

## **Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

December 13, 2023

6:30 p.m.

The following minutes are tentative and will not become official minutes of the Board of Education until their scheduled approval at the next regular meeting.

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The Southeastern Community Unit District #337 Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 in the Board of Education Office in Augusta, Illinois. Mark Hitz, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call verified that there was a quorum of the Board of Education with the following members present and absent as listed below:

<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Eric Bunnell	Member	X	
Jordan Henry	Member	X	
Mark Hitz	President	X	
Grant Holst	Member	X	
Jeremy Stephens	Member	X	
Julie Stevens	Secretary	X	
Greg Tippey	Vice President	X	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tecia Lantz	Superintendent	X	
Brandon Gooding	Elementary Principal		X
Tim Kerr	Jr. High Principal	X	
Kimberly Harrison	Sr. High Principal	X	
Cyle Rigg	District AD/Transp. Director	X	
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lisa Knorr	Recording Secretary	X	
<b>Others Present</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Address the Board</b>	<b>Topic</b>
No Guests	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### **Agenda Items**

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education **approved the agenda items as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Public Hearing Process**

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education opened the public hearing on the 2023 Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education closed the public hearing on the 2023 Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the Southeastern Community School District #337 Tax Levy Request in the amount of \$4,080,008.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Henry, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the November 15, 2023 regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Special Recognition**

Mrs. Harrison presented the Board Excellence Awards which included Beardstown Basketball All-State Honorable Mention, IL8man Central 2 All-Conference 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Illinois Volleyball Pep All-State Honorable Mention and All-Area Quincy Herald Whig Volleyball 1<sup>st</sup> Team.

### **Financial**

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education approved the bills, financial statements, and activity funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens

Nay: None

Absent: None  
Motion Carried

### **Informational Items**

Superintendent Lantz informed the board of the **RIF Joint Committee** selection.

Superintendent Lantz discussed the possibilities of the **E-Sports program**.

**Administrative reports** were given with Mrs. Harrison stating how amazing the Christmas concerts were this year. Superintendent Lantz reported that the NHS group went to the Golden Good Shepherd Home and Hickory Grove to do activities with the residents.

### **Action Items**

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education **approved the early graduation of class of 2024 senior Jesse Johnson contingent upon meeting all graduation requirements by December 31, 2023.**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education **approved the FY25 purchase of one 14-passenger activity bus and one 65-passenger gasoline bus for the term of five years (\$256,520.00).**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education **approved the following board policies (2nd reading):** 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board, Indemnification, 2:110 Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers, 2:120 Board Member Development, 2:150-AP Superintendent Committees, 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings, 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure, 2:220-E2 Motion to Adjourn to closed Meeting, 2:220-E6 Log of Closed Meeting Minutes, 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other than the Superintendent, 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management, 4:30 Revenue and Investments, 4:60 Purchases and Contracts, 4:60-AP1 Purchases, 4:80-AP2 Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Awareness Program, 4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds, 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services, 4:130-E Free and Reduced-Price Good Servies; Meal Charge Notifications, 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds, 4:160-AP Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds, 4:170 Safety, 4:170-AP1 Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan, 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:50 Drug-and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition, 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:90-AP1 Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center, 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and

Conflict of Interest, 5:120-AP2 Employee Conduct Standards, 5:150 Personnel Records, 5:150-AP Personnel Records, 5:190 Teacher Qualifications, 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, 5:210 Resignations, 5:220 Substitute Teachers, 5:220-AP Substitute Teachers, 5:250 Leaves of Absence, 5:285-AP Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers, 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, 6:15 School Accountability, 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day, 6:30 Organization of Instruction, 6:50 School Wellness, 6:60 Curriculum Content, 6:60-AP1 Comprehensive Health Education Program, 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development, 6:230 Library Media Program, 6:230-AP Responding to Complaints about Library Media Resources, 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program, 6:280 Grading and Promotion, 7:50 School Admission and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools, 7:60 Residence, 7:70 Amendments and Truancy, 7:160 Student Appearance, 7:165 School Uniforms, 7:190 Student Behavior, 7:190-AP9 Administrative Transfer to Regional Safe School Programs, 7:250 Student Support Services, 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students, 7:270-AP2 Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Medications, 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program, 7:285-AP Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program, 7:290 Suicide, and Depression Awareness and Prevention, 7:290-AP Resource guide for Implementation of Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program, 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security, 7:345-AP Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security, 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County of Hancock, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals, for submission to the electors of said County at the consolidated election to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Henry, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education