

## **Southeastern Community Unit School District # 337**

### **Minutes of Regular Meeting**

September 27, 2023

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, September 27, 2023 in the Board of Education Office in Augusta, Illinois. Greg Tippey, Board Vice 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:

<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Eric Bunnell	Member	X	
Mark Hitz	President	X	Appointed at 6:32 p.m.
Grant Holst	Member	X	Arrived at 6:43 p.m.
Jeremy Stephens	Member	X	Took oath at 6:34 p.m.
Julie Stevens	Secretary	X	
Greg Tippey	Vice President	X	
<b>Administration</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Tecia Lantz	Superintendent	X	
Brandon Gooding	Elementary Principal	X	Left at 7:13 p.m.
Tim Kerr	Jr. High Principal		X
Kimberly Harrison	Sr. High Principal	X	Left at 7:02 p.m.
Cyle Rigg	District AD/Transp. Director	X	Arrived at 7:03 p.m.-left at 7:12 p.m.
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Lisa Knorr	Recording Secretary	X	
<b>Others Present</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Address the Board</b>	<b>Topic</b>
No Guests	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### **Election of Officer**

Vice President Tippey asked for nominations for office of Board President due to the resignation of Bobbi Smith. Mark Hitz was the only nomination for Board President. On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education **approved the appointment of Mark Hitz as president.**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Hitz, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: Holst

Motion Carried

### **Agenda Items**

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell

Nay: None

Absent: Holst

Motion Carried

### **Approval of Minutes**

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the minutes from the August 23, 2023 regular meeting and closed session.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: Holst

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the appointment of Jeremy Stephens as a member of the Southeastern CUSD #337 Board of Education-filling the board vacancy for a two-year term.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz

Nay: None

Absent: Holst

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the following committee assignments: Curriculum, Board Policy: Stephens.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Stephens, Stevens

Nay: None

Absent: Holst

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved to open the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. on the fiscal year 2024 budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Bunnell, Hitz, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey

Nay: None

Absent: Holst

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stevens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved to close the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. on the fiscal year 2024 budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Hitz, Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell  
Nay: None  
Absent: Holst  
Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Bunnell and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education **approved the fiscal year 2024 budget as presented.**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz  
Nay: None  
Absent: Holst  
Motion Carried

### **Special Recognition**

Kimberly Harrison presented the **Board Excellence Awards** which included the September and October Sun of the Month, Lady Suns Classic All-Tournament Volleyball Team, Beardstown JV Volleyball Tournament All-Tournament Team, West Prairie Volleyball Tournament Champions, Unity Volleyball Tournament Champions, Beardstown Volleyball Tournament Champions, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Lady Suns Classic Tournament.

### **Financial**

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stephens, Stevens, Tippey, Bunnell, Hitz, Holst  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried

### **Informational Items**

Superintendent Lantz discussed upcoming **negotiations** as the current CBA expires June 30, 2024.

Superintendent Lantz presented the quote on the **Bowen elementary gym air conditioning.**

**Administrative reports** were given with Mr. Rigg reporting on the bus fleet and the need for additional buses.

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education **moved into closed session** at 7:13 p.m. for 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, for the selection of a person to fill a vacancy on the school board, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

### **Action Items**

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Tippey, the Board of Education approved the employment of Brandon Gooding in the position of high school boys' basketball head coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stephens, the Board of Education approved the employment of Eric Stotts in the position of high school boys' basketball assistant coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

On a motion by Member Stephens and a second by Member Bunnell, the Board of Education approved the employment of Todd Fox in the position of 5/6 grade girls' basketball assistant coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried

### **Adjournment**

On a motion by Member Tippey and a second by Member Stevens, the Board of Education voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Voice Vote

Motion Carried

X

President, Board of Education

X

Secretary, Board of Education