

Stephenson Area Public Schools

Special School Board Meeting – March 31, 2025

Special School board meeting of the Board of Education of the Stephenson Area Public Schools was called to order by President Don Cugini at 6:00 p.m. on March 31, 2025.

Matthew Ives called the roll with Don Cugini, Matthew Ives, Lance Johnson, Scott Marcoe, Natalie Winkler, Barb Zahorik and Superintendent Susanne Carpenter present. Adam Olson absent. Don Cugini declared a quorum present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda."

Guest/Public Comment – Larry Gabka
Guidelines are printed on the backside of the agenda

Motion Number: 2025-037 Motion by M. Ives second L. Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-038 Motion by N. Winkler second by M. Ives to approve February 24, 2025 School Board Meeting Minutes and March 10, 2025 Special School Board Meeting Minutes. Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-39 Motion by S. Marcoe second by L. Johnson to approve the bills from February 19, 2025 to March 27, 2025. Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-040 Motion by N. Winkler second by M. Ives to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-41 Motion by N. Winkler second by S. Marcoe to approve moving forward with seeking BIDS to renovate the 62-wing bathrooms. Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-042 Motion by M. Ives second L. Johnson to approve Operating Mileage Resolution for the August 2025 Election.

Roll Call by M. Ives

Don Cugini Y, Matthew Ives Y, Lance Johnson Y, Scott Marcoe Y, Adam Olson NA, Natalie Winkler Y, Barb Zahorik Y Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-043 Motion by N. Winkler second by L. Johnsonson to go into closed session under section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to review attorney-client privilege materials.

Roll Call by M. Ives Time 6:26pm

Don Cugini Y, Matthew Ives Y, Lance Johnson Y, Scott Marcoe Y, Adam Olson NA, Natalie Winkler Y, Barb Zahorik Y Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-044 Motion by S. Marcoe second by M. Ives to return to open session.

Roll Call by M. Ives Time 6:52 pm

Don Cugini Y, Matthew Ives Y, Lance Johnson Y, Scott Marcoe Y, Adam Olson NA, Natalie Winkler Y, Barb Zahorik Y Carried 6-0

Motion Number: 2025-045 Motion by N. Winkler second by M. Ives to approve the appointment of Peter Ryan to handle a fact-finding investigation. The board also approves Peter Ryan's \$350.00 per hour rate to perform the fact-finding investigation.

Roll Call by M. Ives Time

Don Cugini Y, Matthew Ives Y, Lance Johnson Y, Scott Marcoe Y, Adam Olson NA, Natalie Winkler Y, Barb Zahorik N

Carried 5-1

Guest/Public Comment –Larry Gabka

Motion Number: 2025-46 Motion by S. Marcoe second by L. Johnson adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Carried 6-0

Next Committee as a Whole Meeting: Monday April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday April 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the SHS Library

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the proposed minutes of a Special Board meeting held on March 31th, 2025 and that said proposed minutes have been available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said hearing from and after the 28th day of April, 2025.


Secretary, Matthew Ives