

# SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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## Executive Board Meeting Summary Thursday, September 19, 2019

### Oath of Office

President Sefcik administered the oath of office to Mr. Bob Gold, Superintendent from Big Hollow District #38, who was appointed to serve a two-year term to replace Dr. Keeley Roberts who resigned from the Board.

### Consent Agenda

Financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ### Request for Contracts for 11 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
- ### Resignations/retirements by 9 ESP and 7 licensed staff
- ### Request for Increase of Contract by 1 licensed staff
- ### Request for Adjustment in Salary for 2 licensed staff
- ### A summary of professional vacancies is included at the end of this document.

### Recognition

#### A. STARS Student

The Board will recognize Taylor Kailin, a student from Warren HS District #121 as the STARS Student for September. Taylor is a 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Cyd Lash Academy and is their school mascot. Taylor volunteers with Stand for the Silent and is a great role model.

#### B. Employee of the Year 2018-19

The Board will recognize Sarah Hilton, Speech Pathologist for LASSO 3, as employee of the year for the 2018-19 school year. Sarah has been with Sedol since 2015 and has worked countless hours preparing for her students. Sarah has earned over 250 hours of professional development.

#### C. Employee of the Month

The Board will recognize Amy Gross, LASSO 3 Teacher, as September's employee of the month. Amy received multiple write ups nominating her for employee of the month. It was noted "she always goes above and beyond for her students". Amy has volunteered at Pucks for Autism, provides respite care, and was recently awarded the Meemic Grant.

### Old Business

#### A. Request to Hire Temporary Administrators

SEDOL Administration provided an update on hiring temporary administrators to facilitate IEP meetings and complete other administrative tasks. Administration has already hired on two retirees with and has had additional retirees offer their assistance.

#### B. Update Regarding Current SEDOL Staffing

SEDOL administration provided an update regarding staffing across the district including current remedies and other ideas discussed to support educational programming. Enrollment remained capped for Gages Lake School, South School, and LASSO 3.

#### C. Update on Fairhaven School

District #76 Board approved the lease between Fairhaven School and SEDOL beginning September 16, 2019 and ending June 30, 2023 at an annual cost of \$50,000. SEDOL will now begin prioritizing the work that needs to be completed in the building.

## **New Business**

### **A. Request to Amend Contract for Principal, John Powers Center**

The Board approved to amend the contract with Ms. Pam Evans, Principal at John Powers Center.

### **B. Request for Non-Member District Placement**

The Board approved placement of a Community High School #155 to place a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at Grayslake Central High School in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program for 2019-20. The district will be billed based on the non-member district tuition schedule and will continue to be responsible for transportation costs and for the costs associated with any additional support needed as a result of the placement. This placement does not impact member district placement of students in this program.

## **Public Comment:**

- A. Ms. Christine Berek, SEDOL Transition Program, read a prepared statement regarding staff shortages and working conditions at Gages Lake School and the impact on other SEDOL programs.
- B. Ms. Rebecca Slye, President of the SEDOL Teachers' Union, read a prepared statement regarding staff shortages and working conditions at Gages Lake School and other programs.

## **Closed Session:** Move the Board enter into closed session to discuss:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- Collective bargaining matters, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

## **Other Business:**

- A. Termination: The Board approved the termination request for Angela Hawkins.
- B. Contract with Facility Engineering Associates: The Board approved the contract request with Facility Engineering Associates (FEA) for the purpose of receiving a physical security assessment for Gages Lake School at a cost of \$2500.00.
- C. Contract with Lake County Sherriff: The Board approved a Limited and Temporary Supplemental Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake County Sheriff. The Agreement will cover the dates of September 16, 2019 thru October 15, 2019 at a cost of \$99.50 per hour. The additional support will be used at Gages Lake School and South School.
- D. Contract with Midco: The Board approved a contract with MIDCO for the purpose of installing an overhead paging system at Gages Lake School at a cost of \$33,301.31.

## **Program/School Reports:**

### **A. Announcements/Wins**

Mrs. Donnan talked about each of the following events/items and shared pictures of the SEDOL Foundation 5K walk/run:

- The SEDOL Foundation golf outing was held on Monday, September 9, at Stonewall Orchard.
- The SEDOL Foundation 5K walk/run was held on Saturday, September 14, at Independence Grove.
- Behavior Modification System training at South School and Gages Lake School
- An initial CPI training was held on Saturday, September 14th for new and current staff.

**Board Member Comment:** There was no comment by Board members.

**Committee Reports:** There were no committee reports to present.

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

**2019-20 Executive Board Meeting Schedule** – *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, October 24, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 14, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 19, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 9, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

***Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget***

Thursday, April 23, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 28, 2020 – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 25, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

**Governing Board Meeting Schedule** – *Gages Lake School Community Room unless noted otherwise*

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

**Professional Vacancies for 2019-20**

- 1 Assistant Principal (Gages Lake School)
- 1 Anticipated Assistant Principal (Gages Lake School)
- 1 Assistant Principal (Laremont School)
- 4 School Social Workers (TBD)
- 1 Certified School Nurse (TBD)
- .3 Registered Nurse (Sector)
- 1 ED/BD Teacher (Gages Lake School)
- 1 SAB Teacher (Gages Lake School)
- 1 EC Teacher (Diamond Lake School) 0.5 FTE
- 1 LASSO II EC Teacher (Sector)