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Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, August 25, 2016

Governing Board Meeting Summary
Wednesday, August 31, 2016

August 25 Executive Board Meeting

Oath to Re-Elected Member: President Joanne Osmond administered the oath of office to Mr. Rob Roop, Governing Board Member from Community Consolidated District #46 who was re-elected to serve another two-year term.

Amended Agenda: The Board approved a recommendation to amend the agenda to remove the request for reduction of .1 FTE (half day) contract time for an occupational therapist. Following dissemination of the agenda, a member district requested an additional half day of OT time, so the reduction was not necessary.

Consent Agenda

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

- Requests for contracts for 24 educational support personnel (ESP) and 10 licensed staff
- Resignations/retirements by 17 ESP and 2 licensed staff
- Reduction of contract time for 1 ESP
- The following vacancies were reported: 2 Speech Pathologists (Various Locations)
  1 Registered Nurse (Sector)

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Old Business

- Committee Appointments: President Osmond appointed Board members to committees as follows:

Personnel	Finance	Policy	Negotiations
Jim McKay, Chair	Catherine Finger, Chair	Odie Pahl, Chair	Joanne Osmond, Chair
Rob Roop	John Ahlemeyer	Joanne Osmond	
Guy Schumacher	Odie Pahl	Roycealee Wood	

New Business

A. Intergovernmental Agreement: The Board approved a one-year agreement with Fremont District #79 for the district to continue to provide transportation services for students in the Transition Program.
B. Purchase of Activity Bus: Ms. Watson reported on the purchase of a used multi-function school activity bus (MFSAB) for the Transition Program. It will replace the current vehicle, which is a 2005 GMC Savanna passenger van with a wheelchair lift and 65,000 miles. The new MFSAB is a 2006 Chevy bus. It is wheelchair accessible and has 55,000 miles on it.
C. PERA Training for Board Members: Dr. Lynch explained that under the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA), all board members must complete a training program on evaluations before participating in a vote on a tenured teacher's dismissal using the optional alternative evaluation dismissal process. This requirement also applies to all Executive Board members. For the Executive Board, Governing Board members have already completed the training, but member district superintendents probably have not. Registration for online training through IASB is not yet available.

D. Executive Board Vacancy: Dr. Moline reported on the steps he had taken to find a Governing Board member to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board due to Mrs. Welk's resignation. All three unit districts were contacted, but none of the Governing Board members are able to serve on the Executive Board. Dr. Moline said he will announce the vacancy at the August 31 Governing Board meeting.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

Program/School Reports

A. Extended School Year: Mrs. Wojcik reviewed a handout showing enrollment and attendance for the 2016 extended school year program. She also reported on survey results conducted with parents and staff. Ninety-seven percent of the parents and 96% of staff felt students benefitted from the program.

B. Announcements/Wins: Dr. Moline noted that the regular list of wins and announcements would begin in September. Three major wins of note are: (1) reaching a tentative agreement with the SEDOL Support Staff Association; (2) completion of Phase 1 of the SEDOL Campus road improvements; and (3) completion of the new gym floor at Gages Lake School.

Closed Session: The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation.

Other Business: There were no items to discuss under Other Business.

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

August 31 Governing Board Meeting

Budget Hearing: A public hearing was held on the FY17 final budget prior to the start of the regular meeting.

Minutes and Recognition: Following public comment and approval of minutes, the Governing Board recognized Shamim Choudhury, Language and Social Skills Opportunities Teacher (LASSO), who was selected as the employee of the year for 2015-16. *Pictured with Shamim and her husband are Superintendent Tom Moline and Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Peggy Lynch.*



The Board also recognized members of Congregation Or Shalom of Vernon Hills for their support of the Backpack Program since 2013. Approximately 200 Congregation families contribute to the program, which provides backpacks filled with food every weekend all year long to 30-40 students from John Powers Center and Cyd Lash Academy. *Pictured (l-r) are: Cecilia McKenzie, Grants & Resource Development; Ann Subry, Executive Director of SEDOL Foundation; Jim Ross, retired Vocational Facilitator; Susie Rotman and Wendy Copeland of Congregation Or Shalom; and Superintendent Moline.*



Final Budget: Ms. Barbara Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Business, presented a brief overview of the final budget and explained the changes from tentative to final budget. The Board approved the FY17 final budget.

Amendment to Articles of Joint Agreement: This item had to be deferred, as two-thirds of the member districts were not in attendance. It will be presented again at the December 7 meeting.

SSSA Collective Bargaining Agreement: Mrs. Joanne Osmond of the Board negotiating team presented an overview of the agreement with the SEDOL Support Staff Association (SSSA). The Board approved the three-year agreement, which was within the parameters set by the Executive Board.

Program Reports

A. Extended School Year (ESY) Program: Mrs. Wojcik explained the handout (attached) showing enrollment and attendance at the five sites where students attended the ESY Program. She also reported on survey results conducted with parents and staff.
B. Governing Board Orientation/December 7: Dr. Moline reported that the annual orientation for Governing Board members would once again be a part of the regular meeting on December 7. He encouraged Governing Board members to invite one or two of their fellow board members to attend and learn more about SEDOL operations.

Dr. Moline also reported on the need to find a Governing Board member to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board due to Mrs. Welk's resignation. He explained the application process and said a formal announcement of the vacancy would be sent to all Governing Board members the next day.

Open Forum: President McHugh encouraged Governing Board members to suggest agenda items for the December 7 meeting to be held at Laremont School. She also asked if anyone would like to make a comment or if they had a win they would like to share.

Prior to adjournment, 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.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*
Thursday, September 22, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, October 27, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 16, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 22, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 26, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, February 23, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, March 23, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 13, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget***
Thursday, April 27, 2017 – 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 9:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 22, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***SEDOL Office Boardroom***
Thursday, July 27, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. ***SEDOL Office Boardroom***

Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Laremont School Gym unless noted otherwise*
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

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