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Superintendent

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, October 26, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- ~ Request for Contracts for 15 educational support personnel (ESP) and 3 licensed staff
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 10 ESP and 2 licensed staff
- ~ Increase/Decrease in Contract for 1 ESP
- ~ Work Assignment change/Transfer for 1 ESP
- ~ 2 Contract Staff

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

STARS Student

The October student will be recognized at the November 9th Board Meeting.

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Ms. MacKenzie Pierce, Sector Paraprofessional, as October's Employee of the Month. MacKenzie shows up every day with a positive attitude. She is always willing to go the extra mile to support student and staff needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Gages Lake Campus Fence Project Bid

On October 5, 2023, SEDOL received two bids which were publicly opened and read aloud. Based off administration's recommendation, the Board approved the lowest bidder, Happ Builders, Inc. for the Gages Lake Fence Project. Installation of the fence will begin over spring break (March 2024).

Policy Revisions 2nd Reading

The Board approved the following revised policies: *02:80 Code of Conduct* and *7:275 Orders to Forgo Life Sustaining Treatment*.

Strategic Planning Update

Ms. Stieter and Mr. Crowley provided the board with an update on the Standards for Exceptional Service (SES) teams. They shared the SES dashboard which outlines each teams' goals, progress, and projected completion date. The dashboard was shared with the board and community. The dashboard is readily available via the SEDOL website.

Dr. Donnan discussed two member district meetings that are scheduled on Long Term Planning. These meetings include SEDOL and member district fiscal needs and are scheduled for Thursday, October 26th and Friday, October 27th. They will include representation from our member districts in the form of Superintendents, Business Managers, and District Coordinators. Topics to be discussed:

- Expansion space within our member districts to house high school and elementary programs
- Itinerant and contractual services
- Tuition rates reset

- Evidence based funding (EBF)
- Vocational transportation
- O&M- building expenses
- Audiology services
- Non-member district tuition rates/fees

NEW BUSINESS

Paraprofessional Liaison MOU

The Board negotiating team provided an overview of the tentative agreement reached with the SEDOL Support Staff Association (SSSA) regarding creation and compensation relating to the newly-created Paraprofessional Liaison position. The Executive Board recommends approval of the MOU at the December 6, 2023 Governing Board Meeting.

D73 School to School Contract

The Board approved the FY24 School to School Food Service Contract between SEDOL and Vernon Hills D73.

Planning for December Governing Board Meeting

The board reviewed the draft agenda for the December 6, 2023 Governing Board Meeting.

Business and Human Resource Reporting Software

Administration provided an update regarding transitions, challenges, and supports within the Business Office and also reviewed the need to look into a new Business and Human Resource reporting solution.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session to discuss:

1. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
2. 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Non-Member District Placements

1. Crystal Lake District 155 requested new placement for one student in the SEDOL ELP Program. The Board denied this request.

PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS

Evidence of Exceptional Services

1. Calming strategies need to be directly taught daily when a student is ready to learn. They are core instructional strategies used throughout all SEDOL programs.
2. Parades and fall activities are planned across the district on October 31st to celebrate.
3. Laremont and Autism Family Cares hosted their annual Trunk and Treat. This year they added a carnival fair. The Falcon's hockey team volunteered and helped the participants with the games.
4. October is AAC month! AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. SEDOL students gain a voice through the use of low tech and high tech AAC devices. SEDOL Speech and Language Pathologists along with the SEDOL Assistive Tech Team provide training to school based teams and parents. This training supports students as they gain a voice through the use of technology.
5. Students at John Powers Center participated in the Great Apple Crunch.
6. State Representative Laura Faver Dias visited the SEDOL campus this month.

ADJOURNMENT

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

2023-24 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 15, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget Meeting*
Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 23, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

2023-24 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

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