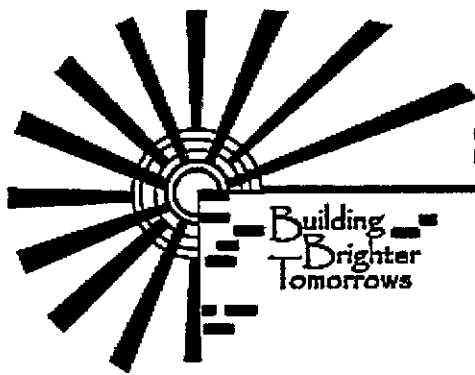




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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2026
SESE Central Office
Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The April meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, April 15, 2026 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 9:34 a.m.

Members present: Joe Sornberger, Jason Fox, Travis Titsworth, Kyle Klier, Michelle Meese, Jakie Walker, John Neubaum, Keith Price, and Chair Joel Hackney.

Members absent: Jessica Sisil and Doug Daugherty.

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

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

Titsworth moved, seconded by Neubaum to approve the Amended 2025-2026 School Calendar for Next Step Day School. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Executive Board did not go into closed session.

Klier moved, seconded by Hackney to approve Family Medical Leave Request for Annie Hahn, Occupational Therapist, beginning May 4, 2026 through June 30, 2026; Intermittent Family Medical Leave Request for Jessica Marshall, Speech Language Pathologist, retroactively beginning March 9, 2026 through June 1, 2026; and Family Medical Leave Alteration Request for Kristen Dycus, Teacher, retroactively beginning February 20, 2026 through April 14, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Fox to approve a Leave Request for Mary Clark, Educational Support Personnel, retroactively beginning February 18, 2026 through May 29, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Walker to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Joyce Reis effective June 30, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Klier to accept the resignations of Mandi Alspach, School Psychologist, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 School Year; Marni Drury-Egan, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to March 6, 2026; Markie Foil, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to March 23, 2026; and Martha Kirts, Speech Language Pathologist, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 School Year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Hackney to employ Mackenzie Vincent, Educational Support Personnel, retroactive to March 30, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Walker to employ Taylor Ferguson, School Psychologist, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Klier moved, seconded by Meese to employ Jacey Parr, Speech Language Pathologist, for the 2026-2027 School Year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

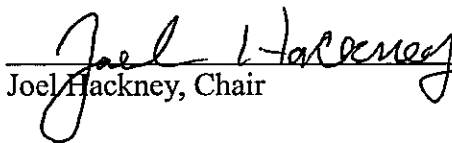
Walker moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Leah Reed and Addison Talbot as School Psychology Graduate Assistants for the 2026-2027 School Year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Fox, Titsworth, Klier, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

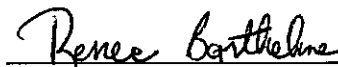
Fox moved, seconded by Sornberger to Authorize Preparation for the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Case Study Evaluation Report was reviewed.

Director Kessler reminded the Board Members of the Upcoming Administrator Academy and other Trainings that SESE has scheduled.

There being no further business, Klier moved, seconded by Price to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 9:56 a.m.


Joel Hackney, Chair


Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary