



SOUTH EASTERN SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Summary of SESE Executive Board Meeting **January 14, 2026**

1. Approved the First Reading of the following IASB Recommended Policy Updates:

Draft Updates:

- 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:30 Revenue and Investments
- 4:40 Incurring Debt
- 4:80 Accounting and Audits
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:60 Curriculum Content
- 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- 2:150 Committees
- 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited
- 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
- 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
- 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- 7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
- 7:340 Student Records

Review and Monitoring:

- 6:280 Grading and Promotion

2. Approved to Open August 2025 through December 2025 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
3. Approved the Following Family Medical Leave Requests:
Kristen Dycus, Emotional Disability Teacher
Anna Hixon, Early Childhood Education Teacher
Michelle Hogg, Autism Teacher
Amy Robichaux, Paraprofessional
Ashleigh West, Emotional Disability Teacher
Abby Willenborg, School Psychologist
4. Accepted the Following Resignations:
Tara Gallion, Moderate-Severely Impaired Teacher
Amber Spurgeon, Paraprofessional
5. Approved the Following Employment:
Tammy Dowdy, Paraprofessional
Nichole Evans, Paraprofessional
Tabatha "Tabby" Green, Paraprofessional
Becky Keller, Paraprofessional
Paige Klingler, Moderate-Severely Impaired Teacher
Hanha Loyd, Paraprofessional
Baylee-Ella Whitney, Paraprofessional
Tasha Thuftedal, Next Step Teacher
Ashleigh West, Emotional Disability Teacher
6. Discussed the Case Study Evaluation Report
7. Discussed IDEA Part B Consolidated Grant Amendment
8. Reminder of the upcoming Special Governing Board Meeting: February 24, 2026