooperative. Mr. Polanin made the motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committees, seconded by Mr. Reedy. The motion was approved 8:0.

C. Update on SASSED Trainings

Ms. Assalley provided the Board with an update on recently completed and upcoming SASSED trainings. CPI trainings have been completed, as well as New Staff Orientation and Paraprofessional Training. Upcoming scheduled trainings include Reading Plus/Sound Reading initial trainings, Symphony Math training,

School 21 initial training, Curriculum Based Measurement (CBM) and Unique Learning/News 2 You/Symbol Stix trainings. SASSED will also provide trainings on the Trauma-Informed approach as well as Legal Updates with Brandon Wright. The Legal Update training will be an Administrators' Academy and will be open to neighboring districts this year at a cost of \$30 per person to cover food and registration. Cooperative member staff will not be charged for this fee. A related services overview will be conducted in district by our SEAs, Speech Therapist, OT and PT staff.

SASSED recently conducted a Mentor Workshop with the current fourteen mentors they have in place. This gave attendees an overview on mentoring, including discussion on how to mentor versus doing the work for the mentee, establishing confidence based self-reflection, and helping teachers reach the goal of staying in their positions with a support network. The mentors will meet again in December and in April 2019 to discuss how the mentoring program is working.

#### D. Update on Insurance Renewal

Mr. Strawn notified the Board that Troxell Insurance and Blue Cross Blue Shield met with the SASSED Insurance Committee and proposed an initial fifteen percent increase over last year's premiums. This eventually was negotiated down to a two percent increase over last year's premiums. Mr. Strawn stated that Troxell expressed interest in providing SASSED a package that would include the Life and Dental plans that SASSED currently holds with outside entities. Packaging these insurances with the medical could result in further savings for the Cooperative. Mr. Strawn requested that Troxell provide SASSED with a quote packaging these three services.

Troxell subsequently reported that Blue Cross Blue Shield did not wish to provide a quote for the Dental Insurance, so Troxell reached out to another Dental Insurance Carrier. With Blue Cross Blue Shield medical, Met Life and Dearborn Dental Insurance which also includes an option for Vision coverage, SASSED would be looking at an additional one percent decrease to the medical portion of the insurance with a one-time \$10,000 credit. Mr. Strawn forwarded this information to the Insurance Committee for review and SASSED will make a recommendation at the next month's Board Meeting for approval.

#### E. SASSED Central Report

Ms. Horn informed the Board that SASSED Central currently has seventy-two students enrolled for the Fall term. One student will age out of the structured program in November and one student is slated to go through the transition process back to their home district. SASSED Central will be providing Trauma Informed Training on September 1<sup>st</sup>. An additional Bus Driver training will be scheduled to provide the Bus Drivers that transport students to SASSED Central training on CPI techniques.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session of July 10, 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 Jayne Bertoglio, Sarah Garner, Mary Lou Jackson, Wayne Jones and Marianne Setturlund to certified staff positions, as well as the resignation of Hunter Hamilton, Ryan McVickers, Alisha Points and Verna Rightnowar from certified staff positions. The report also includes the hiring of Chelsea Retherford to a non-certified staff position as well as the resignation of Jillene Blomberg and Amanda Smith from non-certified staff positions. Mr. Alexander made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Heavner. The motion carried on an 8:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business

Mr. Heavner posed the question of how much other districts pay their substitute teachers and long-term substitute teachers. Mr. Strawn stated that it is ultimately left up to the district depending upon their need and pool of teachers available.

Mr. Page asked if SASSED could avoid the scheduling of IEP Meetings around the time that districts have Inservice days. Ms. Assalley and Mr. Strawn explained that they try to get these IEP meetings scheduled in the Spring, but parents sometimes submit evaluation requests at the end of the year and these meetings must be held before the students first attendance date.


VI. Recognition of Visitors

Amy Crowdson  
Shelly Nicholson

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Page made the motion to adjourn at 9:45 a.m., seconded by Mr. Reedy. The motion carried 8:0.

  
Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman

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