

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

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

January 31, 2024

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, January 31, 2024 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	Left at 7:19 p.m.
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 Stephens and a second by Member Tippey, 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

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the December 13, 2023 regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Special Recognition**

Kimberly Harrison presented the Board Excellence Awards which included FBLA Western Area Competition, FBLA Western Area Conference President and Vice-President, TSSR Game Time Live All-Area Volleyball 1st Team, TSSR Game Time Live All-Area Volleyball 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, Ron Elbe Auto Sales Bad Boy Mowers Athlete of the Week, TSSR Game Time Live Football Player of the Year, TSSR Game Time Live All-Area Football Team, KHQA Do-or-Die Football 1<sup>st</sup> Team, CSE Basketball Tournament All-Tournament Team, CSE Girls Varsity Basketball CSE Tournament Champions, CSE Girls Varsity Basketball Bloomington State Farm Classic Champions, JWCC President's List, Virginia Basketball Tournament All-Tournament Team, IESA Sportsmanship Award, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball IESA 1A Regional Champions and IESA 1A Sectional Champions, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Virginia Tournament.

### **Financial**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Informational Items**

Superintendent Lantz reviewed the certified and non-certified seniority lists.

Superintendent Lantz gave an update on a school resource officer.

Superintendent Lantz gave an update on the Maintenance Grant.

Superintendent Lantz discussed the winter weather plans and procedures.

Superintendent Lantz discussed the 2023-2024 School Calendar.

No administrative reports were given.

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education moved into closed session at 7:19 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing

testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and student disciplinary cases.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

### **Action Items**

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the deposit account agreement and investment agreement with Bowen Bank of Advance effective February 1, 2024 through January 31, 2025.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

The motion to defer property taxes received in the month of June to the next fiscal year was tabled.

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Henry, the Board of Education approved the purchase of a 2020 Chrysler Voyager in the amount of \$25,361.03.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Jeffery Fecht in the position of bus driver effective January 5, 2024.

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 Tippey, the Board of Education accepted the retirement resignation of Cindy Twidwell in the position of junior high and high school English teacher effective June 1, 2027.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of Benjamin Janssen in the position of substitute bus driver.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried

X

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President, Board of Education

X

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Secretary, Board of Education