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Minutes

Special Meeting

SEDOL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the SEDOL Executive Board was called to order by President Joanne Osmond at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the SEDOL administrative offices in Gages Lake, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Dr. Stephen Mack, Governing Board Member, Community Cons. District #46
Mrs. Carey McHugh, Governing Board Member, Wauconda Unit District #118
Mrs. Joanne Osmond, Governing Board Member, Lake Villa District #41
Mrs. Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member, Gurnee District #56 (*arrived 9:37 a.m.*)
Dr. Keely Roberts, Superintendent, Zion District #6
Dr. Guy Schumacher, Superintendent, Libertyville District #70
Dr. Christy Sefcik, Superintendent, Grant High School District #124

Board Members Absent

Dr. Lonny Lemon, Superintendent, Oak Grove District #68
Hon. Roycealee Wood, Superintendent, Lake County Regional Office of Education

Staff Members Present

Mrs. Valerie Donnan, Superintendent
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

Dr. Peggy Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Pledge of Allegiance

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Carey McHugh, second by Dr. Christy Sefcik, to accept the agenda as presented.

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

OLD BUSINESS

School Calendar 2019-20

Administration recommended approval of the school calendar for the 2019-20 school year. The calendar was developed based on the suggested calendar from the Regional Superintendent of Schools, but it was modified to fit the special needs of SEDOL facilities. The calendar pertains to Laremont and Gages Lake Schools, Cyd Lash Academy, Community Life Skills sites, the Regional Safe School Program, the ALOP Program and the administrative office. All other programs follow the calendar as established by the host school district for the class/program/attached building.

Motion to Approve School Calendar

Motion by Dr. Guy Schumacher, second by Dr. Keely Roberts, to approve the school calendar for 2019-20 as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Draft Lease for Fairhaven School

The Board received a copy of the draft lease. Ms. Watson explained that the big issue with the building is maintenance, and she provided the Board with the architect's list of the necessary improvements, which are estimated to cost about \$4 million. The lease has built-in payback for the upgrades if SEDOL were to leave the lease early, but the reimbursement would be at 70% over 10 years. The Diamond Lake Board is concerned about SEDOL putting money into the building and then leaving, but they are not ready to sell the building at this time. The lease is for three years as Administration feels by that time we would know if we want to purchase the building or extend the lease. Another concern is where would the money come from if SEDOL had the opportunity to buy the building.

A brief question and answer session ensued. Board consensus was SEDOL needs the space and a three-year lease made sense considering the circumstances.

Mrs. Donnan said she is scheduled to attend the Diamond Lake Board meeting in June, and she hopes to make a connection with the Board so they know all about SEDOL and understand the importance of this partnership.

TENTATIVE BUDGET

Board members received a draft of the FY20 tentative budget, along with an overview of the assumptions used to develop the budget.

Ms. Watson reviewed each fund and highlighted a variety of things that are impacting the tentative budget. She reported that the increase in tuition is 1%. The IDEA grant funds are still in the FY20 budget, but those funds will come out the following year, as that money will flow directly to member districts. Tuition rates were reset in FY19, so the 1% increase was applied across the board, and tuition rates will be reset again in FY21. As planned and explained last year, the special needs paraprofessionals are being phased out; we are down to 41 from 54.

On the expenses, staffing totals have stayed pretty constant, and all salary increases have been included in the budget. There is an increase in health insurance of 6.9% for HMO and 3.8% for PPO. We will be starting negotiations with the SEDOL Support Staff Association later this month, so that is an unknown; however, an estimated increase has been included.

For the FY21 and FY22 projections, the tuition increase will need to cover the IDEA money that will flow directly to member districts. The big unknown is Fairhaven School.

Ms. Watson reported that the IDEA Planning Committee, comprised of member district superintendents, business managers and special education administrators, has been meeting to develop procedures on how IDEA funds will flow from member districts to SEDOL. During this process, two subcommittees were formed to: (1) make recommendations regarding audiology and Infinitic services; and (2) review the current housing credit system used to reimburse member districts for providing classroom space for SEDOL programs. Currently, member districts receive a credit of \$30,000 for each TAB and LASSO-2 class and a credit of \$15,000 for all other types of classrooms.

The subcommittee's recommendation is to establish a seven-tiered system to better define the various types of classrooms and the number of students and amount of time those students are integrated into member district classes. The seven-tiered system is displayed below.

Tier	Description	Recommended Amount	Current Amount	Program
7	Physical space only-no custodial	\$10,000	-----	
6	Physical space – office space	\$20,000	-----	
5	No integration	\$33,000	\$15,000	EC
4	Avg. 2 periods integration, under 25% students with BIPS	\$39,500	\$15,000	ELS
3	Avg. 3 periods integration, under 10% students with BIPS	\$42,000	\$15,000	LASSO-1, DHH, VI
2	Avg. 2 periods integration, 100% students with BIPS	\$43,000	\$30,000	LASSO-2
1	Avg. 3 periods integration, 100% students with BIPS	\$45,500	\$30,000	TAB

The subcommittee also recommended that a district hosting a classroom only half a day receive the full credit amount, as the district really can't use the classroom the other half of the day.

Ms. Watson noted that the recommended rates would be effective with the 2019-20 school year; however, since the housing credit is calculated one year in arrears, the credit would not be applied until the 2020-21 school year.

Mrs. Donnan said Administration has found that with these impending changes, member districts seem much more welcoming when we are looking for classroom space. She then thanked Ms. Watson for the many hours it took to put the budget information together.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items to discuss under Other Business.

Adjournment

With no other business for consideration by the Board, President Osmond adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Doris Marcinkus
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

President of the Board

Secretary of the Board