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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

SESE Central Office

Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The October meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, October 15, 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, Kyle 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. Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth 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 Klier to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Walker moved, seconded by Meese to approve a Resolution to appoint Gina Niemerg, Assistant Bookkeeper, as the Authorized Agent for IMRF. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Neubaum 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 Submission of the FY26 Round 1 School Maintenance Grant Application. 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 Titsworth to to approve Family Medical Leave Requests for Jeff Monroney, Educational Support Personnel, retroactively beginning September 29, 2025 intermittently through June 30, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Klier moved, seconded by Hackney to to approve a Leave Request for Tammy Dowdy, Educational Support Personnel, retroactively beginning September 22, 2025 through October 8, 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 Sisil to approve the resignations of Tammy Dowdy, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to October 9, 2025; Nichole, Evans, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to September 10, 2025; Shelby Hoagland, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to September 18, 2025; Ashlynn Keller, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to September 29, 2025; Lora Land, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to September 22, 2025; Tonda Richey, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to September 26, 2025; and Catherine Stout, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to October 3, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Klier to employ Libby Collins, Administrative Assistant, effective November 3, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

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

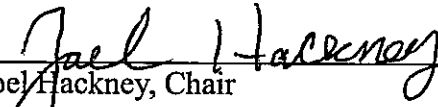
Titsworth moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Jennifer Shock, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to October 20, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.


The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

The ISBE's Annual LEA Determination Reviews for 2024-2025 were reviewed.

Director Kessler gave an update on the Egyptian Trust Withdrawal Liability.

There being no further business, Walker moved, seconded by Neubaum to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:02 a.m.


Joel Hackney, Chair


Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary