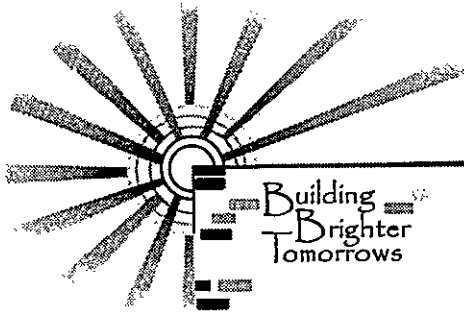




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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 4, 2025

SESE Central Office

Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The September meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Thursday, September 4, 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 9:32 a.m.

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

Members absent: Kyle Klier, Doug Daugherty, and John Neubaum.

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

Titsworth moved, seconded by Walker to approve the First 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.

Meese moved, seconded by Sisil to employ Paige Klingler, Teacher, retroactive to August 26, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sisil moved, seconded by Price to employ Anita Bell, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to August 7, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Walker to employ Shelby Hoagland, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to August 7, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Meese to employ Morris Johnson, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to August 7, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sisil moved, seconded by Price to employ Ashlynn Keller, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to September 2, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Hackney to employ Hillary Lawhead, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to September 2, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Sisil to employ Bailey Logan, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to August 22, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Titsworth to employ Laynee Sanders, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to August 18, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Fox to employ Ashleigh West, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to August 7, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Hackney to employ Kelsey Gibbons, Educational Support Personnel, effective September 16, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Fox moved, seconded by Meese to approve the resignations of Kelsey Mayse, Teacher, effective August 19, 2025; Evelyn Bible, Educational Support Personnel, effective August 22, 2025; and Julie Jones, Educational Support Personnel, effective September 17, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sisil moved, seconded by Meese to approve the changes to the Licensed Evaluation Plan and Guide from the South Eastern Special Education PERA Joint Committee. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Walker moved, seconded by Hackney to approve the Adoption of the Illinois Council of School Attorneys Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities. Roll call was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Sisil to approve the Posting for an Administrative Assistant. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

Recognized and honored the following employees for their ongoing commitment to SESE and the students we serve. The employees were awarded Years of Service Pins during the SESE Institute Day for achieving their work milestones.

5 Years

Kailey Bilohlavek - School Social Worker
Mandy Booth - Clay City ED II Paraprofessional
Kristen Dycus- Oblong ED I Classroom Teacher
Jane Gregory - Technical Assistance Supervisor
Nicole Hanna - Bridgeport ECE Paraprofessional
Haley McPherson - Next Step Day School Classroom Teacher
Jennifer Sparlin - North Clay MSI I/II Paraprofessional
Valerie Vermilya - Richland Autism I Classroom Teacher
Jonathan Williams - Next Step Day School Classroom Teacher

10 Years

Nicole Fitch - Speech Language Pathologist

20 Years

Jennifer Emmerich - Occupational Therapist
Josh Goss - Oblong ED IV Paraprofessional

25 Years

Michelle Rauch - Physical Therapist Assistant
Tiffany Snider - Executive Administrative Assistant

30 Years

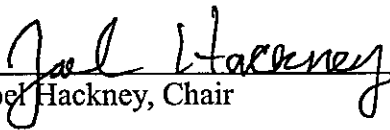
Beth Leggitt - Technical Assistance Supervisor

Updated the District SIS contact.

Discussed Districts providing a Governing Board Member Alternate to attend Governing Board Meetings.

There was a brief discussion about upcoming Contract Negotiations.

There being no further business, Meese moved, seconded by Sisil to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:05 a.m.


Joel Hackney, Chair


Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary