

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 12:12 p.m. in the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District Administrative Office, Kewanee, Illinois.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following members present: Mrs. Kari Kipp, Mrs. Jessica Peterson, Mrs. Carrie Boelens, Mr. John VanDeVelde, Mrs. Julia Robinson, Mr. Jon DeBord, Mrs. Emily Leezer, and Mr. Steve Newman. Members absent: None. Others present: None.

2. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None.

3. ADJOURN SINE DIE

Motion by Kipp and seconded by Boelens to adjourn sine die for the purpose of the election of officers.

A. Motion was made by Boelens and seconded by Leezer for the Chairman to appoint Mr. Miller as chairman pro tem, and Mrs. Harker as secretary pro tem. Voice vote- Motion Carried 7-0

B. Boelens nominated Newman as Chairman of the Governing Board. VanDeVelde motioned and seconded by Robinson. With no further nominations, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Newman.

Motion carried by Unanimous Vote 7-0.

C. DeBord nominated Boelens to continue to serve as Vice Chairman of the Governing Board. Robinson motioned, and DeBord seconded the motion. With no further nominations, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Mrs. Carrie Boelens. Motion Carried by Unanimous Vote 7-0.

D. Boelens nominated DeBord to stay in his current position to continue as Secretary of the Governing Board. Kipp motioned, and Robinson seconded the motion. With no further nominations, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. DeBord.

Motion Carried by Unanimous Vote 7-0

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Robinson to approve the following items under Consent Agenda:

- A. 06/18/26 Governing Board Minutes
- B. 06/15/26-07/31/26 Bills Payable & Reimbursements
- C. 06/05/26-07/31/26 Payroll Withholdings
- D. 06/05/26-07/31/26 Payroll & Benefits
- E. June & July Financial Statements

Roll call showed Boelens, VanDeVelde, DeBord, Leezer, Robinson, Kipp, Peterson, and Newman voting aye. No one voted nay.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

6. PERSONNEL

A motion by Peterson and seconded by Kipp to approve the following Personnel items:

- A. Personnel Chart
- B. Employment for Certified and Non-Certified Staff
- C. Request For Leave for Non-Certified Staff
- D. Resignations for Certified and Non-Certified Staff

Roll call showed DeBord, Leezer, Robinson, Kipp, Peterson, VanDeVelde, and Newman voting aye. No one voted nay.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A motion by DeBord and seconded by Leezer to approve the following Action item:

- A. Keep Semi-Annual Review of the January 2026 June 2026 Close Minutes

A motion by Kipp and seconded by VanDeVelde to approve the following Action item:

- B. School Resource Officer Employment Intergovernmental Agreement for 2026-2027

A motion by Leezer and seconded by DeBord to approve the following Action item:

- C. Wings 2026-2027 Food Service Contract

*Newman abstained

A motion by Robinson and seconded by Kipp to approve the following Action item:

- D. VI Teacher Contract Agreement for 2026-2027

A motion by VanDeVelde and seconded by Robinson to approve the following Action item:

- E. Approval of Construction Loan Finalization

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The following items were presented for discussion and/or review:

- A. FY26 Cash Flow
- B. FY27 Cash Flow
- C. Team Assignments
- D. ExCEL Report
- E. Tuition Scholarship Program
- F. ESY Bills
- G. IDEA Grant
- H. Accelerated Tenure

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Boelens and seconded by Robinson to adjourn. Time: 1:04 p.m.