

# SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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## Executive Board Meeting Summary Thursday, November 14, 2019

### Consent Agenda

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

- ☞ Request for Contracts for 11 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
- ☞ Resignations/retirements by 11 ESP and 2 licensed staff
- ☞ Request for Decrease in Contract Time by 1 licensed staff
- ☞ A summary of professional vacancies is included at the end of this document.

### Recognition



#### STARS Student

The Board recognized a student from Ms. Mohr's LASSO 3 classroom at Laremont School as the STARS Student for November. This student holds the class record for the most green zone days and is consistently a positive role model for his peers.

#### Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Linsey Wypych, Speech Pathologist at John Powers Center, as November's employee of the month. Linsey is a great advocate for her students, always bringing the student's perspective to their meeting. She modifies the bilingual curriculum to support her students' lessons when communicating in ASL and is key to the success of the John Powers Center Drama Club, having greatly increased student participation.



### Old Business

#### A. Current SEDOL Staffing

The Board approved maintaining the enrollment cap for the ED Program at Gages Lake School and maintaining the enrollment cap for the SAB Program at Gages Lake School. Administration will continue to monitor each program separately and future recommendations may be made based on enrollment. This will not affect the current budget. Due to the request for enrollment within the LASSO 3 program, District Administration is exploring different housing options for expansion.

#### B. New, District-wide Phone System

Donna Strollo, SEDOL Technology Coordinator, discussed the Midco proposal using the Mitel phone system. The Mitel system is from a national bid- Sourcewell (formally NJPA). The plan is to begin installation on the system this summer.

#### C. Fairhaven School

Mrs. Donnan and Ms. Watson updated the Board on Fairhaven School capital projects. Ms. Donnan discussed feedback from parent, staff, and district informational meetings that were held. She also notified the Board of an upcoming meeting with the Mundelein Police Department to discuss a Fairhaven School safety planning.

D. Lake County SRO

The Board approved a 3-year agreement with the Lake County Sheriff's Department for the provision of a full-time police officer on the SEDOL Campus when school is in session, this includes ESY. The agreement will begin January 1, 2020 and run thru December 31, 2022, with a total cost of \$314,704.31.

E. HUMANeX

The Board approved a 3-year agreement with HUMANeX in the amount of \$26,500.00 per year. HUMANeX will gather staff feedback and create goals within different programs/buildings of the SEDOL organization.

**New Business**

A. Life Safety Report 2019-20

Administration discussed the results of the annual Life Safety Report on SEDOL buildings from the Lake County ROE.

B. Architect Master Agreement

Ms. Watson informed the Board that Wold Architects and Engineers is updating the agreement for the Fairhaven project and we should have it for the December Board meeting.

C. Construction Management Agreement

Ms. Watson informed the Board that she is working with a construction management company on a contract and should have it for the December Board meeting.

D. Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. Agreement

The Board approved the agreement with Gewalt Hamilton Associates, Inc. for the Fairhaven project and the additional fee for water detention/flood plain and permitting services in the amount of \$12,000.

E. FOIA Request

Dr. Lynch reported on two requests, one from the Daily Herald for information pertaining to records sent to the Chicago Tribune and/or its representatives within the past six months and the second from the Chicago Tribune/ProPublica Illinois for information pertaining to records sent to the Occupational Health and Safety Administration or its representatives since May 21, 2019.

**Public Comment:**

Ms. Rebecca Slye, President of the SEDOL Teachers' Union, read a prepared statement as to the overall feeling regarding lack of support from administration.

**Closed Session:** The Board entered 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:**

Settlement Agreement

Items removed from agenda.

**Program/School Reports:**

**A. Announcements/Wins**

Mrs. Donnan spoke about each of the following events/items:

1. The Intermediate and HS pods engaged in Science Fair activities.
2. The Craft/Vendor & Resource Fair raised \$2,000 for items for the sensory and gross motor rooms at Laremont School.
3. CLA Spirit Week was a success. Classrooms made minigolf holes and student participation was high in all areas.
4. South School finished 2nd in CAAEL for their first season. Several students earned sportsmanship awards
5. South School first Level  $\frac{4}{5}$  Field Trip was a success to Didier Farms
6. Students are successfully transitioning back to home school from both GLS and TAB.

**Board Member Comment:**

- The Board discussed preparing for the December Governing Board meeting.
- Dr. Lind shared that Millburn students have learning opportunities to help and interact with the Sedol classrooms.
- Dr. Sefcik shared positive feedback she received regarding the SEDOL program at CLC.

**Committee Reports:** The Board is in the process of scheduling a finance meeting.

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

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

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**

- 3 School Social Worker (Gages Lake School)
- 1 Certified School Nurse (TBD)
- 1 EC Teacher (Diamond Lake School) 0.5 FTE
- 1 LASSO II EC Teacher (Sector)
- 1 TAB Teacher (Sector)
- 1 ALE Teacher (Gages Lake School)