



SOUTH EASTERN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Serving Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Lawrence, and Richland Counties
Kim Kessler, Director

500 S. Scott Ave. Newton, IL 62448
618-455-3396 FAX 618-455-3134

Summary of SESE Executive Board Meeting September 4, 2026

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

Draft Updates:

- 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 5:70 Religious Holidays
- 6:70 Teaching About Religions
- 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- 2:120-E-3 Exhibit - Resolution to Appoint a Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly
- 2:220-E-1 Exhibit - Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes
- 2:230 Public Participation at Governing and Executive Board Meetings
- 5:240 Suspension
- 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities

Review and Monitoring:

- 3:40 Director
- 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Director
- 3:60 Administrative Responsibility of the Assistant Director and Technical Assistance Supervisors
- 3:70 Succession of Authority
- 7:30 Student Assignment
- 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
- 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
- 5:110 Recognition for Service
- 5:140 Solicitations by or from Staff
- 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
- 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
- 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

2. Approved the Posting for an Assistant Executive Administrative Assistant

3. Approved the Following Family Medical Leave Requests:
Kealie Hayes School Psychologist
Emma Johnson Special Education Teacher
Brock McMorris Special Education Teacher
4. Approved the Following Family Medical Leave Alteration Request:
Brock McMorris Special Education Teacher
5. Approved the Following Leave Request:
Samantha Flood Paraprofessional
6. Approved the Following Employment:
Baileigh Anderson Clay City ED Paraprofessional
Meranda Bradberry Hutsonville Autism Paraprofessional
Jeremy Carpenter Full-Time Substitute Paraprofessional
Ginna Russell Hutsonville Autism Paraprofessional
Emilee Smith Hutsonville Autism Paraprofessional
Kenna Williams Richland ECE Paraprofessional
7. Approved the Following Resignations:
Meranda Bradberry Paraprofessional, Effective September 11, 2026
Abby Smith Paraprofessional, Effective July 27, 2026
8. Discussed the Case Study Evaluation Report
9. Recognized and honored the following employees for their ongoing commitment to SESE and the students we serve. The employees were awarded Years of Service Pins during the SESE Institute Day for achieving their work milestones. Congratulations to All!

5 Years

Morgan Bayles - School Social Worker
Whitney Clark - Paraprofessional
Samantha Lewis - Speech Language Pathologist
Denise Phillips - Paraprofessional
Sarah Woodrow - Paraprofessional

10 Years

Suzy Dunahee - Special Education Teacher
Erin Whisler - Special Education Teacher

15 Years

Morgan Fehrenbacher - Technical Assistance Supervisor

20 Years

Jennifer Reynolds - Occupational Therapist

25 Years

Rita Ferguson - Paraprofessional

30 Years

Maria Rayborn - School Psychologist

10. Updated the Districts' SIS Contact Information
11. Provided an Update on the August 2026 Governing Board Meeting
12. Provided an Update on The Menta Group's Interest in Opening a Day School within the Cooperative's Boundaries
13. Provided the Districts' 2025-2026 Estimated Student Reimbursement Claims