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Executive Board Meeting Summary

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Consent Agenda

Minutes, financial matters and review of closed session minutes/recordings were approved, along with the following personnel items:

- ☺ Requests for contracts for 3 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
- ☺ Resignations/retirements by 2 ESPs
- ☺ Request for leave by 1 ESP
- ☺ See last page of summary for list of professional vacancies

Public & Executive Board Comments: No comments were made.

Recognitions

Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously (STARS): The Board recognized Julia McGarry, a student from Grayslake High School District #127, as November's STARS student. Julia attends Transition Center South. *Pictured (l-r) are: Board President Joanne Osmond; Teacher Eileen Shaughnessy; Julia's mom; Julia; Vocational Facilitator Krystal Abalos; and Superintendent Val Donnan.*



Employee of the Month: The Board recognized Physical Therapist Maria Dungca as November's employee of the month. Pictured with Maria are: Tegan Dittmer, Supervisor of OT/PT Services, and Superintendent Val Donnan.



Old Business

- A. Update on Developing New Procedures for Distribution of IDEA Funds: The update included the following information: (1) an extension would be available for special education cooperatives to be applied for in the future when the application is released by ISBE; (2) over 80% of SEDOL member districts were represented at the October 29 planning meeting to collaborate on how IDEA funds will flow from member districts to SEDOL; (3) the meeting also included discussion on SEDOL housing needs, audiology services, Infinitic and approximate tuition adjustments based on the change in funding; and (4) two subcommittees were suggested to further examine what it costs a member district to house a SEDOL classroom and to make recommendations regarding audiology services.
- B. Policy Revision Approved: The Board approved proposed revisions to Policy 8:90 *Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs*.
- C. District #75 Solar Panel Project: The Board approved Administration's recommendation to not enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Mundelein District #75 as part of their solar panel project.

New Business

- A. Non-Member District Placement: The Board approved a request by Richmond Burton District #157 for continuation of a student's placement at Cyd Lash Academy. The family moved from Round Lake District #116.
- B. Contractual/Itinerant Rates for 2019: The Board approved the proposed billing rates for contractual and itinerant services for the 2019-20 school year.
- C. Life Safety Report: The Board reviewed the annual Life Safety Report on SEDOL buildings from the Lake County ROE.
- D. SEDOL Future Growth: Administration reported that SEDOL continues to experience growth in three programs: Exploring, Learning and Participating Program; the Language and Social Skills Opportunities-Level 3 (LASSO-3) Program; and the Emotionally Disabled Alternate Program. This growth has Gages Lake School and Laremont School at capacity. In addition, the Deaf/Hard of Hearing and LASSO-1 Programs housed at John Powers Center continue to need access to regular education classrooms for integration options per student IEPs, and Hawthorn District #73's current housing concerns are impacting

the scheduling of mainstreaming opportunities for students at Powers Center. Mrs. Donnan explained the process used and the possible options developed to support the future growth of SEDOL programs, including the possible use of Fairhaven School in Diamond Lake District #76. Consensus of the Board was to explore all options in order to present recommendations at the December meeting.

- E. Future Capital Project Needs: The Board reviewed a list of capital improvement projects, which included estimated costs and the status of each project.
- F. Fairhaven School: The possible use of Fairhaven School was discussed under SEDOL Future Growth.

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

Other Business

- A. Termination: The Board approved Administration's recommendation to terminate an educational support staff member during the probationary period.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Program/School Reports

- A. Announcements / Wins: The following items were reported on at the November meeting of the Supervisory/Administrative Team.
 - Sixty-one students attended the Laremont School Homecoming on November 2.
 - Gages Lake School has formed a student council, which is comprised of 4th to 6th graders on Level 4 or 5. The council organized a candy drive to donate to Operation Gratitude's Halloween Candy Give-Back Program. Operation Gratitude is an organization that sends care packages to heroes serving overseas and here at home, including: active troops, first responders, veterans, new recruits, wounded heroes and their caregivers and military families.
 - Warren High School is holding a food drive between Thanksgiving and Christmas to supplement the Backpack Program.
 - Resource Development, in collaboration with the SEDOL Foundation, received a \$10,000 grant from the Grace A. Bersted Foundation. The funds will be used to support the Carole Brooks Backpack Program for sector students.
 - The College of Lake County's Intro to Teaching class toured SEDOL schools on October 31. The students may take on the Best Buddies Program at the college level.
 - John Powers Center had a successful Halloween Party and haunted hallway; over 120 people were in attendance.
 - Students in Lyn Furth's class at Cyd Lash Academy are partnering with a women's shelter and using sewing machines to make bags for the women to use.

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

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Professional Vacancies for 2018-19

- 1 Certified School Nurse (Gages Lake School)
- 1 School Psychologist
- 1 School Social Worker (LASSO-3/Laremont School)
- .2 Audiologist
- 1 SAB Teacher (Gages Lake School)
- 1 ED/BD Teacher (Gages Lake School)
- 1 D/HH Itinerant Teacher

Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*

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, November 28, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.