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SESE GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

SESE Central Office

Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The August meeting of the South Eastern Education Governing Board was held Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at the SESE Central Office in Newton, IL. Mandy Rieman, Chair for the SESE Governing Board called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Cindy Lockley, Bill Sandiford, Don Wagoner, Kyle Bailey, Bryan Moore, Courtney Hatcher, and Chair Mandy Rieman.

Members absent: Connor McCoy, Mike Seitzinger, Mary Jo Patridge, and Kim Smith.

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

At this time, the Governing Board members introduced themselves.

Sandiford moved, seconded by Wagoner to approve the minutes for the March 18, 2025 SESE Special Governing Board meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Lockley moved, seconded by Sandiford to nominate Mandy Rieman as Chairperson for the 2025-2026 school year; Kyle Bailey as Vice Chairperson for the 2025-2026 school year; and Cindy Lockley as Secretary for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Rieman, Lockley, Sandiford, Wagoner, Bailey, Moore, and Hatcher voting yea. Motion carried.

Sandiford moved, seconded by Lockley to appoint Renee Barthelme as Treasurer and Recording Secretary for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with

Rieman, Lockley, Sandiford, Wagoner, Bailey, Moore, and Hatcher voting yea. Motion carried.

Lockley moved, seconded by Bailey to approve the 2025-2026 budget. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.


Hatcher moved, seconded by Rieman to approve the 2025-2026 Assessment as set forth by the Articles of Joint Agreement. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Governing Board did not go into closed session.

Sandiford moved, seconded by Bailey to employ, upon EHR background check completion and licensure, Amelia McPheron as Educational Support Personnel for the 2024-2025 school year; Mary Clark, Tammy Dowdy, Markie Foil, Tash Thuftedal, Chloe Adams, Bailey Buerster, Nichole Evans, Jordan Hamilton, Tonda Richey, Amber Spurgeon, and Rebecca Stephens, as Educational Support Personnel for the 2025-2026 school year; and Taylor Ferguson, Jackie McDonald, Chad Traub, Paige Wallace, Briana Turner, Mandi Alspach, Elizabeth Froemling, Mariah Goode, Emma Johnson, Samantha Knoblett, Brock McMorris, Carly Selby, Jonathan Williams, Mayana Blair, Melody Bricker, Tony Duenas, Densie Earleywine, Heather Wilkins, Mark Luzadder, and Kelsy Mayse as Licensed Personnel for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote was taken with Rieman, Lockley, Sandiford, Wagoner, Bailey, Moore, and Hatcher voting yea. Motion carried

Lockley moved, seconded by Hatcher to adopt the Recommended SESE Policy Revisions. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Sandiford moved, seconded by Wagoner to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time 6:38 p.m.



Mandy Rieman, Chair



Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary