

**SANGAMON AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

2500 Taylor Avenue
Springfield, IL 62703

January 8, 2019
9:00 a.m.

I. Roll Call

Mr. Brue called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Roll call was taken:

Members Present: Mr. Page (9:05 a.m.), Dr. Laird, Mr. Root, Dr. Goble, Mr. Heavner, Dr. Ehrman, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Runge, Ms. Larson, Mr. DePatis, Mr. Reedy

Members Absent: Mr. Polanin

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

II. Closed Session

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 9:01 a.m. after passage of a motion by Dr. Ehrman, seconded by Ms. Larson. The motion passed with a 11:0 roll call approval.

III. Director's Report

A. Certified Staff Member request for Extended Medical Leave

The Board recommended to table this request until the next meeting. Mr. Page made the recommendation to table the request, seconded by Dr. Goble. The motion carried 12:0.

B. Review of Closed Session Minutes

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED is required to review the Closed Session Minutes of past SASSED board meetings in order to determine if they can be disclosed publically. After review, the recommendation was that these minutes remain closed. Ms. Larson made the motion to allow the Closed Session Minutes to remain private, seconded by Dr. Ehrman. The motion carried on a 12:0 roll call vote.

C. Discuss/approve Ball-Chatham seat request for 2019-2020

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that Ball- Chatham School District has submitted a request to reserve five seats for SASSED Central placements during the 2019-2020 school year. Typically, these placements have been for high school students. The recommendation is to allow Ball-Chatham to have four seats reserved for the 2019-2020 school year along with any 45-Day placement requests. Ms. Larson made the motion to allow Ball-Chatham School District to have four reserved seats for the 2019-2020 school year along with any 45-Day Placements, seconded by Mr.

Page. The motion carried on a 12:0 roll call vote.

D. Symphony Math Renewal

Mr. Strawn informed the Board that SASSED is requesting to renew the Symphony Math Program that it has implemented along with additional seats bringing the total to four hundred ten requested seats. Ms. Assalley noted that the cost per seat has not increased, just the number of seats being requested. Mr. DePatis made the motion to approve the request to renew the Symphony Math Program, seconded by Mr. Root. The motion carried on a 12:0 roll call vote.

E. Notice to commence Director's Evaluation

Mr. Brue notified the Board that he will be sending out evaluation forms to all the Superintendents and is requesting the materials be returned to him prior to the next Board Meeting.

F. SASSED Central Report

Ms. Horn notified the Board that SASSED Central currently has eighty-six students enrolled with one being a returning Ball-Chatham student and a new 45-Day Placement. SASSED Central held their second Trauma-informed training on January 2, 2019 based on staff feedback regarding stress levels at work. The training provided SASSED Central with techniques and recommendations to implement to improve staff regulation. Ms. Horn noted that due to current spacing issues, SASSED could not implement all of the recommendations such as calm rooms for staff. However, the provider of the training through his foundation donated \$1,000 to SASSED Central toward implementing calm rooms throughout the building once space is provided.

IV. Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda contains approval of minutes from the regular session on December 11, 2018 and approval and sealing of executive session minutes from that date. The Agenda also contains Financial Reports, Bills Payable and a Personnel Report. Mr. Heavner made the motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Page. The motion was approved on a 10:0 roll call vote.

V. Other Business

Mr. DePatis noted that Board Member Mr. Alexander has accepted a superintendency with the Tuscola School District starting the next school year and thanked him for his years of service to the SASSED Board.

Mr. DePatis also thanked the SASSED Central staff who came to Virginia to provide CPI training in his district.


Ms. Assalley noted that the trainings for the new IEP Program are going well and have received positive feedback from the staff regarding the simplicity of the program.

VI. Recognition of Visitors


Amy Crowdson

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Runge made the motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Page. The motion to adjourn was approved 12:0.



Mr. Matt Brue, Chairman



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