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Superintendent

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, January 28, 2021

The Executive Board meeting was structured to allow public viewing and public comment via webinar due to the Governor's Emergency Proclamation. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:
- ~ Request for Contracts for 1 educational support personnel (ESP) and 2 licensed staff
 - ~ Resignations/retirements by 6 ESP and 1 licensed staff
 - ~ Request for Leave of Absence by 2 ESP

RECOGNITION

STARS Student

The Board recognized a student from Karen Schreck's classroom at Laremont School as the STARS Student for January. This student received an eye gaze device in February, right before the schools were shut down and has excelled in learning the use of this device. She has a great sense of humor, is focused, and comes to her virtual learning classroom ready to go every morning!

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Steve Jacobson, PE Teacher, South School as January's Employee of the Month. Steve is a very intracule part of South School and the PE team. He is always willing to assist and has a great rapport with the students. Steve truly represents the SEDOL mission of providing Exceptional Services for Exceptional Students.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Medical Waste Management

Ms. Watson discussed with the Board the agreement with Stericycle. They will provide medical waste management services (COVID-19 testing materials) for seven SEDOL sites (Gages Lake School, Cyd Lash Academy, Admin Building, Laremont School, Fairhaven School, South School, and John Powers Center). They will also provide medical waste pick-up for unused epi-pens at Laremont School.

NEW BUISNESS

Policy Revision

Proposed revisions to the following policy were reviewed by the Board for first Reading. The Board will vote on approval at the February meeting.

5:170 Copyright *Designation of District Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) Agent*

SEDOL Leadership Team Updates

Mrs. Donnan shared an update on the action steps developed from the leadership teams across the district using this year's HUMANeX survey results. These action steps will be evaluated monthly and updated annually.

Superintendent Contract

Superintendent Donnan's renewal contract was accepted by the Board and recommended for Governing Board approval at the meeting on March 3.

March Governing Board Meeting

The Board reviewed and approved the draft agenda for the March 3rd Governing Board meeting.

FOIA Requests

A request was received via email on January 7, 2021, from Jennifer Smith Richards, Chicago Tribune and Jodi S. Cohen, ProPublica Illinois. On January 11, 2021, Dr. Lynch responded to Jennifer Smith Richards and Jodi S. Cohen via electronic mail providing the requested documents.

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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Termination of Support Staff

The Board approved the termination of support staff employee Raanan Burg.

PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS

Evidence of Exceptional Services

- A. Cyd Lash Academy had 5 Early Graduates last semester.
- B. With creative planning and the help of our dedicated staff, in person specialized services started two weeks ago and hybrid instruction returned on January 21st with 60% of our students returning.
- C. Gages Lake staff provided high quality trauma informed training for Transition and DHH certified staff.
- D. SEDOL Operations & Maintenance, SEDOL Tech, and Net 56 staff did an amazing job supporting the district following a Comcast mishap with the fiber line.
- E. Dr. Ross Greene, author of Lost at School, contacted Gages Lake School Principal, Meagan Dwyer to recognize the book studies being completed by her and the Gages Lake School staff.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Mrs. Pahl and Mrs. Osmond congratulated Mrs. Donnan on passing the Proposal stage of obtaining her doctorate. Mrs. Donnan is excited to be entering the final stages of this process. Also noted was that Mrs. Wojcik is also entering the final stages of her doctoral process as well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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.

2020-21 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Professional Vacancies Anticipated for 2020-21

- 1 Certified School Nurse (Gages Lake School)
- 1 Registered Nurse (Laremont)
- 1 Part-Time School Social Worker (Transition)
- 1 Emotional/Behavioral Needs Teacher (Gages Lake School)
- 1 LASSO Autistic Teacher (Millburn)
- 1 Art Therapist (Various)
- 1 Vocational Facilitator
- 1 Substitute Teacher (Various)

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