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Governing Board Meeting Summary
Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, September 21, 2017

August 30 Governing Board Meeting

Budget Hearing: A public hearing was held on the FY18 final budget prior to the start of the regular meeting.

Minutes and Recognition: Following public comment and approval of minutes, the Governing Board recognized Nicole Richter, Language and Social Skills Opportunities Teacher (LASSO), who was selected as the employee of the year for 2016-17. *Pictured (l-r) are: Executive Board President Joanne Osmond, Nicole and Governing Board President Carey McHugh.*



First Reading of Policy Revision: The Board reviewed proposed revisions to Governing Board Policy 2:100 *Governing Board Member Conflict of Interest*. The policy will be presented for second reading and approval at the next meeting scheduled for January 25, 2018.

Final Budget: Ms. Barbara Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Business, presented a brief overview of the final budget and explained the changes from tentative to final budget. The Board approved the FY18 final budget.

Program Reports

A. Extended School Year (ESY) Program: Mrs. Wojcik reported that 451 students were enrolled in the summer program, which was housed at Gages Lake School, Cyd Lash Academy, Laremont School, John Powers Center and vocational sites throughout the community. Parents were very satisfied with the program, and 97% felt their student benefited. This year's theme was space.

B. Governing Board Orientation at November Meeting: Dr. Moline reported that typically at the November meeting, Administration presents an overview of SEDOL services and operations, and Governing Board members are encouraged to bring another board member or two who want to learn more about SEDOL. He explained that this year the Governing Board will need to hold a special meeting toward the end of January to approve the hiring of the new SEDOL Superintendent. President McHugh suggested that instead of meeting on November 29, the Board hold the special meeting on Thursday, January 25, to appoint the new superintendent and hear the orientation on SEDOL services. Board members approved a motion to forego the November meeting and hold a special meeting on January 25.

Mrs. Joanne Osmond, President of the Executive Board, gave a brief overview of the superintendent search process. She encouraged Governing Board members to attend the focus group meeting on September 13, or to complete the on-line survey.

Open Forum: President McHugh encouraged Governing Board members to suggest agenda items for the next meeting. She also invited Governing Board members to make whatever comment they felt appropriate. There were no comments, and the meeting was adjourned.

September 21 Executive Board Meeting

Consent Agenda

Minutes, financial matters and minor policy changes were approved along with the following personnel items:

- Requests for contracts for 10 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
- Resignations/retirements by 6 ESPs
- Request for leave/extension by 1 ESPs
- See last page of summary for list of professional vacancies

Public & Executive Board Comments: No comments were made.

Recognitions

Student Recognition: September's STARS student (Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously) is Angela Thurmond who attends Laremont School. As school was not in session the day of the meeting, Angela will be recognized at the October meeting.

Employee of the Month: Bookkeeper Karen Jacobs was recognized as September's Employee of the Month. *Pictured with Karen are Superintendent Dr. Tom Moline and Assistant Superintendent of Business Barbara Watson.*



Old Business: There were no items to discuss.

New Business

A. Superintendent Search Focus Group: Dr. Moline excused himself from the meeting while Search Consultants Dave Peterson and Harry Rossi met with Board members as a focus group as part of the superintendent search process. The Board also scheduled interview dates and discussed the composition of the Confidential Stakeholders' Interview Committee, who will interview two finalists and provide feedback to the Board.

B. FOIA Request: Administration reported that a request was received via email on August 24 from Nathan Mihelich, Director of Membership & Marketing for the Illinois Retired Teacher's Association, for email addresses of all teachers and administrators in the district. On August 25, an email was sent to Mr. Mihelich informing him that SEDOL does not maintain a list of email addresses for teachers and administrators and that a public body is not required to compile data that it does not ordinarily maintain or to create new records; however, a staff directory is available on the SEDOL website.

C. Change Orders – Carlson & Son: The Board approved two change orders from Efraim Carlson & Son for the renovations at Gages Lake School. The first change order was a deduct of $13,034 from the $75,000 contract allowance approved at the June meeting. The second change order was an increase of $26,938 for additional work requested by Administration.

D. Change Orders – IHC Construction: The Board approved a change order from IHC Construction for the new maintenance building. The change order was a combination of several deducts for unused contract allowances totaling $22,500 and an add not to exceed $20,180 for relocation of a bathroom wall to meet federal ADA requirements, resulting in a deduct of $2,320.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Program/School Reports

A. Announcements/Wins

The following items were reported at the September meeting of the Supervisory/ Administrative Team.

- Six out of eight LASSO-3 teachers are new, and they are doing a nice job getting the TEACCH method implemented in their classrooms. TEACCH stands for Teaching, Expanding, Appreciating, Collaborating/Cooperating, Holistic and is an instructional approach that is used within all SEDOL autism classrooms.
- The APE teacher and EL teacher vacancies have been filled.
- Cyd Lash Academy has joined the University of Kansas' program "Monarch Watch," and their butterfly garden is in full operation. They have been incubating captured eggs and have now released 11 butterflies. By season's end, a total of 16 butterflies will have been released.
- Middle school students at John Powers Center are included in the one-to-one technology initiative in Hawthorn District #73. New Dell Chromebooks were purchased by SEDOL, but they are managed by District #73. The Chromebooks are learning tools that are provided with the intent that students will become more engaged in the learning process and allowed opportunities to be trained to use the devices so they can do meaningful work in and outside the classroom.
- The middle school program at Cyd Lash Academy had a great start to the school year. New floors were installed just before the year started, and the middle school is a warm and welcoming space for students and their families. The middle school open house was held on August 21, and 52% of families attended. Staff is doing an amazing job connecting with students and families.

Dr. Moline reported that a record number of foursomes participated in the SEDOL Foundation golf outing on September 11. In addition to the money raised from golf and dinner, an additional $12,000 was raised after dinner to support technology at Laremont School.

Dr. Moline said a record number of people also participated in the Foundation 5K on September 16. The next event is "One Special Night" on Saturday, November 4, at Viper Alley in Lincolnshire.

Closed Session: The Board entered into closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Other Business: There were no items to discuss under Other Business.

With no other business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned.

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Professional Vacancies for 2017-18

1 Reading Teacher (Transition Program)
1 LASSO-3 Teacher (Laremont School)
1 LASSO Itinerant Teacher
1 Vocational Facilitator
1 Registered Nurses (Laremont School)
1 Certified School Nurse (Gages Lake School)

Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*
Thursday, October 26, 2017 – **9:00 a.m.**
Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – **9:00 a.m.**
Thursday, December 21, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 22, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget*
Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 28, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Laremont School Gym unless noted otherwise*
~~Wednesday, November 29, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.~~ ***Cancelled***
Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. ***Special Meeting – Appoint New Supt***
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.