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Governing Board Meeting Summary Wednesday, June 3, 2020

The Governing Board meeting was structured to allow public viewing and public comment via webinar. Registration was through the link provided and up to the start of the webinar. The public was able to register for public comment until 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE, AGENDA AND MINUTES

Following the call to order, roll call and pledge by Mrs. Donnan, the Board accepted the amended agenda.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & MINUTES

The Governing Board appointed Mrs. Carey McHugh (Wauconda #118) to serve another one-year term as Governing Board President and Dr. Stephen Mack (Community Consolidated #46) to serve another one-year term as Governing Board Secretary. The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 2020.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. Donnan acknowledged the dedicated service of Dr. Lonny Lemon, Superintendent of Oak Grove District #68, who was retiring at the end of the school year. Dr. Lemon served on the Executive Board since June 2017.

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIONS:

Executive Board Member Appointments

The following members were reappointed to serve another two-year term: Mr. Gold, Superintendent of Big Hollow #38; and Ms. Pahl, Governing Board Member. The Board also appointed Dr. Julie Brua, Superintendent of Gavin District #37, to replace Dr. Lemon who is retiring. All three will serve a two-year term expiring in June 2022, leaving one open Governing Board member chair that would expire in June 2022.

Delegation of Executive Board Authorities

The Governing Board approved the delegation of authorities to the Executive Board for FY21 as delineated in policy 2:38.

Appointment of Treasurer

The Board approved Ms. Barbara Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Business, CSBO, to continue to serve as treasurer for the 2020-21 school year.

Establish Meeting Dates

The Board approved the following meeting dates for the 2020-21 school year: August 26, 2020; December 2, 2020; March 3, 2021; and June 2, 2021.

ARTICLES OF JOINT AGREEMENT FIRST READING

The Board approved the amendments to the Articles of Joint Agreement which were presented for first reading in March.

PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mrs. Donnan and Ms. Watson provided an overview of the FY20 tentative budget, which included: (1) a 2% increase in tuition rates across the board; (2) removal of the Tiered Tuition system and the switch to 3 part O&M assessment: 1/3 based on previous year's ADE in SEDOL Building based programs, 1/3 on current fall enrollment, and 1/3 on member districts' previous year EAV; (3) the continued realignment of special needs paraprofessionals to regular classroom paraprofessionals; (4) decrease in enrollment and changes in staffing (4) Audiology services billed at 50% prior year service visits and 50% current fall enrollment for students not enrolled at SEDOL (5) a transfer of funds from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund in order to cover the 20% that ISBE does not reimburse; (6) the change in IDEA funding and the importance of districts meeting their maintenance of effort requirements.

The Governing Board approved the tentative budget for FY21 and scheduled a hearing on the final budget for 6:30 p.m. on August 26. The Governing Board will be asked to approve the final budget that same evening.

POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE REPORT FOR THE SERIES 2015-B BONDS

Ms. Watson explained that the post-issuance tax compliance report is a report that must be made every year in order to remain in compliance with reporting requirements for the Series 2015 Bonds. She reported that everything is in order and there is nothing unusual to report.

FILING FINANCIAL INFORMATION WITH EMMA FOR THE SERIES 2015-B BONDS

Ms. Watson explained that the filing of financial information with the Electronic Municipal Marketing Access (EMMA) is a report that must be made every year in order to remain in compliance with reporting requirements for the Series 2015 Bonds.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was afforded to the general public via a web-conference registration link. There were no Public Comments.

APPROVAL OF POLICY REVISIONS

The following policies were presented for approval: 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Governing Board; Indemnification; 2:100 Governing Member Conflict of Interest; and 2:10 Ethics and Gift Ban.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE: RETIREMENT INCENTIVE

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Re: Retirement Incentive reached with the SEDOL Teacher's Union. Dr. Lynch of the Board Negotiating Team provided a brief overview.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RE: RETIREMENT INCENTIVE LANGUAGE

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding Re: Retirement Incentive Language for Teachers Who Submitted Their Irrevocable Notice of Intent to Resign for the Purpose of Retirement Between August 16, 2018 and March 3, 2020.

SEDOL STRATEGIC GOALS UPDATE

Mrs. Donnan presented an update to the 2018-2020 strategic plan summary, which also serves as the superintendent's goals. The updated summary included a detailed overview of the action steps Mrs. Donnan and the Administrative Team have taken in pursuit of each goal including but not limited to: program reviews, restructuring of administrative positions, housing, district level HumanEx teams, increase in PLC's, communication (i.e. social media, website shout outs, SEDOL news), continued review of policies and procedures, and services provided to member districts, and the financial goals including the update to The SEDOL Joint Articles of Agreement. With all goals having been met, new goals will be created this fall.

OPEN FORUM

No items for open forum.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items to discuss, the Board acted to adjourn the meeting.

2019-20 Executive Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, June 25, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

2020-21 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Community Room unless noted otherwise*

August 26, 2020 *Public Hearing on Budget at 6:30 p.m.*

December 2, 2020

March 3, 2021

June 2, 2021