Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 27, 2021 6:30 p.m.

The following minutes are tentative and will not become official minutes of the Board of Education until their scheduled approval at the next regular meeting.

Call to Order and Roll Call

The Southeastern Community Unit District #337 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 27, 2021 in the Board of Education Office (Room #123) in Augusta, Illinois. John Eilers, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call verified that there was a quorum of the Board of Education with the following members present and absent as listed below:

Board of Education	Title	Present	Absent
John Eilers	President	X	
Mark Hitz	Member	X	
Grant Holst	Member	X	
Sarah Kearby	Member	X	
Bobbi Smith	Secretary	X	
Greg Tippey	Vice President	X	
Mark Winters	Member	X	

Administration	Title	Present	Absent
Todd Fox	Superintendent	X	
Tecia Lantz	Elementary Principal		X
Cyle Rigg	District AD/Trans. Director	X	
Tim Kerr	Jr. High Principal	X	
Kimberly Harrison	Sr. High Principal	X	

Staff	Title	Present	Absent
Lisa Knorr	Recording Secretary	X	
Others Present	Title	Address the Board	Topic
8 guests	N/A	Yes	Two parents & AFR presentation

Approval of Agenda Items

On a motion by Member Smith and a second by Member Winters, the Board of Education approved the agenda items as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Smith, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the August 9, 2021 regular meeting and closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

Budget Hearing

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Winters, the Board of Education opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. on the FY2022 Southeastern Community School District #337 budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Winters and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. on the FY2022 Southeastern Community School District #337 budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Winters, the Board of Education approved the FY2022 Southeastern Community School District #337 budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

E-Learning Day Plan Hearing

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Kearby, the Board of Education opened the public hearing at 6:48 p.m. on the E-Learning Day Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Kearby, the Board of Education closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. on the E-Learning Day Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Kearby, the Board of Education approved the E-Learning Day Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

ARP ESSER Plan Hearing

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Hitz, the Board of Education opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the ARP ESSER Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Winters, the Board of Education closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m. on the ARP ESSER Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

Public Participation

Two parents spoke from We Stand for Our Students. Ron Hilton, auditor, gave the annual financial report.

Special Recognition

The Board Excellence site featured September Sun of the Month, Lady Suns Classic All-Tournament Team, West Central All-Conference Golf Team, New Berlin Pretzel Classic Tournament MVP, Lady Suns Classic Tournament MVP, Hannibal Regional Prep Athlete of the Week, WGEM Athlete of the Week, New Berlin Pretzel Classic Tournament All-Tournament Team, Lady Suns Classic All-Tournament Team, Lady Suns Classic Tournament Champions. Superintendent Fox added a thank you to the principals and the district office for their dedication to students and work during these difficult times.

Financial

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Winters, the Board of Education approved the FY2021 Annual Financial Report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Kearby, the Board of Education approved the bills, financial statements, and activity funds.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

Informational Items

Superintendent Fox gave update on the Governor's Executive Orders.

Superintendent Fox discussed the spending of the ESSER funds.

Superintendent Fox gave update on the EBS License Sales to Adams.

Superintendent Fox presented the Summer 2021 Legislative updates.

Superintendent Fox informed the board of the tuition rate which is based on the district's actual expenditures and found on the annual financial report.

Superintendent Fox discussed transportation purchases.

Superintendent Fox gave update on the detachment/annexation hearing.

Administrative reports –none at this time.

Superintendent Fox discussed with the board the superintendent transition plan for Superintendent Fox's upcoming retirement (June 30, 2023). The plan consists of transitioning Mrs. Lantz to the superintendent position and Mr. Gooding to the elementary principal position. Due to Covid, the transition plan will start as soon as possible.

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Winters, the Board of Education moved into closed session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the school board, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; and litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the school board has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the school board find that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

The board returned to Open Session at 9:59 p.m.

Action Items

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Smith, the Board of Education approved the FY22 Consolidated District Plan as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Winters, Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey

Nay: None Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Smith and a second by Member Kearby, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Laura Roberts in the position of cook effective October 8, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Eilers, Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Winters, the Board of Education approved the employment of Chad Griswold in the position of junior high girls' basketball assistant coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Winters and a second by Member Smith, the Board of Education approved the employment of Trisha Weese in the position of paraprofessional for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Winters, Eilers, Hitz

Nay: None Absent: None Motion Carried

Adjournment

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Smith, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Voice Vote Motion Carried

