

South Macoupin Association for Special Education

801 North Deneen St., Staunton, IL 62088

Governing Board and Executive Committee Meeting

February 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

- I. Regular Order of Business
 - A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m.
 - B. Roll Call: Present: Dori Rhodes, Staunton CUSD 6; John Essington, Mt. Olive CUSD 5; Jameson Ramirez, Bunker Hill CUSD 8. Absent: Becky Hatlee, Gillespie CUSD 7. Also present: Alison Storm, SMASE Director; Mike Kelly, Staunton CUSD 6 interim Superintendent; Patrick Murphy, Mt. Olive CUSD 5 Superintendent; Todd Dugan, Bunker Hill CUSD 8 Superintendent.
 - C. Amend Agenda: Not needed
- II. Acceptance of Appointment of Governing Board Member: Staunton CUSD 6 appoints Dori Rhodes. Dori Rhodes is appointed as the Vice President. Roll Call: Essington, yes; Kelly, yes; Ramirez, yes.
- III. Oath of Office for New Governing Board Members: New board member, Dori Rhodes, took the following oath.

“I, Dori Rhodes, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Governing Board of the South Macoupin Association for Special Education, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability. “I further swear that: I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of SMASE’s assets; I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees; I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.”
- IV. Citizen Statements: No citizens present.
- V. Consent Agenda: Consent agenda motion made by Essington, seconded by Rhodes. Roll Call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
 - A. Approval of Minutes: To approve the minutes as presented for the Regular Meeting held on January 10th, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
 - B. Approval of Bills
 - C. Approval of Financial Report
 - D. Approval of Director’s Report
- VI. Roll Call to Closed Session. Motion to enter closed session made by Rhodes, seconded by Essington. Roll call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
 - A. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).
 - B. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District. . . 5 ILC 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93- 0057.

V. Roll Call to Open Session: Motion to return to open session made by Rhodes, seconded by Ramirez. Roll call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.

VI. Action on Items from Closed Session

- A. Accept the Resignation of a Paraprofessional: Motion made by Essington and seconded by Ramirez to accept the resignation of Ginger Bertoldi. Motion carried.
- B. Approval of Employment of a Paraprofessional: Motion made by Rhodes and seconded by Ramirez to approve employment of Gabrielle Lyerla. Roll call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of Employment of a Paraprofessional: Motion made by Rhodes and seconded by Ramirez to approve employment of Tylor Bonser Roll call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.

VII. New Business

- A. Resolution Regarding the Adoption of the Teacher's Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan Participation Agreement: This is a requirement. The resolution is in the board packet. It was initially on the agenda in December, but we were advised to table it. We are now being advised to adopt the resolution. Motion made by Essington and Seconded by Rhodes to adopt the resolution. Roll call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
- B. Second Reading and Adoption of Press Policy Updates 8:100, 2:105, 2:20, 2:220, 2:260, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:160, 4:170, 4:175, 4:60, 5:10, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:185, 5:20, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:30, 5:330, 5:50, 5:90, 6:120, 6:20, 6:300, 7:10, 7:150, 7:250, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 7:345, 7:70, 7:70, 7:80 and 4:165. Motion made by Essington and Seconded by Rhodes to adopt the policies as presented. Roll call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
- C. Discussion of and Approval to Post for a Board Certified Behavior Analyst/Transition Specialist for the 2022-2023 School Term. Motion made by Rhodes and seconded by Essington to post for the position. Roll call: Essington, yes; Ramirez, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.

VIII. Correspondence: none

IX. General Discussion: none

X. Adjournment: Motion made by Essington and seconded by Rhodes to adjourn. Motion carried.