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Minutes

SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD

August 31, 2016

Call to Order

At 7:05 p.m., a quorum being present, Governing Board President Carey McHugh called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, at Gages Lake School in Gages Lake, Illinois. Executive Board members in attendance were: Dr. John Ahlemeyer, Dr. Catherine Finger, Mrs. Joanne Osmond, Mrs. Odie Pahl and Mr. Rob Roop.

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Michelle Good, Dist. #1	Ms. Ghita Mueller, Dist. #73
Ms. Diane Campbell, Dist. #24	Ms. Kathy Metke, Dist. #75
Ms. Mary Beth Hulting, Dist. #34	Mr. Alan Rubenstein, Dist. #102
Mr. Joe Loffredo, Dist. #37	Ms. Peg Larson, Dist. #116
Ms. Vivian Kueter, Dist. #38	Ms. Carey McHugh, Dist. #118
Ms. Joanne Osmond, Dist. #41	Ms. Jane Siegal, Dist. #120
Mr. Rob Roop, Dist. #46	Mr. Jim Loris, Dist. #124
Ms. Odie Pahl, Dist. #56	Ms. Karin Lundstedt, Dist. #128
Ms. Leigh Foltz, Dist. #68	Dr. Cheryl Crates, Dist. #187
Ms. Linda Lucke, Dist. #70	

Governing Board Members Absent

Mr. Steve Garris, Dist. #3	Ms. Lisa Yaffe, Dist. #76
Mrs. Marge Taylor, Dist. #6	Mr. Jeff Luckett, Dist. #79
Ms. Nancy Scarpelli, Dist. #33	Mr. Nick Ciko, Dist. #117
Ms. Cyndi Collins, Dist. #36	Mr. John Anderson, Dist. #121
Mr. Tony DeMonte, Dist. #50	Vacant, Dist. #126
Ms. Kim Sturonas, Dist. #72	Mr. Ken Witkowski, Dist. #127

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

It should be noted that a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2016-17 school year was held prior to the Governing Board meeting. The hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President McHugh asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda

Mrs. Joanne Osmond, District #41, moved the agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Mrs. Karin Lundstedt, District #128.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President McHugh asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Governing Board. There was no response from the guests or staff in attendance.

Dr. Moline said he wanted tonight's meeting to be held at Gages Lake School, so everyone could see the improvements to the roadways and parking lots. Phase 2 of the project will be completed next summer. He also wanted everyone to see the brand new gym floor courtesy of the wonderful SEDOL Foundation who came to the rescue with \$70,000 to cover the cost.

Dr. Moline invited everyone to participate in the Foundation's next fundraiser, which is the 5K Run/Walk on Saturday September 17, at Independence Grove.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve Minutes

Mr. Joe Loffredo, District #37, moved the minutes of June 8, 2016 be approved as presented; seconded by Mrs. Mary Beth Hulting, District #34.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions: Governing Board members, Executive Board members and administrators introduced themselves. President McHugh welcomed Dr. Lori Wilcox, new superintendent at Aptakistic-Tripp District #102.

Employee of the Year: The Governing Board recognized Shamim Choudhury, Language and Social Skills Opportunities (LASSO) Teacher who was selected as the 2015-16 employee of the year.

Congregation Or Shalom: Mr. Jim Ross, retired Vocational Facilitator who was instrumental in the establishment of the Backpack Program, introduced Ms. Wendy Copeland and Ms. Susie Rotman of the Congregation Or Shalom of Vernon Hills. The Governing Board recognized the Congregation Or Shalom for their support of the SEDOL Backpack Program since 2013. Over 200 families from the

Congregation support the program and make it possible for 40 families from John Powers Center and Cyd Lash Academy to get a backpack of food every weekend all year long. Two other members of the Congregation who are also very involved in the Backpack Program, Ellen Grabow and Betty Levenfeld, were not able to attend the meeting. Each one received a certificate recognizing their contribution; a separate certificate was presented to Congregation Or Shalom.

PRESENTATION OF FINAL BUDGET

Dr. Catherine Finger, Chair of the Executive Board Finance Committee, asked Ms. Barbara Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Business, to provide an overview of the budget.

Ms. Watson reported that not much changed from the tentative budget presented in June. The changes were explained in the two-page summary at the beginning of the budget packet. She noted that enrollment went up, as did tuition revenue and staff. In the end, however, the fund balance in the Education Fund remained basically the same as in the tentative budget.

Ms. Watson completed her review of the final budget and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none, President McHugh requested a motion to approve the following budget recommendations:

1. that for final budget purposes, total expenditures in the Education Fund for FY17 be set at \$58,982,600 and that those expenditures be offset by tuition, district contractual and grant revenue, leaving a fund balance of \$6,181,649; and
2. that total expenditures in the Operations and Maintenance budget be set at \$5,642,450; in the Transportation budget at \$1,178,310; in the Debt Service budget at \$849,600; in the IMRF budget at \$1,800,000; and in the Capital Projects budget at \$67,844.

Motion to Approve Final Budget

Mrs. Leigh Foltz, District #68, moved approval of the final budget and Executive Board recommendations as presented; seconded by Mrs. Diane Campbell, District #24.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:	Districts #1, #24, #34, #37, #38, #41, #46, #56, #68, #70, #73, #75, #102, #116, #118, #120, #124, #128, #187
Nayes:	None
Absent:	Districts #3, #6, #33, #36, #50, #72, #76, #79, #117, #121, #126, #127

MOTION CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF JOINT AGREEMENT

Proposed changes to the Articles of Joint Agreement were presented for first reading at the June

OPEN FORUM

December Agenda Items/Governing Board Member Comments

President McHugh encouraged Governing Board members to suggest agenda items for the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 7. She also invited Governing Board members to make any comments they would like to make.

President McHugh invited Governing Board members to participate in the SEDOL Foundation 5K Run/Walk to be held Saturday, September 17, at 8:30 a.m. at Independence Grove.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:10 p.m., Mrs. Kathy Metke, District #75, moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Mrs. Karin Lundstedt, District #128.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by,

Doris Marcinkus
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

_____, President of the Board

_____, Secretary of the Board