

Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337

Minutes of Regular Meeting

July 26, 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, July 26, 2023 in the Board of Education Office in Augusta, Illinois. Bobbi Smith, 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	
Mark Hitz	Member	X	
Grant Holst	Member	X	
Bobbi Smith	President	X	
Julie Stevens	Secretary	X	Appointed at 6:32 p.m.
Greg Tippey	Vice President	X	
Administration	Title	Present	Absent
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	
Staff	Title	Present	Absent
Lisa Knorr	Recording Secretary	X	
Others Present	Title	Address the Board	Topic
No Guests	N/A	N/A	N/A

Election of Officer

President Smith asked for **nominations for office of Board Secretary** due to the resignation of member Sarah Kearby. Julie Stevens was the only nomination for Board Secretary.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith, Tippey

Nay: None

Abstain: Stevens

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Agenda Items

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the June 26, 2023 regular meeting and closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Special Recognition

None.

Financial

Superintendent Lantz reviewed the FY24 budget process.

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved to authorize the superintendent to develop a tentative budget for the FY24 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Hitz, the Board of Education approved to schedule a public hearing on Wednesday, September 27, 2023 for the purpose of public information and input into the FY24 school district budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the school district's expenditures of funds to defray necessary and proper expenses and liabilities of the school district incurred for educational or operations or maintenance or transportation or site and construction purposes of the district for FY24, until which time the

annual budget of the district is adopted in conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Informational Items

Superintendent Lantz reviewed the E-Learning days plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent Lantz updated the board on the College and Career Readiness plan for the FY24 school year.

Superintendent Lantz gave Board Policy Update with the (1st reading) of: 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure, 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruiting, 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited, 5:170 Copyright, 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

Administrative reports were given with Mr. Kerr elaborating on the College and Career Readiness Plan options for high school students. Mr. Gooding reported on the updates for elementary handbooks and Mrs. Harrison reported on the changes for the junior/senior high handbook. Mr. Rigg reported on the new digital scoreboard.

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education moved into closed session at 7:34 p.m. for 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:12 p.m.

Action Items

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the Consolidated District Plan as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Hitz, the Board of Education approved the 2nd reading of board policies: 2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct, 2:170 Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services, 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery, 4:100 Insurance Management, 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline, 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives, 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities, 6:240 Field Trips, 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment, 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries, 7:330 Student Use of Buildings-Equal Access, 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities, 8:95 Parental Involvement.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the 2023-2024 Southeastern Elementary and Southeastern Junior/Senior High School handbooks as amended.

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the Return to Learn Plan for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens

Nay: Holst

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Bryan Schullian in the position of junior/senior high teacher, junior class sponsor, and FFA sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Hitz, the Board of Education approved the employment of Jordan Rauch in the position of FFA Sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the employment of Alison Schwagmeyer-Belger in the position of physical education teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the employment of Jeremy Stephens in the position of junior high baseball assistant coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Smith, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the employment of Beth McMillen in the position of cheerleading coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith

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 Sara Guymon in the position of high school science club sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the employment of Keela Whewell in the position of high school science club assistant sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Smith, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of Carrie Shaffer in the position of director of food service for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Smith, 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 8:18 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried

X

President, Board of Education

X

Secretary, Board of Education