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Minutes

SEDOL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the SEDOL Executive Board was called to order by President Joanne Osmond at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2017, at the SEDOL administrative offices in Gages Lake, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Dr. John Ahlemeyer, Superintendent, Gavin District #37
Mrs. Carey McHugh, Governing Board Member, Wauconda Unit District #118
Mr. Jim McKay, Superintendent, Community High School District #117
Mr. David Northern, Governing Board Member, Community Cons. District #46
Mrs. Joanne Osmond, Governing Board Member, Lake Villa District #41
Mrs. Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member, Gurnee District #56
Dr. Guy Schumacher, Superintendent, Libertyville District #70
Hon. Roycealee Wood, Superintendent, Lake County Regional Office of Education

Board Members Absent

Dr. Catherine Finger, Superintendent, Grayslake High School District #127

Staff Members Present

Dr. Thomas Moline, Superintendent
Dr. Peggy Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Barbara Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Business, CSBO
Mrs. Laura Wojcik, Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment
Ms. Doris Marcinkus, Recording Secretary

Staff Members Absent

None

Guests

Jayden Williams, STARS Award Recipient
Ms. Nicole Richter, LASSO-3 Teacher/February Employee of the Month
Dr. John Hutton, Superintendent, Gurnee District #56
Ms. Johanna Beller-Hill, Teacher, Cyd Lash Academy

Guests (continued)

Mr. Matt LaPierre, IFT Field Service Representative
Mrs. Elizabeth Olson, Parent of SEDOL Student
Ms. Rebecca Slye, President, SEDOL Teachers' Union
Mrs. Shivani Sweeney, Parent of SEDOL Student
Ms. Julie Wilt, President, SEDOL Support Staff Association

Oath of Office

President Osmond administered the oath of office to Mr. David Northern, Governing Board member from Community Consolidated District #46, who was appointed by Governing Board President Carey McHugh to fill the vacant seat on the Executive Board, which expires in June 2018.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Osmond asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept the Agenda

Motion by Dr. Guy Schumacher, second by Mr. David Northern, to accept the agenda with addendum as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes, all. Nays, none. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Carey McHugh, second by Mr. Jim McKay, to approve the consent agenda as follows.

Approval of Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of January 26, 2017

Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payable List: The following expenditures represent the February 2017 accounts payable list:

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| Accounts Payable | \$1,893,492.80 |
| 1/31/17 Payroll Liabilities | 840,126.89 |
| 1/31/17 Net Payroll | 926,728.49 |
| 2/15/17 Payroll Liabilities | 840,198.91 |
| 2/15/17 Net Payroll | <u>937,851.64</u> |
| | \$5,438,398.73 |

Treasurer's Report: Report for January 2017

Personnel Matters

Requests for Contracts

Recommend employment of the following applicants, with work assignment and start date as indicated, subject to completion of the physical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-6 of the School Code, successful completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 10-21.9 of the School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents, and certifications as required by law and/or requested by SEDOL for the position.

Educational Support Personnel

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| <u>Aranda, Natali</u> | - Paraprofessional – Cyd Lash Academy - Budget approved vacancy/resignation - BA, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire - \$14.00/hour - February 21, 2017 |
| <u>Gorski, Mark</u> | - Paraprofessional – Laremont School - Budget approved vacancy/retirement - BA, Western Illinois University - \$15.00/hour - February 14, 2017 |
| <u>McHaley, Mark</u> | - Special Needs Paraprofessional – Sector - Budget approved vacancy - \$13.66/hour - Billed to Beach Park District #3 - February 9, 2017 |
| <u>Nelson, Tiffany</u> | - Special Needs Parapro – Laremont School - Budget approved vacancy - \$14.00/hour - Billed to Warren Twp. H.S. District #121 - February 13, 2017 |
| <u>Pantic, Katarina</u> | - Paraprofessional – Sector - Budget approved vacancy - BA, College of Natural Sciences - \$15.35/hour - February 7, 2017 |
| <u>Radtko, Kayla</u> | - Paraprofessional – Laremont School - Budget approved vacancy/resignation - \$14.00/hour - January 30, 2017 |

Rodriguez, Erica - Administrative Assistant – ROE Safe School
- Budget approved vacancy/resignation
- \$13.09/hour
- February 21, 2017

Rouse, Teresa - Special Needs Parapro – Sector
- Budget approved vacancy
- BA, Columbia College-Missouri
- \$16.85/hour
- Billed to Gurnee District #56
- January 27, 2017

Star, Jacqueline - Transition Coach .5 FTE
- Budget approved vacancy/transfer
- BA, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- \$15.00/hour
- January 30, 2017

Tarakanov, Jessica - Paraprofessional – Gages Lake School
- Budget approved vacancy/transfer
- BA, Trinity International University
- \$16.85/hour
- February 9, 2017

Resignations/Retirements

Educational Support Personnel

Gonzalez-Wiscovitch, Jennifer - Receptionist – Cyd Lash Academy
- Resigned February 24, 2017

Greig, Ashley - Paraprofessional – Gages Lake School
- Resigned March 2, 2017

Star, Jacqueline - Transition Coach
- Resigned February 9, 2017

Licensed Staff

Yambor, Allison - School Social Worker
- Resigned end of 2016-17 school year

Request for Leave of Absence

Milazzo, Patricia - School Social Worker
- Effective March 2, 2017 through the end of the 2016-17 school year

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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| Ayes: | Dr. John Ahlemeyer | Mrs. Joanne Osmond |
| | Mrs. Carey McHugh | Mrs. Odie Pahl |
| | Mr. Jim McKay | Dr. Guy Schumacher |
| | Mr. David Northern | Mrs. Roycealee Wood |
| Nays: | None | |
| Absent: | Dr. Catherine Finger | |

MOTION CARRIED.

Professional Vacancies

- 1 Speech/Language Pathologist (Various Locations)

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Osmond asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Executive Board. Mrs. Elizabeth Olson, a parent of a student who attends Laremont School, expressed concerns about the possibility of her son's program being relocated to Gages Lake School next year and the impact that change will have on her son and many other students. She said she is very interested in this situation and would like to be informed of plans going forward.

President Osmond thanked Mrs. Olson for her comments.

RECOGNITIONS

S.T.A.R.S. Award: The Board recognized Jayden Williams, a student from Gurnee District #56, who was selected to receive the award for **Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously** for the month of February. Jayden is a 6th grade student in the ELS Program at Woodland Middle School.

Special Recognition: Dr. Moline said Administration learned about a special person who has stood behind Jayden for many years and who should be recognized for the exceptional care and support she gives Jayden every day. He explained that Ann Marie McKee is Jayden's private nurse, and Administration wanted to present her with a certificate recognizing her service and dedication.

Employee of the Month: The Board recognized Nicole Richter, LASSO-3 Teacher at Laremont School.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Revisions Presented for Second Reading

Motion to Approve Policy Revisions

Motion by Mrs. Odie Pahl, second by Mrs. Carey McHugh, to approve policy revisions as presented.

Administration recommended the public hearing be held immediately prior to the regular Executive Board meeting on March 23 beginning at 9:15 a.m. and the resolution to set the hearing be adopted as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dr. John Ahlemeyer Mrs. Joanne Osmond
 Mrs. Carey McHugh Mrs. Odie Pahl
 Mr. Jim McKay Dr. Guy Schumacher
 Mr. David Northern Mrs. Roycealee Wood

 Nays: None

 Absent: Dr. Catherine Finger

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursement

Motion to Adopt Resolution

Motion by Mr. Jim McKay, second by Mrs. Odie Pahl, to adopt the Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements as presented.

Ms. Watson explained that adoption of the Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements was in accordance with the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Dr. John Ahlemeyer Mrs. Joanne Osmond
 Mrs. Carey McHugh Mrs. Odie Pahl
 Mr. Jim McKay Dr. Guy Schumacher
 Mr. David Northern Mrs. Roycealee Wood

 Nays: None

 Absent: Dr. Catherine Finger

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee Meeting: Dr. Lynch reminded Board members that a joint meeting of the Personnel and Finance Committees is scheduled for Monday, March 13, at 9:30 a.m. She noted that this is the annual meeting to review information regarding the proposed tentative budget, program take backs, contractual services and reduction-in-force.

PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS

Announcements / Wins: The following items were reported at the February meeting of the Supervisory/Administrative Team.

- A lot of positive student movement from LASSO-2 classes to district or less restrictive special education setting.
- John Powers Center hosted pancake events; PBIS point. Blueberry pancakes were served.
- Two Laremont School staff members presented at disability awareness assembly.

Dr. Moline reminded Board members that the March 8 Governing Board meeting will be held at North Chicago High School. After learning that the IASB Lakes Division meeting is scheduled for the same evening, a decision was made to hold the Governing Board meeting at the same location rather than trying to reschedule. The meeting will be held in the SEDOL sector classroom from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.

Dr. Moline extended deepest sympathies to Mr. Northern on the loss of his father in late December. He also extended deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dr. Carole Brooks, a former employee who passed away on February 19. Carole was the administrator of the Resource Development Program from 2004 until her retirement in June 2015. Carole helped establish the SEDOL Backpack Program, which serves over 100 families. To honor Carole, the program has been renamed the Carole Brooks Backpack Program and donations can be made through the SEDOL Foundation.

Mr. Northern reported that on Tuesday, February 21, Lake County held a summit of local leaders at the College of Lake County. Over 200 people attended to promote tolerance and inclusiveness for everyone. He commended Dr. Moline and Mrs. Wood for being there. He noted that many of the students SEDOL serves may be subjected to discrimination, and it might be good for SEDOL to formally pledge its support of tolerance and inclusiveness.

President Osmond reported that she just returned from Springfield where a group of Lake County board members and administrators met with state legislators from Lake County including Sam Yingling, Sheri Jesiel and Barbara Wheeler. She said it was a good opportunity to talk about the issues school districts are facing, and the impact of the things legislators are planning. She encouraged the other Board members to attend the next time a trip is planned.

CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Moline noted that there were three items to deal with in closed session: (1) an update on negotiations; (2) an update on pending litigation; and (3) a personnel hearing requested by a staff member. He explained that the Board would address the first two items and then the staff member and union representation would be brought in for the personnel hearing.

Motion to Enter into Closed Session

At 10:04 a.m., Mrs. Odie Pahl moved, second by Mr. David Northern, for the Board to enter into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee, pending litigation, collective bargaining matters and conduct a personnel hearing.

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| <u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u> | Ayes: | Dr. John Ahlemeyer | Mrs. Joanne Osmond |
| | | Mrs. Carey McHugh | Mrs. Odie Pahl |
| | | Mr. Jim McKay | Dr. Guy Schumacher |
| | | Mr. David Northern | Mrs. Roycealee Wood |
| | Nays: | None | |
| | Absent: | Dr. Catherine Finger | |

MOTION CARRIED.

Approved by:

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board