

Minutes of the Governing Board Meeting

The Governing Board of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District met on Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 12:05 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, Mr. John VanDeVelde, Mr. Jon DeBord, Mrs. Emily Leezer, Mr. Steve Newman, and Mrs. Julia Robinson. Members absent: Mrs. Jessica Peterson and Mrs. Carrie Boelens. Others present: Mr. Chad Gripp for Jessica Peterson and Mrs. Marci Jett.

2. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

None.

3. ADJOURN SINE DIE

Motion by Leezer and seconded by Robinson to adjourn sine die for the purpose of election of officers.

- A. Motion was made by Kipp and second by Robinson for the Chairman appointed Mr. Miller as chairman pro tem, and Mrs. Harker as secretary pro tem. Voice vote- Motion Carried 7-0
- B. DeBord nominated Newman as Chairman of the Governing Board. DeBord 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. Everyone 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. DeBord voiced he is willing to stay in his current position to continue as Secretary of the Governing Board. Leezer 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 Gripp and seconded by VanDeVelde to approve the following items under Consent Agenda:

- A. 06/19/25 Governing Board Minutes
- B. 06/13/25-07/31/25 Bills Payable & Reimbursements
- C. 06/06/25-08/01/25 Payroll Withholdings
- D. 06/06/25-08/01/25 Payroll & Benefits
- E. June & July Financial Statements

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

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None needed.

6. PERSONNEL

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

- A. Personnel Chart
- B. Employment for Certified and Non-Certified Staff
- C. Resignations for Non-Certified Staff

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

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

- A. Keep Semi Annual Review of the January 2025-June 2025 Close Minutes

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

- B. VI Teacher Contract Agreement for 2025-2026

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

- C. MOU

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

- D. Approval to Destroy Executive Session Recordings Prior to 2022

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

- A. FY25 Cash Flow
- B. FY26 Cash Flow
- C. Team Assignments
- D. ExCEL Report
- E. School Resource Officer Employment Intergovernmental Agreement for 2025-2026
- F. ESY Bills
- G. IDEA Grant
- H. Wings Update

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further items for discussion, a motion was made by Kipp and seconded by Robinson to adjourn. Time: 12:50 p.m.