

*South Macoupin Association for Special Education*

*801 North Deneen St., Staunton, IL 62088*

*Governing Board and Executive Committee Meeting*

*February 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Minutes*

- I. Regular Order of Business
  - A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. Becky Hatlee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
  - B. Roll Call: Present: Becky Hatlee, Gillespie CUSD 7; John Essington, Mt. Olive CUSD 5; Dori Rhodes, Staunton CUSD 6; Absent: Jameson Ramirez, Bunker Hill CUSD 8. Also present: Alison Storm, SMASE Director; Shane Owsley, Gillespie CUSD 7; Brett Allen, Staunton CUSD 6; Brandi Kelly, Mt. Olive CUSD 5
  - C. Amend Agenda: No changes
- II. Citizen Statements: No citizens
- III. Consent Agenda: Rhodes made the motion, seconded by Essington to consent agenda. Roll call: Hatlee, yes; Essington, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
  - A. Approval of Minutes: To approve the minutes as presented for the Regular Meeting held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.
  - B. Approval of Bills
  - C. Approval of Financial Report
  - D. Approval of Director's Report
- IV. Roll Call to Closed Session: Motion made by Hatlee, seconded by Essington, to enter closed session. Roll call: Hatlee, yes; Essington, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
  - A. 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 made by Essington, seconded by Rhodes, to enter open session. Roll call: Hatlee, yes; Essington, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
- VI. Action on Items from Closed Session
  - A. Approval of Employment of a Paraprofessional: Motion made by Essington, seconded by Rhodes, to hire Nikki Cox as a Paraprofessional. Roll call: Hatlee, yes; Essington, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
  - B. Approval of the Sequence of Dismissal List: Motion made by Essington, seconded by Hatlee, to approve the Sequence of Dismissal List. Roll call: Hatlee, yes; Essington, yes; Rhodes, yes. Motion carried.
- VII. New Business

- A. Discussion of The Menta Academy: Mrs. Storm and Mr. Allen discussed the possibility of the Menta Academy leasing the vacant church property to turn into a private day school. The executives have toured the building and believe that it will work. Mrs. Storm has provided the data that supports the need for the program, and the Menta executives agree. Next steps are being planned.
- B. Recognition and Appreciation of the Staunton Knights of Columbus: Mrs. Storm reported that the members of the Staunton KC recently presented SMASE with a donation of almost \$2000, earned through their tootsie roll drive. SMASE students and staff truly appreciate their hard work and generosity.

VIII. Correspondence

IX. General Discussion

- A. Discussion of Emergency/Remote Day Procedures: Mrs. Storm reported that on rare occasions, road conditions in one district may be different than others. For the sake of cooperative classes, districts try to make the decision as a group. However, if one or two districts feel strongly that they should/should not be in session, it is important that we have a plan for how to address differing paths on these days. The group discussed, and the consensus was that it made more sense to act as a group in order to cause less disruption to instructional time for students in cooperative programming. Board members felt that the community understands that there is a cooperative to consider. As long as borderline decisions are made after driving the roads in the morning, they feel that the community will understand the need to act as one.

- X. Adjournment: Motion made by Rhodes, seconded by Hatlee to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried.