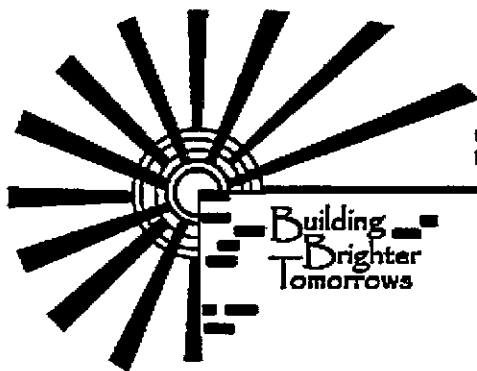




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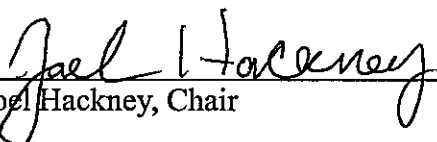
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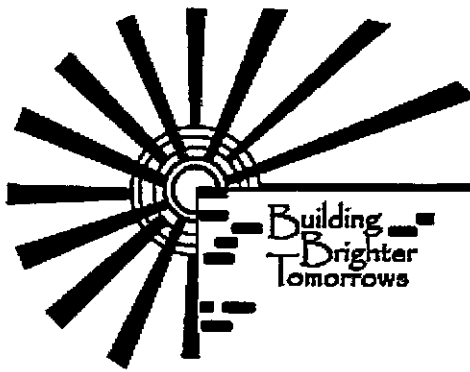
The Budget meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 9:15 a.m., at the SESE Central Office in Newton, IL. Joel Hackney, Chairperson for the SESE Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

There were no questions or comments.

Roll call was taken with Joe Sornberger, Travis Titsworth, Michelle Meese, Jakie Walker, John Neubaum, Keith Price, and Chair Joel Hackney voting yea. Motion carried. Time 9:17 a.m.


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SESE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

SESE Central Office

Newton, IL

TENTATIVE MINUTES

The June meeting of the South Eastern Special Education Executive Board was held Wednesday, June 24, 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 9:30 a.m.

Members present: Joe Sornberger, Travis Titsworth, Michelle Meese, Jackie Walker, John Neubaum, Keith Price, and Chair Joel Hackney.

Members absent: Jason Fox, Kyle Klier, Jessica Sisil, and Doug Daugherty.

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

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

The board members listened to a presentation from Lani Lawson, Board Certified Behavior Analyst and Owner of Love Your Classroom, LLC.

Walker 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.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Meese to approve 5:255 Employee Attendance and Dock Day Policy. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Hackney to approve the 2026-2027 selection of Executive Board Officers: Chairman – Supt. Fox; Vice-Chairman – Supt. Titsworth; and Secretary – Supt. Klier. Roll call was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the 2026-2027 Executive and Governing Board meeting locations and dates. Roll call was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Walker to approve First Robinson Savings Bank as the Depository of SESE Funds for the 2026-2027 school year was table at this time. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

The Executive Board did not go into closed session.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the resignation of Morris Johnson, Educational Support Personnel, effective June 30, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Meese to employ Patricia Bechman, Teacher, effective January 4, 2027. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Meese to employ Melody Bricker, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to employ Mariah Goode, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Walker to employ Emma Johnson, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to employ Lisa Kandalec, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to employ Paige Klingler, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Walker moved, seconded by Meese to employ Brock McMorris, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to employ Ashleigh West, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Hackney moved, seconded by Meese to employ Heather Wilkins, Teacher, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Hackney to employ Sarah Woodrow, Teacher, effective January 4, 2027. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Titsworth to employ Delaney Arnold, Educational Support Personnel, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Walker moved, seconded by Neubaum to employ Alexis Bledsoe, Educational Support Personnel, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Sornberger to employ Brian Fletcher, Educational Support Personnel, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Price to employ Jordyn Weger, Educational Support Personnel, for the 2026-2027 School year. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Walker moved, seconded by Sornberger to approve the FMLA Request for Brock McMorris, Teacher, beginning August 28, 2026 through September 11, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the Leave Requests for Jodee Glover, Educational Support Personnel, beginning August 24, 2026 through October 14, 2026; and Sarah Woodrow, Educational Support Personnel, beginning August 24, 2026 through October 14, 2026. Roll call vote was taken with Sornberger, Titsworth, Meese, Walker, Neubaum, Price, and Hackney voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Meese to approve Lisa Kandalec as a SESE Fellowship Participant. Roll call was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Hackney moved, seconded by Walker to authorize Director Kessler hiring rights between the June 24, 2026 and the July 27, 2026 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting years. Motion carried.

Meese moved, seconded by Price to approve Upland Insurance & Benefits - Accident Fund for the Worker's Compensation for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Titsworth moved, seconded by Sornberger to approve Prairie State Insurance Cooperative for the Package and Cyber Liability for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Neubaum moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the 2025-2026 Amended Budget. Roll call was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Meese to authorize the 2026-2027 Tentative Budget to be placed on 30-day public review. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Walker moved, seconded by Hackney to approve the 2026-2027 Calendar for Next Step Day School. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Titsworth to approve the 2026-2027 Instructional Program Handbooks. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried.

Sornberger moved, seconded by Neubaum to approve the Rental Agreement between Willow Hill Village and South Eastern Special Education for the use of the Next Step Day School for the 2026-2027 School Year.

The Case Study Evaluation report was reviewed.

FOIA requests received were discussed.

Director Kessler gave a brief summary of the summer in-services held in June.

There was a brief discussion regarding the SESE classroom locations for the 2026-2027 school year.

Director Kessler discussed the July and August Assessment invoices.

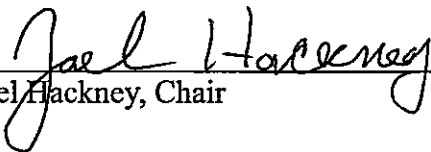
There was a brief discussion about IDEA Part B Grant Application.

Director Kessler discussed the upcoming Ukeru Train-the-Trainer Training on July 21, 2026 and July 22, 2026.

There was a brief discussion regarding changes to the Cyclical Monitoring Schedule for the six Member Districts.

The Executive Board recognized Superintendent Meese for her dedication and service throughout her years as Superintendent and on the SESE Executive Board.

There being no further business, Sornberger moved, seconded by Neubaum to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all present voting yea. Motion carried. Time: 10:23 a.m.


Joel Hackney, Chair


Renee Barthelme, Recording Secretary