



# SOUTH EASTERN SPECIAL EDUCATION

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## **SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

**SESE Central Office**

**Newton, IL**

### **TENTATIVE MINUTES**

The May meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 9:30 a.m., at the SESE Central Office in Newton, IL. Joel Hackney, Acting Chairperson for the SESE Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

Members present: Joe Sornberger, Jason Fox, Travis Titsworth, Michelle Meese, Cathy Croy, Keith Price, and Acting Chair Joel Hackney.

Members absent: Josh Quick, Jessica Sisil, Jakie Walker, and Doug Daugherty.

The agenda was presented for review. Titsworth moved, seconded by Sornberger to approve the agenda. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Croy moved, seconded by Fox to appoint Joe Sornberger as Acting Recording Secretary for the May 15, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The consent agenda was presented for review. Fox moved, seconded by Meese to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Visitor Taylor Robinson, School Psychologist, representing the SESEA was recognized.

Bidding documents were presented by ADG for a new roof at the Central Office. Fox moved, seconded by Meese to approve the bidding out documents for the roof project. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the First Reading of the IASB Recommended Policy Updates. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Croy moved, seconded by Price to approve the Authorization to place the Tentative Amended Budget on 30 Day Review to be approved at the June 20, 2024 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

At 9:37 a.m., Fox moved, seconded by Meese to go into executive closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and collective negotiations. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

At 9:45 a.m., Meese moved, seconded by Croy to return to regular session. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Croy to accept the Retirement of Maria Rayborn, School Psychologist, effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Sornberger to accept the resignations of Elizabeth Behrmann, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to May 8, 2024; Nicole Luttrell, Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year; Nathan Harper, Educational Support Personnel, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year; and McKenna Meadows, Educational Support Personnel, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Hackney to employ Tara Gallion, Special Education Teacher, for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Croy to employ Laura Purcell, Special Education Teacher, effective January 6, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Sornberger to employ Anna Alli and Isabelle Kurowski, School Psychology Graduate Assistants, for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve posting of an Occupational Therapist Position for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

Director Kessler gave an update on the Ste. Marie Central Office building.

Director Kessler confirmed Governing Board Members for the 2024-2025 school year.

There was a brief discussion regarding the budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

There being no further business, Sornberger moved, seconded by Fox to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:24 a.m.

  
Joel Hackney, Acting Chair

  
Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary