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Summary of Executive Board Meetings

Special Meeting - Thursday, April 13, 2017
Regular Meeting – Thursday, April 27, 2017

April 13 Special Meeting

The special meeting in April is an opportunity for Administration to provide a detailed presentation of the proposed tentative budget before it is presented for approval at the regular April meeting. This meeting also included action items for Board consideration. The minutes of the April 13 meeting are attached to the email.

April 27 Executive Board Meeting

Consent Agenda
Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- Requests for contracts for 3 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
- Resignations/retirements by 5 ESPs and 1 licensed staff
- Request for leave/extension by 2 ESP
- See last page of summary for professional vacancies anticipated for 2017-18.

Public Comment: No comments were made.

Executive Board Member Comment: Mr. Northern said as a board member for Community Consolidated District #46 and an Executive Board member, he believes it is extremely important to reach out and talk to our legislators regarding school funding. The money is much needed to support youth in Lake County and throughout the state. The continued delay in funding is adversely affecting operations. He encouraged board members, parents and staff to reach out to local legislators and urge them to make sure funding continues in a timely manner.

Student Recognition: Freddy Lopez-Orduna, a 7th grade student from Round Lake District #116, was selected to receive the **STARS** Award for April – **S**tudents **T**aking **A**cademic **R**esponsibility **S**eriously. Freddy attends Gages Lake School.



Pictured (l-r) are: Social Worker Dr. Michelle Yapo, Teacher Kelly Simonson, Assistant Principal Tia Martinez, Freddy's mom, Freddy with relatives, and Board President Joanne Osmond

April Employee of the Month: Margaret "Peg" O'Connor was recognized as April's Employee of the Month. Peg is a special needs registered nurse for a student who attends the LASSO-2 class at Wauconda High School.



Pictured (l-r) are: President Joanne Osmond; Val Donnan, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services for Wauconda #118; student Emily Stanley; Peg and her husband; Carey McHugh, Executive Board member from Wauconda #118; Susan Hodgkinson, Coordinator of Nursing Services; and Teacher Kristen Lanzerotti.

Old Business: There were no items under Old Business.

New Business

A. Planning for June Governing Board Meeting: The Board reviewed a draft agenda for the June 7 Governing Board meeting.
B. Requests for Non-Member District Placements: The Board approved requests from three non-member districts for six students to continue their placement in SEDOL programs for the 2017-18 school year.
C. Bids for Gages Lake School Renovations: The Board awarded bids to Efraim Carlson and Son in the amount of $1,147,435 for the renovation of Gages Lake School, which will provide six additional classrooms and a multi-purpose room.
D. Clearbrook Lease Amendment: The Board approved an amendment to the lease with Clearbrook Agency, a program for adults with developmental disabilities. Clearbrook has been leasing space at Gages Lake School since February 2011, and they were given notice that SEDOL needed the space and the lease would not be renewed. The amendment allows Clearbrook to relocate to another area of the building and provides for an extra two weeks until July 15.
E. Tentative Budget for FY18: Ms. Watson noted that the tentative budget had not changed since it was presented at the special Executive Board meeting on April 13 and the same budget would be presented at the June Governing Board meeting. Ms. Watson reported that during small group budget meetings, she would be talking to member districts about the steps SEDOL and the member districts will need to follow in order to establish a line of credit. If ISBE categorical payments are delayed, short-term borrowing may be necessary to meet financial obligations.
F. Tentative Agreement with SSSA: The Board took action to recommend that the tentative agreement reached with the SEDOL Support Staff Association, incorporating the OT/PT and COTA/PTA staff, be approved by the Governing Board at the June 7 meeting.

Committee Reports: Ms. Watson reminded Board members that small group budget meetings are scheduled during the first week in May.

Program/School Reports

A. Calendar for 2017-18: Mrs. Wojcik reported that it was necessary to change the calendar for the 2017-18 school year so it would show the correct last day of school as May 24, 2018, instead of May 25.

B. Superintendent Evaluation: Dr. Moline reminded the Board that the evaluation document had been revised by President Osmond and he was relying on her to guide him through the new process. President Osmond said she would get started on it.

C. Executive Board/Governing Board Meeting Schedule: The Board reviewed the suggested meeting schedule for the Governing Board and Executive Board for 2017-18.

D. Announcements/Wins: The following items were reported at the April meeting of the Supervisory/ Administrative Team (SAT).

- The annual *Yes I Can* awards sponsored by the Illinois Council for Exceptional Children Chapter 336 will be held on Sunday, May 7, at the Lake County Conference and Banquet Center in Gurnee.
- ELS Teacher Karen Martin's Best Buddies Program sponsored an all county prom for the students and their Best Buddies on March 18. The theme was Mardi Gras, and the evening included a DJ, dancing, door prizes, and food.
- Two students in SEDOL programs will be recognized at the annual Infinitec North Technology Achievement Awards on April 20. Kevin Funk (Round Lake #116) attends Gages Lake School, and Rosa Gomez (North Chicago #187) attends the ELS Program at Vernon Hills High School.
- On March 22, Powers Center visited the Field Museum thanks to Luke Larsen who was selected last year to be principal for the day based on the essay he wrote. In his essay, Luke thought if he were principal, he would improve the school by taking everyone to the Field Museum. Students chosen to be principal for the day at Powers have the opportunity to implement their ideas. Luke helped plan the trip and was very proud of his idea.

Additional Wins: Dr. Ahlemeyer reported that the Gavin #37 Board hired Dr. Julie Brua to be the new superintendent. Dr. Brua is currently the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Multilingual Education at Aptakisic-Tripp #102.

Dr. Moline congratulated Dr. Finger on her election to the College of Lake County Board.

Closed Session: The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee.

Other Business

A. Terminations: The Board approved Administration's recommendation to terminate three educational support personnel during the probationary period.

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Moline reported on his plan to contact the new State Comptroller Susana Mendoza to make her aware of the need to make special needs children a priority when it comes to funding.

Board members shared the various apps they use to keep in touch with state and federal legislators and to follow how they are voting.

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*
Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 22, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***SEDOL Office Boardroom***
Thursday, July 27, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***SEDOL Office Boardroom***

Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Laremont School Gym unless noted otherwise*
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Professional Vacancies Anticipated for 2017-18

5 Speech/Language Pathologist (Various Locations)
1 Adapted P.E. Teacher (Various Locations)
1 Transition Specialist (Various Locations)
1 Vision Itinerant Teacher .6 FTE (Various Locations)
1 Behavior Specialist (All Locations)
2 ED/BD Teachers (Cyd Lash Academy)
1 Behavior Specialist (Gages Lake School)
1 ED/BD Teacher (Gages Lake School
1 ED/BD Art Teacher (Gages Lake School)
1 Deaf/HH Teacher (John Powers Center)
2 Severe/Profound Teachers (Laremont School)
1 LASSO-3 Teacher (Laremont School)
1 Reading Teacher (Transition Center)
1 EC Teacher .5 FTE (Lincoln Center – District #75)
1 ELS Teacher (Butterfield – District #70)
1 LASSO-2 Teacher (Prairie Trail – District #56)
1 Certified School Nurse (To Be Determined)