

Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337

Minutes of Regular Meeting

January 24, 2022

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, January 24, 2022 in the Board of Education Office (Room #126) 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/Transp. Director | X | Left at 7:43 p.m. |
| Tim Kerr | Jr. High Principal | X | Arrived at 6:55 p.m., left at 7:43 p.m. |
| Kimberly Harrison | Sr. High Principal | X | Left at 7:43 p.m. |
| Brandon Gooding | Asst. Elementary Principal | | Left at 7:43 p.m. |

| Staff | Title | Present | Absent |
|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Lisa Knorr | Recording Secretary | X | |
| Others Present | Title | Address the Board | Topic |
| No Guests | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Approval of Agenda Items

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Hitz, the Board of Education approved the agenda items as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Winters

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Member Hitz and a second by Member Kearby, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the December 13, 2021 regular meeting and closed session as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Winters

Motion Carried

Public Participation

None

Special Recognition

Superintendent Fox recognized Rhodes Market for everything they have done over the past 28 years for our school and our community. Superintendent Fox remembered Terry Robertson who was a former principal and superintendent at Southeastern School District and also former Southeastern employee Tony Newton.

Superintendent Fox presented the update on the Board Excellence site including: MVIT Tournament MVP, MVIT Tournament All-Tournament Team, MVIT Tournament Champions, CSE Classic Tournament All-Tournament Team, and January Sun of the Month.

Special Presentation

None

Financial

Superintendent Fox presented the monthly financial snapshot showing we are 50% into the fiscal year. We have received 76% of our budgeted revenue and have spent 50% of budgeted expenditures.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Winters

Motion Carried

Informational Items

Superintendent Fox reviewed the seniority lists.

Superintendent Fox went over the energy rates and contracts.

Superintendent Fox reviewed the plan for emergency days.

Superintendent Fox reviewed the Superintendent/Elementary Principal transition.

Superintendent Fox reviewed the open positions for 2022-2023.

Administrative reports were given with Superintendent Fox giving updates on Covid Leave bill -House Bill 2778, how the outcome of the pending lawsuits could affect our school district, the teacher shortage, ransom insurance, air purifiers in our buildings, and Covid testing. Superintendent Fox also informed the board that USDA has increased funding for school meals and schools will be receiving an additional .25 per lunch. He gave credit to Principal Harrison for the job she did to give the students a great homecoming week.

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Hitz, the Board of Education moved into closed session at 7:43 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and for collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and for 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 finds 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: Kearby, Smith, Tippey, Eilers, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: Winters

Motion Carried

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:13 p.m.

Action Items

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Kearby, the Board of Education approved to adopt the Teacher's Retirement System of the State of Illinois Savings Plan effective January 24, 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Winters

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Hitz, the Board of Education approved the deposit account agreement and investment agreement with Bowen Bank of Advance effective February 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Winters

Motion Carried

The Board of Education tabled the home school motion.

