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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 4, 2025

SESE Central Office

Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The December meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Thursday, December 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 9:33 a.m.

Members present: Joe Somberger, Travis Titsworth, Kyle Klier, Jessica Sisil, Michelle Meese, Jakie Walker, John Neubaum, Keith Price, and Chair Joel Hackney.

Members absent: Jason Fox and Doug Daugherty.

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

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

Klier moved, seconded by Sisil to adopt South Eastern Special Education's School Food Authority Code of Conduct. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Walker moved, seconded by Neubaum to adopt South Eastern Special Education's School Food Authority Procurement Procedures. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

At 9:37 a.m., Titsworth moved, seconded by Meese 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 9:50 a.m., Klier moved, seconded by Sisil to return to regular session. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Walker to to approve Family Medical Leave Requests for Molly Basnett, School Psychologist, beginning March 2, 2026 through May 8, 2026; Tara Gallion, Teacher, retroactively beginning October 22, 2025 and returning January 5, 2026; Bambi Hall, Teacher, retroactively beginning October 1, 2025 and intermittently through April 1, 2026; and Deb Hardig, Educational Support Personnel, retroactively beginning October 21, 2025 and intermittently through June 30, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sisil moved, seconded by Price to approve the resignations of Bailey Buerster, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to October 24, 2025; Tony Duenas, Teacher, effective December 19, 2025; Jordan Hamilton, Educational Support Personnel, effective December 5, 2025; Debra Hardig, Educational Support Personnel, effective December 19, 2025; Paige Klingler, Teacher, effective December 10, 2025; Jeff Monroney, Educational Support Personnel, effective December 19, 2025; and Tricia Newbold, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to November 25, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Walker to employ Emily Belcher, Administrative Assistant, retroactive to October 22, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Klier to employ Marni Drury-Egan, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to December 1, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Klier moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Cobin Hayes, Educational Support Personnel, effective January 5, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Hackney to employ Amelia McPheron, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to October 27, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Klier to employ Isaiah Newkirk, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to November 13, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Klier moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Chipp Wilson, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to November 17, 2025. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Klier, Sisil, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

The 2024-2025 Audit was Presented. Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the 2024-2025 Audit. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger, seconded by Meese to approve the Next Step Administrative Assistant Performance Evaluation. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Approval of the Fellowship for LBS 1 Licensure for Freshman/Sophomore Level was tabled at this time.

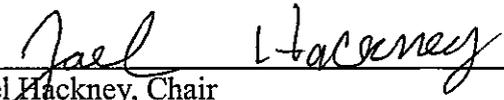
Sisil moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the Amendments to the District Joint Agreement. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

The FY 2026 Final Allocations for the IDEA Part B Grant were discussed.

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

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: 10:10 a.m.



Joel Hackney, Chair



Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary