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Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, August 23, 2018

Governing Board Meeting Summary
Wednesday, August 29, 2018

August 23 Executive Board Meeting

Oath of Office
Dr. Keely Roberts, Superintendent from Zion District #6, was not in attendance to take the oath.

Consent Agenda
Financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- Request for contracts for 19 educational support personnel (ESP) and 9 licensed staff
- Resignations/retirements by 20 ESP and 4 licensed staff
- Request for leave by 1 licensed staff
- See last page of summary for list of professional vacancies.

Public/Board Member Comment: There was no comment by the public or by Board members.

Old Business

A. Committee Appointments: Committee appointments are noted below. Dr. Roberts will need to select a committee.
   Personnel: Dr. Lonny Lemon, Chair; Mrs. Carey McHugh, Mrs. Odie Pahl
   Finance: Dr. Guy Schumacher, Chair; Dr. Lonny Lemon, Dr. Christy Sefcik
   Policy: Dr. Stephen Mack, Chair; Mrs. Joanne Osmond, Mrs. Roycealee Wood
   Negotiations: Mrs. Joanne Osmond

New Business

A. September Meeting Date: As the designated meeting date of September 27 conflicts with the IASA annual conference, Board consensus was to move the meeting to Thursday, September 20.
B. Election of Vice President: Dr. Christy Sefcik was elected to serve as Vice President for the 2018-19 school year. In July 2019, the Vice President will become President, and the Board will need to elect a Governing Board member to serve as Vice President.
C. Extended Agreement for IAES Services: The Board approved a one-year extension of the agreement with Connections Day School to continue to provide the Interim Alternative Educational Setting (IAES) for students requiring a 45-day alternative setting and/or an extended case study evaluation.
D. Installation of Baffles in GLS Community Room: The Board approved an agreement with S.S. Contract, Ltd., to install acoustical baffles in the Community Room at Gages Lake School at a cost of $10,693.28.
E. IDEA – New Procedures for FY20: Administration reported that ISBE has informed SEDOL that effective for FY20, all member districts will receive 100% of their IDEA Flow Through and IDEA Preschool grants directly from ISBE instead of through SEDOL. This means the current funding model of SEDOL receiving 43% of member district grants will no longer be allowable nor will SEDOL be responsible for Maintenance of Effort (MOE).
F. FOIA Request: Dr. Lynch reported on the request from Katy Smyser of NBC Universal for records showing all cases where SEDOL paid a plaintiff, by verdict, settlement or satisfaction, as the result of a sexual misconduct or sex/gender discrimination claim, from January 1, 2008 to the present. The requested records were provided on August 21.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports to present.

Program/School Reports

A. Announcements/Wins

Mrs. Donnan showed pictures as she talked about each of the following events/items:

- The SEDOL Foundation golf outing will be held on Monday, September 10, at Stonewall Orchard.
- The SEDOL Foundation 5K walk/run will be held on Saturday September 15, at Independence Grove.
- Resource Development and SEDOL Foundation received a $3,000 grant from the Lake County Community Foundation – Sanders Partners Fund for the Carole Brooks Weekend Backpack Program. Funds will be used to purchase nutritious food items for students enrolled in the program.
- Northern Illinois Food Bank (NIFB) has agreed to provide filled backpacks to Cyd Lash Academy students beginning this fall. This is in addition to the filled backpacks they already provide for students at Gages Lake School and Laremont School. SEDOL Foundation and SEDOL staff are grateful to NIFB for their willingness to expand our partnership and continue to help even more SEDOL students and their families.
- The Carole Brooks Weekend Backpack Program received 244 cans of donated food items, plus a $100 cash donation from the recent Staff Meet and Greet on August 7. Thanks to all who came out and participated in this worthy event.
- New staff attended orientation meetings August 8-10.

Closed Session: The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and collective bargaining matters.

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

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

August 29 Governing Board Meeting

Budget Hearing: A public hearing was held on the FY19 final budget prior to the start of the regular meeting.

Minutes and Recognition: Following public comment and approval of minutes, the Governing Board recognized the co-Employees of the Year.

Sarah Kraus is a paraprofessional in the Educational Life Skills class at Woodland Middle School. *Sarah is pictured with Superintendent Val Donnan.*



Karen Jacobs is a bookkeeper in the Business Office. *Pictured with Karen are Dr. Peggy Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Superintendent Val Donnan.*



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 FY19 final budget.

Mrs. Donnan spoke briefly about the recent announcement by ISBE that effective July 1, 2019 the IDEA Flow Through and IDEA Preschool grant money will go directly to member districts instead of through SEDOL. Administration has asked ISBE for a one-year extension until July 2020 as time will be needed to work with member districts to develop the procedures needed to implement the new funding process.

Program Reports

A. Extended School Year (ESY) Program: Mrs. Laura Wojcik, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment, reported on the Extended School Year Program, which ran from June 12 through July 12, from 8:30 to 12:00, Monday through Thursday. There were 474 students enrolled in programs housed at the five SEDOL buildings and at vocational sites throughout the county. Mrs. Wojcik also reported on survey results conducted with parents and staff regarding their satisfaction with the ESY Program.

B. Governing Board Orientation/November 28: Mrs. Donnan reported that the annual orientation for Governing Board members would once again be part of the regular meeting on November 28. Governing Board members are encouraged to invite one or two of their fellow board members to attend and learn more about SEDOL operations.

Open Forum: President McHugh encouraged Governing Board members to suggest agenda items for the November 28 meeting. She also asked if anyone would like to make a comment or if they had a win they would like to share.

Mrs. Donnan invited Governing Board members to contact her to set up a time to visit SEDOL programs.

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

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2018-19 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*
~~Thursday, September 27~~, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. *Conflicts with IASA Conference; meeting moved to September 20*
Thursday, October 25, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 20, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 24, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 21, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 11, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget*
Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 23, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 27, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 25, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Laremont School Gym unless noted otherwise*
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. ***Public Hearing on Budget @ 6:30 p.m.***
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Professional Vacancies for 2018-19

1 Certified School Nurse (Gages Lake School)
1 Occupational Therapist (Various Locations)
1 School Psychologist
1 School Social Worker (TBD)
1 ED/BD Teacher (7^{th}-8^{th} – Cyd Lash Academy)
1 Reading Specialist (Cyd Lash Academy)
1 D/HH Itinerant Teacher
1 Music Therapist (Laremont School)
1 Vocational Facilitator