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Governing Board Meeting Summary
Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, December 15, 2016

December 7 Governing Board Meeting

Public Comment and Minutes: There was no comment from the public. The Board approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on August 31, 2016.

Confirmation of Appointment to Executive Board: The Governing Board approved the appointment of Carey McHugh of Wauconda Unit District #118 to fill the vacant seat on the Executive Board due to the resignation of Ann Welk. Mrs. McHugh is completing a two-year term, which expires in June 2017.

Amendment to Articles of Joint Agreement: A check of the sign-in sheet revealed that there were not enough members in attendance to vote on this; 20 members were in attendance, but 21 members were needed. A decision was made to defer this item until the end of the meeting in hopes that another member would arrive.

Executive Board Vacancy: Dr. Moline reminded Governing Board members of the need to find someone to fill the vacancy on the Executive Board due to the resignation of Rob Roop. He asked anyone interested to contact him.

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.

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.

At this time, the roll was called to see if enough members were in attendance to vote on amending the Articles of Joint Agreement. There were still only 20 members, so this item was deferred to the March meeting.

Open Forum: Governing Board members were encouraged to suggest agenda items for the March 8 meeting and to make whatever comments they felt appropriate. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned.

December 15 Executive Board Meeting

Consent Agenda

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

- Requests for contracts for 8 educational support personnel (ESP)
- Resignations/retirements by 5 ESPs and 1 licensed staff
- Request for leave/extension by 1 ESP
- Vacancies for 2016-17: 1 Speech Pathologist (Various Locations)

Public Comment: None

Student Recognition: Stephanie Selby, a student from Community High School District #117, was selected to receive the **STARS** Award for December – **S**tudents **T**aking **A**cademic **R**esponsibility **S**eriously. Stephanie attends the Community Life Skills Program.
Pictured (l-r) are: Pam Evans, Supervisor of Transition/Community Life Skills Program; Dr. Brie Cederna, Asst Supt for Student Services, District #117; Diane LeFevre, Parapro in Stephanie's class; Stephanie and her mom; Jennifer Ratajczyk, Stephanie's Teacher; and Board President Joanne Osmond.



November Employee of the Month: Kathy Plath, School Psychologist at Laremont School, was recognized as November's Employee of the Month.
Pictured (l-r) are: Kendyl Buckley, Principal of Laremont School; Deanna Lulofs, Psychology Department Liaison; Kathy; Linda Amundsen, Coordinator of Therapeutic Services; Amy Koester, School Psychologist; and President Joanne Osmond.



December Employee of the Month: Diane LeFevre, Paraprofessional in Community Life Skills Program, was recognized as December's Employee of the Month.
Pictured (l-r) are: Dana Chism, Asst Supervisor of Transition; Pam Evans, Supervisor; Diane; Teacher Jennifer Ratajczyk; and President Joanne Osmond.



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

New Business

A. FOIA Request: Dr. Lynch reported on a FOIA request received via email on December 1 from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association. The information requested was for the name, title and email address of any teacher or administrator who is retiring in 2017. The requested information was sent via email on December 5.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports to present.

Program/School Reports

A. Announcements/Wins: The following items were reported at the December meeting of the Supervisory/ Administrative Team (SAT).

- LASSO-2 Teacher Kristen Lanzerotti and her students at Wauconda High School sold handmade t-shirts, tote bags and notecards at a craft fair in Island Lake on December 3. Students took turns working the table. Another craft fair was scheduled for December 10 in Volo. Proceeds will be used for classroom supplies and community trips. The class is also collecting donations for Horsefeathers Therapeutic Riding.
- On December 2, John Powers Center 2nd – 5th grade students participated in *Deaf Kids Code*, a program founded by Shireen Hafeez, mother of a deaf son. Students spent time learning about a career in coding and also programmed robots to move in a maze.
- There was a large turnout for *Donuts with Santa* at Laremont School on December 3. Over 50 families (36 kids) participated.
- The SEDOL Foundation adopted 21 families who will receive holiday gift baskets.
- The Cyd Lash Academy soccer and volleyball teams won all of their games. Students from all different programs participate.
- Karen Martin's ELS class and the Best Buddies at Vernon Hills High School provided their annual Thanksgiving lunch.
- ELS Teacher Deb Thomas and her class provided Thanksgiving lunch at North Chicago High School.

Additional Wins

- LASSO Itinerant Teachers Traci Hoos, Sarah Lindgren and Tracy Adams received a SEDOL Foundation grant for $4,266 and a Trustmark Impact Educator grant for $1,000 to support the LASSO Itinerant Sensory and Educational Trial Toolbox of Tricks. The toolbox is used to trial various interventions with students and then make specific recommendations to staff and districts regarding possible purchase of materials. Items include things such as weighted blankets, lap pads, vests, Gel-E-Seat, various fidgets, timers, etc.
- Adapted P.E. Teacher Lisa Nehila received a Trustmark Impact Educator grant for $1,000 to purchase sports and recreation items, so students may better develop their gross motor skills and improve their physical fitness levels.
- Sector ELS Teachers Nicole Cobb, Veronica Carbonara and Sandra Halevy received a $1,000 Trustmark Impact Educator grant, which will be used to teach students about healthy food choices, menu planning and food preparation.
- ELS Teacher Nicole Cobb, Psychologist Amy Koester and Intern Psychologist Carol Meuth each received a Meemic Foundation grant for $100 to purchase supplies/materials.

Closed Session: The Board entered into closed session to discuss collective bargaining matters.

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

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Moline reported that David Northern, Governing Board member from Community Consolidated District #46, is interested in filling the vacancy on the Executive Board.

Dr. Moline also reported that President Osmond had brought it to his attention that the March 8 Governing Board meeting is the same night as the IASB Lake Division dinner/meeting. President Osmond suggested the Governing Board meeting also be held at North Chicago High School, which would hopefully guarantee a quorum for the Governing Board meeting. Consensus of the Board was to relocate the Governing Board meeting to North Chicago High School.

Dr. Moline reported that the hearing on the petition by Grass Lake District #36 to withdraw from SEDOL will be held by the Lake County Regional Board of School Trustees at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 3, 2017.

Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*

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 a.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, March 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. ***Location may be changed to North Chicago High School as this meeting is the same night as the IASB Lake Division Dinner Meeting***
Wednesday, June 7, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

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