

SOUTH EASTERN SPECIAL EDUCATION

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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Wednesday, February 19, 2025 SESE Central Office Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The February meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., at the SESE Central Office in Newton, IL. Joel Hackney, Chairperson for the SESE Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Members present: Joe Sornberger, Jason Fox, Travis Titsworth, Klye Klier, Jessica Sisil, Michelle Meese, Jakie Walker, John Neubaum, Keith Price, and Chair Joel Hackney.

Members absent: Doug Daugherty.

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

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

Klier moved, seconded by Neubaum to approve the Resolution in Support of Vision 2030. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Klier moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve posting of a Technology Coordinator Position for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Sisil moved, seconded by Walker to approve a posting of a Pre-Vocational Coordinator Position for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Sisil to approve the Special Education Teacher Fellowship Application. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

At 10:02 a.m., Neubaum moved, seconded by Fox 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 10:12 a.m., Price moved, seconded by Sisil to return to regular session. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Klier to approve Family Medical Leave Requests for Samantha Lewis, Speech Language Pathologist, retroactively beginning January 15, 2025 intermittently through April 9, 2025; and Michelle Rauch, Physical Therapist Assistant, beginning February 19, 2025 through March 5, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sisil moved, seconded by Walker to accept the resignations of Kylie Doyle, Educational Support Personnel, effective January 31, 2025; ChiAnne Mattingly, Educational Support Personnel, effective January 31, 2025; and Hannah Tidwell, Educational Support Personnel, effective February 19, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Hackney moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Nicole Sanders, Educational Support Personnel, upon EHR background check completion and licensure retroactive to February 6, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Walker to employ Lora Land, Educational Support Personnel, upon EHR background check completion and licensure retroactive to February 10, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sisil moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Morgan Schmidt, Educational Support Personnel, upon EHR background check completion and licensure retroactive to February 24, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth, seconded by Neubaum to approve the reemployment of non-bargaining administrative and clerical staff, Morgan Fehrenbacher, Jane Gregory, Beth Leggitt, Katelyn Lidy, Lisa McMorris, Robyn Payne, Renee Barthelme, Tiffany Snider, Gina Niemerg, and Dale Mangum for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the reemployment of Probationary Licensed: Educational and Medical Staff, per Attachment A, for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Klier to approve the reemployment of Probationary Educational Support Personnel, per Attachment B, for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Sornberger to approve the Resolutions authorizing non-reemployment of First Year Non-Tenured Teachers - Abby Gangloff, Emma Johnson, and Carly Selby; Second Year Non-Tenured Teachers - Mariah Goode and Jonathan Williams; and Third Year Non-Tenured Teachers - Amanda Fleenor, Mallory Pierce, and Samantha Knoblett.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

The IDEA Part B Grant amendment was discussed.

Director Kessler reminded the Board of the Governing Board Meeting on March 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Newton Elementary School.

There being no further business, Walker moved, seconded by somberger to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:27 a.m.

Joel Hackney, Chair

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