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Minutes

SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD

December 7, 2016

Call to Order

At 7:03 p.m., a quorum being present, Governing Board President Carey McHugh called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at Laremont School in Gages Lake, Illinois. Executive Board members in attendance were: Dr. John Ahlemeyer, Dr. Catherine Finger, Mrs. Carey McHugh, Mrs. Joanne Osmond and Mrs. Odie Pahl.

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Michelle Good, Dist. #1	Ms. Ghita Mueller, Dist. #73
Mr. Steve Garris, Dist. #3	Ms. Kathy Metke, Dist. #75
Ms. Diane Campbell, Dist. #24	Ms. Lisa Yaffe, Dist. #76
Ms. Nancy Scarpelli, Dist. #33	Ms. Gabriela Whipple, Dist. #79
Mr. Joe Loffredo, Dist. #37	Mr. Michael Francisco, Dist. #116
Ms. Vivian Kueter, Dist. #38	Ms. Carey McHugh, Dist. #118
Ms. Joanne Osmond, Dist. #41	Ms. Jane Siegal, Dist. #120
Mr. David Northern, Sr., Dist. #46	Mr. Jim Loris, Dist. #124
Mr. Tony DeMonte, Dist. #50	Mr. Ken Witkowski, Dist. #127
Ms. Odie Pahl, Dist. #56	Ms. Karin Lundstedt, Dist. #128

Governing Board Members Absent

Mrs. Marge Taylor, Dist. #6	Mr. Alan Rubenstein, Dist. #102
Ms. Mary Beth Hulting, Dist. #34	Mr. Nick Ciko, Dist. #117
Ms. Cyndi Collins, Dist. #36	Mr. John Anderson, Dist. #121
Ms. Leigh Foltz, Dist. #68	Ms. Kimberly Leech, Dist. #126
Ms. Linda Lucke, Dist. #70	Dr. Cheryl Crates, Dist. #187
Ms. Kim Sturonas, Dist. #72	

Administrators Present

Dr. Thomas Moline, Superintendent
Dr. Peggy Lynch, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Ms. Barbara Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Business, CSBO
Mrs. Laura Wojcik, Director of Instruction, Curriculum and Assessment

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. Karin Lundstedt, District #128, moved the agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Mrs. Kathy Metke, District #75.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve Minutes

Mrs. Kathy Metke, District #75, moved the minutes of August 31, 2016 be approved as presented; seconded by Mr. Joe Loffredo, District #37.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT TO EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dr. Moline asked the Governing Board to confirm the appointment of Mrs. Carey McHugh of Wauconda Unit District #118 to fill the vacant seat on the Executive Board due to the resignation of Mrs. Ann Welk. Mrs. McHugh will complete the two-year term, which expires in June 2017.

Motion to Confirm Appointment

Mrs. Joanne Osmond, District #41, moved approval of the appointment of Carey McHugh of Wauconda Unit District #118 to fill the vacant seat on the Executive Board; seconded by Mr. David Northern, District #46.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES OF JOINT AGREEMENT

Proposed changes to the Articles of Joint Agreement were presented for first reading at the June meeting. The proposed amendments were presented again for second reading and approval at the August meeting, but two-thirds of the member districts were not in attendance to vote as required under the Articles.

At this time, a check of the sign-in sheet indicated that only 20 members were in attendance, which was one short of the 21 required. Consensus was to defer this item until the end of the meeting in hopes that another member would arrive.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Prior to Program Reports, Dr. Moline explained that another Governing Board member is needed to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board due to the resignation of Mr. Rob Roop from Community Consolidated District #46.

Overview of Services and Operations: Dr. Moline used a PowerPoint to provide a brief overview of how SEDOL was formed and the structure of the Governing Board and Executive Board. Each of the building principals and program supervisors talked briefly about the students they serve and the programs in place to meet their needs. Ms. Watson reported on the contractual and itinerant services that are available to member districts that may only need a part-time staff person (e.g. OT/PT, speech, deaf/hard of hearing teacher). She also explained how the cost for these services is based on the salary/benefits of the staff who work in those positions. Dr. Lynch gave a brief overview of the staff SEDOL employs, and Mrs. Wojcik talked about the curriculum and assessments used in SEDOL programs.

Road Improvements at Gages Lake Campus: Dr. Moline used a diagram of the SEDOL Campus to show how the northern part of the campus roads and sidewalks were completed in Phase 1 this past summer. He also showed how traffic will flow after Phase 2 of the project is completed during the summer of 2017. Phase 2 includes the removal of the two houses and the pole barn/maintenance building located in the southeast quadrant of the campus and construction of a new maintenance building in between Gages Lake School and the admin building. The total cost of this project is estimated to be \$4.5 million, which is being paid for with fund equity.

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It was suggested that Mr. Mike Munda, Principal of the ROE Safe School, who is also a Board of Education Member with Warren Township High School District #121, could serve as an alternate for District #121 in order to reach the 21 members needed to vote on the proposed amendments. After a brief discussion it was agreed that Mr. Munda is a SEDOL employee, and it would be a conflict of interest for him to serve as a Governing Board member.

At this time, the roll was called to see if an additional member had joined the meeting during the program reports. There were still only 20 members, so this item was deferred to the March meeting.

OPEN FORUM

President McHugh encouraged Governing Board members to suggest agenda items for the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 8. She also invited Governing Board members to make any comments they would like to make.

Hearing no comments, President McHugh adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Doris Marcinkus
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

_____, President of the Board

_____, Secretary of the Board