



Valerie M. Donnan, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, January 27, 2022

The Executive Board meeting was structured to allow in person access. The public was required to RSVP by 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Since there was room, the public was able to join at the time of the meeting without RSVPing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ~ Request for Contracts for 2 educational support personnel (ESP) and 0 licensed staff
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 10 ESP and 1 licensed staff
- ~ Request for Leave of Absence by 1 licensed staff

RECOGNITION

STARS Student

The Board recognized a student from Ms. Estefani Falcon's classroom at Gages Lake School, as the January STARS Student. This student has made tremendous gains. She has learned strategies to help her when overwhelmed, she works hard in class and is a positive role model to other students.

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Ms. Cheryl Lardner, Sector Nurse, as the January Employee of the Month. Ms. Lardner is dedicated to her students and her job. She goes above and beyond to make sure the students get the service and support they need to do their best.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Net56 Update

Mr. Todd Spight from Net56 updated the Board on the current student data privacy cybersecurity status. With the help of Mr. Michael Stubbs, they have been able to determine security maturity level gaps by analyzing current levels with target levels. They have also been able to prioritize cybersecurity concerns and make progress regarding providing more protection for SEDOL's cybersecurity.

SEDOL Update

Dr. Donnan updated the board on current enrollment caps pointing out that member districts would like SEDOL to expand however, with staff attendance changing daily due to COVID related absences, this is currently not an option in all areas. Staff numbers are remaining stable. Enrollment caps continue to be reviewed and adjusted as needed to provide the best services to students and keep everyone safe. Vaccination status, students who are inconsistent mask wearers and immunocompromised students continue to be factors when looking at quarantining. Dr. Donnan stated she works to reduce quarantine time when individual circumstances allow and is advocating by consulting with the Lake County Health Department.

NEW BUSINESS

SEDOL Resolution

The Board approved the SEDOL resolution affirming the Superintendent's authority related to pandemic operations for the 2021-2022 school year. A copy of the resolution is included in this summary.

Planning for March Governing Board Meeting

The Board reviewed a draft agenda for the March 2nd Governing Board meeting.

Emergency Contract Amendment

Ms. Loris reviewed with the Board the Preferred Meals emergency price increase contract amendment. The increase will be .10/meal for breakfasts, and .31/meal for lunches and are aligned with COVID-19 National Public Health Emergency waivers allowed by the USDA. The increased rates still remain below the reimbursement rates under the Seamless Summer Option program, which we are currently operating under. The Board approved the amended contract.

CLOSED SESSION

There was no Closed Session.

PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS

Evidence of Exceptional Service

1. Abbott Labs through a partnership with the SEDOL Foundation donated thousands of dollars of supplies to be shared across the district.
2. At JPC regulation to focus is key and students, staff, and administration are all benefiting.
3. Our entire SEDOL staff pulled together in a moment of crisis with the loss of a staff member, Sue Lagoni. The additional support from other buildings and the Crisis Intervention Team was incredible and helped our staff have time to process and grieve.
4. Laremont staff celebrated International Day of Acceptance in Sue's honor.

In Memoriam

Ms. Suzanne Lagoni, SEDOL Paraprofessional, passed away on January 15, 2022. Sue had worked with SEDOL since 2000. A donation has been made to the SEDOL Foundation in her memory.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

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

2021-22 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 24, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget Meeting

Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 26, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 28, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

2021-22 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Gymnasium*

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Professional Vacancies Anticipated for 2021-22

- 1 Anticipated Principal Cyd Lash Academy (07/01/2022) – Administration
- 1 Full-Time Social Worker Sector (Jan 2022) – Administration
- 1 Sign Language Interpreter – John Powers Center
- 1 Part-Time LASSO Itinerant Teacher – Administration
- 1 English Teacher – Regional Safe School
- 1 ED Teacher – Gages Lake School
- 1 TAB/LASSO I Teacher – Millburn Elementary
- 1 Vocational Job Coach – Various
- 1 1:1 Nurse (part-time) – Laremont
- 1 1:1 Nurse (full-time) – Laremont
- 1 RN (temp position approx. 6 weeks end of Feb 2022) – John Powers Center

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**RESOLUTION
OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY**

**AFFIRMING SUPERINTENDENT'S AUTHORITY RELATED TO PANDEMIC OPERATIONS
FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the Special Education District of Lake County, Lake County, Illinois ("Executive Board") desires to affirm its position regarding the Superintendent's authority related to Pandemic Operations for the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board wishes to continue to provide safe, in-person instruction to the fullest extent during the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, guidance and recommendations related to the operation of schools for the 2021-2022 school year has been issued and will be issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other local, state, and federal agencies and entities; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent may need to implement remote or blended remote learning if the State Superintendent of Education declares a requirement, pursuant to Section 10-30 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-30), to use remote learning days or blended remote learning days for a school district, multiple school districts, a region, or the entire State, which may also be implemented through an e-learning program under Section 10-20.56 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-20.56); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board has adopted Policy 2:240 Board Policy Development, which authorizes the Board to adopt, revise, and temporarily suspend Board policies; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board has adopted Policy 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness which acknowledges school closure in response to a pandemic and designates the Superintendent to act as a liaison for the School District to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and the community; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 10-20, 10-20.5 and 10-22.31 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-20, 10-20.5 and 10-22.31) other applicable law, and Board Policy 2:58, the Executive Board has all powers requisite or proper for the maintenance, operation, and development of schools and development of rules related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board acknowledges and understands that the 2021-2022 school year continues to bring innumerable challenges and, in accordance with Board Policy 3:40, delegates to the Superintendent the duties and authority to make the necessary decisions consistent with Board Policies and directives and State and federal law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Executive Board of the Special Education District of Lake County, Lake County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: Delegation of Authority. The Executive Board affirms its delegation of authority

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and

discretion to the Superintendent for the purpose of:

- A. Interpreting and implementing, as the Superintendent determines appropriate under local conditions, the guidance which has and will continue to be issued and updated by various federal, state, and local authorities regarding the means and method for operating the schools and delivering instruction;
- B. Weighing such factors as the levels of community transmission, local vaccine coverage and the use of screening testing to detect COVID-19 and variant cases, and in consultation with local health authorities and other knowledgeable consultants, implementing such layers of mitigation for prevention against the spread of COVID-19 and variants as the Superintendent determines appropriate under local conditions from time to time. This includes, but is not limited to, masking requirements, testing requirements, school/work exclusion requirements, additional cleaning requirements, etc.;
- C. Determining whether individual school buildings, all school buildings, transportation routes and any other locations or activities, are required to be closed or suspended due to the pandemic, and implementing any approved e-learning program, remote learning, or blended learning days as needed due to such closures;
- D. Preparing Administrative Procedures as needed to effectuate and enforce the above responsibilities; and
- E. Delegating responsibility, discretion, and authority as needed to accomplish same.

Section 2: Modification to Policies and Procedures. The Executive Board hereby suspends any Board Policies and Administrative Procedures in conflict with the foregoing delegation of authority.

Section 3: Enforcement. The Executive Board and Superintendent are hereby authorized to enforce compliance with the foregoing and any applicable Administrative Procedures by students, staff and visitors pursuant to the general and specific provisions and processes of all applicable Board Policies, Administrative Procedures, and federal, state, and local laws and guidance.

Section 4: Duration of Effect. The provisions of this Resolution will apply through June 30, 2022, unless terminated earlier, extended or modified by action of the Executive Board.

Section 5: Execution of this Resolution. This Resolution may be signed in counterparts or on successive dates following its adoption. Any signature line in this Resolution not signed manually by the Executive Board President or Board Secretary may be signed electronically or deemed to be signed through email or other electronic communications with the same force and effect as an original executed signed document pursuant to the Illinois *Uniform Electronic Transactions Act* (815 ILCS 333/1) and other applicable law.

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Year**

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2022.

Attested by: , Executive Board President

Attested by: , Executive Board Secretary

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