

Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 28, 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, February 28, 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:

Board of Education	Title	Present	Absent
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	
Administration	Title	Present	Absent
Tecia Lantz	Superintendent	X	
Brandon Gooding	Elementary Principal	X	Left at 7:05 p.m.
Tim Kerr	Jr. High Principal	X	Left at 7:05 p.m.
Kimberly Harrison	Sr. High Principal	X	Left at 7:05 p.m.
Cyle Rigg	District AD/Transp. Director	X	Left at 7:05 p.m.
Staff	Title	Present	Absent
Lisa Knorr	Recording Secretary	X	
Others Present	Title	Address the Board	Topic
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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the January 31, 2024 regular meeting and closed session.

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 February Sun of the Month, Culver Stockton Science Fair ratings, Culver Stockton Science Fair Outstanding Chapter, IESA Regional Tournament Sportsmanship Award, Hancock County Basketball Tournament All-Tournament Team, IESA Wrestling Regionals, IESA State Tournament Sportsmanship Award, 7th Grade Boys Basketball 1A 3rd Place in State, CSE Girls Varsity Basketball IHSA 2A Regional Champions and Sectional Champions.

Financial

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, 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 presented the updated 2023-2024 School Calendar.

Superintendent Lantz reviewed the 2024-2025 Open Positions.

Superintendent Lantz reviewed the 2024-2025 Social Work Services.

Administrative reports were given with Mr. Gooding reporting they are getting ready for IAR testing and reward trip following the testing. Mr. Kerr explained the IAR testing for jr. high and SAT and PSAT for high school which are all online now plus the Illinois Science assessment. He also thanked everyone for their support while he's been off with his dad who is ill. There has been some interest in starting up a group leadership type group for grades 7-12 which would be before or after school. Mrs. Harrison talked about Homecoming week and the Homecoming dance; she would like to thank Mrs. Schwagmeyer-Belger for being the DJ. She also reported discipline issues were up the month of February with a breakdown of the categories. Mr. Rigg reported on the regionals we have hosted this year— he has received a lot of compliments on our facilities.

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education moved into closed session at 7:05 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; student disciplinary cases; and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of school board approval of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as required by the Act.

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 8:04 p.m.

Action Items

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the release of the following closed session minutes for public review: August 23, 2023 and September 27, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the 2024 high school graduation date for Sunday, May 19, 2024 at the Southeastern Jr/Sr High School at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the early graduation of class of 2025 junior Anden Akers contingent upon meeting all graduation requirements by May 19, 2024.

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 Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the certified substitute salary for extended leaves for the 2023-2024 school year as amended.

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 Henry, the Board of Education approved the boys' football cooperative sports agreement with West Prairie for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry
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 Debra Hurt in the position of math teacher effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Evan Bennett in the position of paraprofessional effective February 6, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Corena Orris in the position of paraprofessional and bus route monitor effective March 8, 2024.

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 Tippey, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Alison Schwagmeyer-Belger in the position of physical education teacher effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

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 accepted the resignation of Cole Jensen in the position of long-term substitute teacher effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of Cole Jensen in the position of play assistant sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Henry and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the employment of Kimberly Harrison in the position of junior/senior high school principal for the Southeastern School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry
Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the employment of Tim Kerr in the position of junior/senior high school principal for the Southeastern School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz
Nay: None

Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the employment of Brandon Gooding in the position of elementary principal for the Southeastern School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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 Cyle Rigg in the position of transportation director/athletic director for the Southeastern School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Adjournment

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried

X

President, Board of Education

X

Secretary, Board of Education