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*Superintendent*

**Executive Board Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday, June 25, 2020**

The Executive Board meeting was structured to allow public viewing and public comment via webinar. Registration was through the link provided and up to the start of the webinar. The public was able to register for public comment until 8:30 a.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

President Sefcik administered the oath of office to Dr. Julie Brua, Superintendent of Gavin District #37, who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Dr. Lonny Lemon. Dr. Brua's term will expire in June 2022.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:
- ~ Request for Contracts for 4 educational support personnel (ESP) and 9 licensed staff
  - ~ Resignations/retirements by 7 ESP and 11 licensed staff
  - ~ Reinstatement of 1 ESP
  - ~ Employment Recommendations for 2020-21

**OLD BUSINESS**

Fairhaven School Project

Mr. Ken Frank, Signature Development, updated the Board on the Fairhaven School project stating that everything is pretty much on schedule. He discussed that circuit boards for the fire panel are on backorder until mid-July (production/delivery affected by COVID). This could cause a delay but he is hopeful that once they come in, things can progress as planned. Mr. Frank also informed the Board that the underground tank was removed is awaiting soil test results. The underground utility work is almost complete and the pavement projects should begin next week. The Board was also informed of additional projects that will be completed in the upcoming month; a chimney to be removed, fire stopping installed in the ceiling, and a rooftop unit tied into the automated system.

Return to School Discussion

Board members received a draft of samples to be included in the Return to School Plan. This plan includes results from the parent surveys, multi-systems of support, and information on personal protective equipment (PPE).

With 59% of parents who responded to the survey saying their child would return to the classroom in the fall if SEDOL was open, the buildings and committees have been working diligently on plans for their return and other case scenarios. Mrs. Donnan has been sending out correspondences to parents, member districts, and staff regarding these plans. Professional development planning is in the works for this fall. Community feedback and union discussions continue and a staff questionnaire will be sent by the end of the week.

The common goal for returning to school in the fall is to follow the ISBE guidelines while meeting the needs of the students, the staff, and the community but keeping everyone safe.

Policy Revisions for Approval

Revisions to policies 2:125 *Board Member Compensation; Expenses* and 2:160 *Board Attorney* were approved by the Board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Non-Member District Placement**

The Board approved the request by Deerfield High School District #113 for placement of one student in the Project SEARCH program at Sedgebrook. The districts 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.

Project SEARCH requires twelve students for the program to operate. Pam Evans, Principal, contacted member districts for possible placements with no potential students at this time. She then opened up space for non-member districts if they had potential placements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public Comment was afforded to the general public via the web-conference registration link.

There were no Public Comments.

## **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.
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and to consider individual student matters – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **FY21 Personnel Reduction in Force**

The Board approved the necessary personnel reduction for Christina Iliades for the 2020-21 school year.

## **PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS**

### **Announcements / Wins**

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1. Extended School Year (ESY) began.
2. SEDOL community involved in return to school planning.
3. SEDOL Foundation committed funds to support 1:1 technology initiative individual sensory, and switch activators for students.
4. ISBE has accepted the GLS's SAB program into a program working with specialists from ISU to provide PD and coaching for students with behavioral and communication needs. The school based leadership team includes Candice Sniffen, paraprofessional, Bob Salmons, teacher, Carolyn Hoeffner, behavior specialist, Nicole Richter, assistant principal, and Meagan Dwyer, principal. As well as support from Dr. Kelly Olsen from the district office.
5. Dr. Christine Sefcik, Executive Board President, highlighted the gratitude of the whole board for the SEDOL teachers and staff regarding their continued innovation and dedication to students.

## **BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

The Board discussed projected 2020-21 Executive Board meeting dates. These dates will be added to the July agenda for Board approval. (see below)

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

Thursday, July 23, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

**2020-21 Executive Board Meeting Tentative Schedule** SEDOL Office Bay Room

Thursday, July 23, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, August 27, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, September 17, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 17, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

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

Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

\*The Executive Board will approve the 2020-21 meeting schedule at its July meeting.

**2020-21 Governing Board Meeting Schedule** Gages Lake School Community Room unless noted otherwise

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

***Public Hearing on Budget @ 6:30 p.m.***

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**Professional Vacancies Anticipated for 2020-21**

- 1 Chief School Business Official 2021-22 (Administration)
- 1 Bookkeeper/Payroll Assistant (Administration)
- 1 School Social Worker (Gages Lake School)
- 1 Building Administrative Assistant (Fairhaven School)
- 1 1:1 Registered Nurse (Laremont)
- 2 LASSO III Teacher (Fairhaven School)
- 1 School Psychologist Compliance Data (Various)
- 1 Art Therapist (Various)
- 1 Full-Time Speech Language Pathologist (Various)
- 1 Teacher of the Deaf (John Powers Center)
- 1 LASSO Autistic Itinerant Teacher (Various)
- 1 Emotional/Behavioral Needs Teacher (Gages Lake School)
- 1 Office Intervention Teacher (South School)
- 6 Sign Language Interpreters (Various)
- 2 Occupational Therapist and One Part-Time (Various)
- 1 Physical Therapist Part-Time (Various)
- 1 Substitute Teachers (Various)