

SOUTH EASTERN SPECIAL EDUCATION

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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING Wednesday, April 16, 2025 SESE Central Office Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The April meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, April 16, 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 9:35 a.m.

Members present: Joe Sornberger, Travis Titsworth, Kyle Klier, Michelle Meese, John Neubaum, Keith Price, and Chair Joel Hackney.

Members absent: Jason Fox, Jessica Sisil, Jakie Walker, and Doug Daugherty.

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

Klier moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve Notice of Award to Gary Galloway Lawn Care for Mowing Services. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Meese to approve to Bid Out Health Insurance through the Request for Proposal Process. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Neubaum to approve a School Psychology Position for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Executive Board did not go into closed session.

Klier moved, seconded by Neubaum to approve Family Medical Leave Requests for Angela Edwards, Teacher, beginning May 5, 2025 through June 1, 2025; Torie Manning, Teacher, retroactively beginning April 8, 2025 through May 10, 2025; and Melissa Miller,

Teacher, beginning May 12, 2025 through June 16, 2025. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Price to approve Family Medical Leave Alteration Requests for Christina Wood, Teacher, to retroactively begin April 9, 2025 instead of April 28, 2025; and Sarah Woodrow, Educational Support Personnel, to begin April 22, 2025 instead of May 5, 2025. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Hackney to approve the Letter of Intent to Retire at the end of the 2028-2029 school year for Carla Hanks, School Social Worker. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to accept the resignations of Amanda Fleenor, Teacher, at the end of the 2024-2025 school year; Miranda Campbell, Educational Support Personnel, retroactively to March 17, 2025; and Bailie Tuttle, Educational Support Personnel, retroactively to April 4, 2025. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Amelia McPheron, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to April 3, 2025. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Klier to employ Taylor Ferguson, School Psychologist Intern, for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Sornberger to employ Jackie McDonald, Pre-Vocational Coordinator, for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Hackney moved, seconded by Meese to employ Chad Traub, Technology Coordinator, for the 2025-2026 school year with starting date to be determined. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Klier to employ Paige Wallace and Briana Turner as School Psychology Graduate Assistants for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved seconded by Neubaum to Authorize Preparation for the 2025-2026 Tentative Budget. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

Director Kessler updated the Board on the new Mentor Program for the 2025-2026 school year.

Director Kessler reminded the Board of the upcoming Training Sessions hosted by SESE:

- a. June 3rd: Brandon K. Wright, Administrator Academy: School Law Update
- b. June 4th: Teach-Train-Thrive Day 1
- c. June 5th: Teach-Train-Thrive Day 2
- d. June 12th: Ukeru -Trainer Recertification

There was a brief discussion about updating the SESE Website and sending the Board Agenda to Members.

There being no further business, Neubaum moved, seconded by Price to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:23 a.m.

Joel Hackney, Chair

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Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary