

Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337

Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 27, 2024

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 Wednesday, March 27, 2024 in the Board of Education Office in Augusta, Illinois. Mark Hitz, 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
Eric Bunnell	Member	X	
Jordan Henry	Member	X	
Mark Hitz	President	X	
Grant Holst	Member	X	
Jeremy Stephens	Member	X	
Julie Stevens	Secretary	X	
Greg Tippey	Vice President	X	
Administration	Title	Present	Absent
Tecia Lantz	Superintendent	X	
Brandon Gooding	Elementary Principal		X
Tim Kerr	Jr. High Principal		X
Kimberly Harrison	Sr. High Principal	X	
Cyle Rigg	District AD/Transp. Director		X
Staff	Title	Present	Absent
Lisa Knorr	Recording Secretary	X	
Others Present	Title	Address the Board	Topic
No Guests	N/A	N/A	N/A

Agenda Items

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education **approved the agenda items as amended.**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the February 28, 2024 regular meeting and closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Special Recognition

Kimberly Harrison presented the Board Excellence Awards: March Sun of the Month, Region 10 Science Fair ratings, Region 10 Science Fair Advancing to State, Region 10 Science Fair ISEF Finalist, SCC Science Fair Ratings, 2024 KHQA All Do or Die Basketball “WHAT WE DO IN THE SHADOWS” “ALL-STOPPERS” and Girls All Do or Die Basketball 1st Teams, West Central Conference Basketball All Conference 1st Team, Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Honorable Mention, Hancock County CEO Business Pitch Competition-1st Place.

Financial

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Informational Items

Superintendent Lantz discussed the sports cooperative with Central school district.

Superintendent Lantz discussed the 8th Grade Promotion/ Junior High Awards Ceremony.

Superintendent Lantz presented the School Maintenance Grants – for both the Bowen and Augusta buildings.

No Administrative reports were given.

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education moved into closed session at 7:06 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.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

Action Items

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the early graduation of class of 2025 junior Rubie Burnett contingent upon meeting all graduation requirements by May 19, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the early graduation of class of 2025 junior Hailie Heaton contingent upon meeting all graduation requirements during the summer of 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved a leave of absence (maternity) for the 2023-2024 school year for the following: Kaley Havel, Hannah Brown, Kenzie Orris, Caitlyn Parker, Jordan Rauch.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Henry, the Board of Education accepted the bid from Adams County Glass for Base Bid #1 for the elementary building in the amount of \$61,142.80 plus alternate bid 1A in the amount of \$19,769.18 and alternate bid 1B in the amount of \$23,157.49 for a total of \$103,979.53.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education accepted the bid from Adams County Glass for Base Bid #2 for the junior/senior high building in the amount of \$71,199.78.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None
Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Lauren Gray in the position of 3rd grade teacher effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Kaley Havel in the position of junior/senior school English teacher effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of Kathy Ferguson in the position of bus route monitor effective March 11, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education approved the employment of William Uppinghouse in the position of paraprofessional effective March 11, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the employment of Kassie Henry in the position of 3rd grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: None
Abstain: Henry
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the employment of Ashley Eddington in the position of junior/senior high English teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of Delaney Lyles in the position of grades 4-6 teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Henry, the Board of Education approved the employment of Rylie Whitaker in the position of ag education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the employment of Annie Riker in the position of high school girls' softball assistant coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of Kim Vail in the position of junior high assistant track coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst

Nay: None

Absent: None
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of tenured certified teaching staff for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the tenure contract to the following certified teaching staff for the 2024-2025 school year: Hannah Trott, Ashly Reavis, Shanna Drake.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education approved the probationary certified teaching staff for the 2024-2025 school year: Hannah Brown, Stephanie Mencil, Kenzie Orris, Matthew Zaehring, Barbara Salmons, Sarah Kearby.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Henry, Hitz, Holst, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

Adjournment

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried

X

President, Board of Education

X

Secretary, Board of Education