

SOUTH EASTERN SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Kim Kessler, Director

SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, September 14, 2023
SESE Central Office
Ste. Marie, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The September meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 9:30 a.m., at the SESE Central Office in Ste. Marie, IL. Jessica Sisil, Chairperson for the SESE Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Members present: Joe Sornberger, Jason Fox, Josh Quick, Michelle Meese, Cathy Croy, Keith Price, Joel Hackney, and Chair Jessica Sisil.

Members absent: Travis Titsworth, Jakie Walker, and Doug Daugherty.

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

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

Jason Kuhl, Ste. Marie Village Mayor, addressed the Board about the Village having interest in the current South Eastern Special Education building and property. The Village Board would like to tour the building and see about the possibilities and being able to preserve the history with the building and property. The Ste. Marie Village was hoping to put it on the September agenda for their board meeting. There was a brief discussion about the possible transfer of property to the Village.

Fox moved, seconded by Hackney to approve the Final Reading of the IASB Recommended Policy updates. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Executive Board did not go into closed session.

The Family Medical Leave Requests for Morgan Bayles, School Social Worker, beginning March 15, 2024 and expecting to return on May 17, 2024; and Zoe Diamond, Educational Support Personnel, beginning November 20, 2023 and expecting to return January 22, 2024, were acknowledged.

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Quick moved, seconded by Croy to employ, upon EHR background check completion and licensure, Kenneth Casey, retroactive to August 11, 2023; Kylie Doyle, retroactive to August 11, 2023; Mariah Glover-Burwell, retroactive to September 5, 2023; Abby Goss, retroactive to August 16, 2023; Courtney Logan, retroactive to September 5, 2023; Quortney Newell, retroactive to August 14, 2023; Jennifer Sparlin, retroactive to August 11, 2023; and Mikki Sprouse, retroactive to August 11, 2023 as Educational Support Personnel for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Quick, Sisil, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Quick to approve the resignations of Michiala Turner, Educational Support Personnel, effective August 3, 2023; Taylor Johnston, Educational Support Personnel, effective August 14, 2023; Mikki Sprouse, Educational Support Personnel, effective August 22, 2023; and Brittany Stoltz, Educational Support Personnel, effective September 27, 2023. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Quick, Sisil, Meese, Croy, Price and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

Kessler recognized the following employees for their years of service to SESE:

5 Years

Molly Basnett - School Psychologist
Carla Hanks - School Social Worker
Caleb Hixon - Next Step IV Classroom Teacher
Danette Holmes - Hutsonville Autism III Paraprofessional
Michelle Hughbanks - Hutsonville Autism IV Classroom Teacher
Laura Purcell - Hutsonville Autism IV Paraprofessional
Amy Robichaux - Clay City ED III Paraprofessional
Alexis Schaich - Richland ECE Classroom Teacher

10 Years

Martha Kirts - Speech-Language Pathologist

15 Years

Kim Kessler - Director
Kayla Reynolds - Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

20 Years

Renee Barthelme - Bookkeeper
Cathy Mabuice - Robinson MSI III Paraprofessional
Rebbkka Smith - Next Step Day School Secretary/Paraprofessional
Lisa Wilson - Robinson MSI III Paraprofessional

25 Years

Penny Luzadder- Occupational Therapist

District Contacts for SIS were distributed for updates.

There was a brief discussion regarding whether the Districts should have an Alternate Governing Board Member in case the other Member could not attend.

Director Kessler gave an update on the new Central Office Building Project.

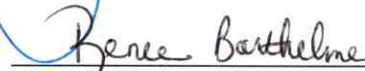
Director Kessler gave an update about the Next Step Day School.

Director Kessler and the Executive Board recognized Superintendent Travis Wyatt on his retirement and thanked him for his years of service.

There being no further business, Hackney moved, seconded by Croy to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:31 a.m.



Jessica Sisil, Chair



Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary