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SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

March 1, 2023

Call to Order

At 7:01 p.m., a quorum being present, President McHugh called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Gages Lake School in Gages Lake, Illinois. The following Executive Board members were in attendance: Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl.

ROLL CALL

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Laurel Wilson, D1	Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79
Ms. Anne Fuson, D3	Ms. Melissa Rose, D102
Ms. Joanne Osmond, D41	Ms. Ellen Ipsen, D117 (arrived 7:45 pm)
Ms. Anna Chang-Yen, D50 (arrived 7:25 pm)	Ms. Carey McHugh, D118
Ms. Odie Pahl, D56	Ms. Linda Vecchie, D120
Ms. Emily Savino, D68	Mr. Tony DeMonte, D121
Dr. Amie Krummick, D70	Ms. Kathy Kusiak, D124
Mr. Michael Engle, D73	Mr. Jonathan Reinoso, D127 (arrived 7:08 pm)
Mr. Eric Billittier, D75	Ms. Dora King, D187 (left early 7:25 pm)
Mr. David Becker (alt), D76	

Governing Board Members Absent

Ms. Denise Lear, Dist. D6 Representative for D24	Ms. Vivian Kueter, D38
Ms. Heather Devine, D33	Dr. Stephen Mack, D46
Ms. Angie Baronello, D34	Ms. Rita Benavides, D72
Ms. Denise Quezada, D36	Ms. Peg Larson, D116
Ms. Erika Cappert, D37	Ms. Patricia Stephen, D126
	Ms. Cara Benjamin, D128

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda

Ms. Joanne Osmond, D41, moved the agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Ms. Mike Engle, D73.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 118, 120, 121, 124, 187
	Nays:	
	Absent:	Districts 6, 24, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 50, 72, 116, 117, 126, 127, 128

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve Minutes

Ms. Joanne Osmond, District #41, moved the minutes of December 7, 2022 be approved as presented; seconded by Ms. Emily Savino, District #68.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u> Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 118, 120, 121, 124, 187
Nays:	
Absent:	Districts 6, 24, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 50, 72, 116, 117, 126, 127, 128

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Four people spoke at Public Comment. Topics included: safety in the classrooms, staff shortages, fidelity of programs, and gratitude for staff that help by filling in where there are needs.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS

President McHugh provided information regarding the need to appoint three Governing Board members to a nominating committee to develop recommendations for the offices of Governing Board President and Secretary. The committee would make its recommendations known to Governing Board members 30 days prior to the June meeting. Governing Board members interested in serving on the nominating committee were asked to email Recording Secretary Sara Martinez or Superintendent Valerie Donnan.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

President McHugh provided information regarding the need to establish a nominating committee to recommend appointments to the Executive Board. The committee is composed of one Governing Board member, two Executive Board members and the Regional Superintendent of Schools. The committee would make its recommendations known to Governing Board members 30 days prior to the June meeting. Governing Board members interested in serving on the nominating committee were asked to email Recording Secretary Sara Martinez or Superintendent Valerie Donnan. Ms. McHugh noted that there is one open seat on the Executive Board that need to be filled by a Governing Board member.

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

Ms. Loris 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

Ms. Loris 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.

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RESOLUTION

Nicole Richter, Jenny O'Day, Ann Knebel, and Tegan Dittmer explained the unity within the Fairhaven School programs and how the team works with students to meet their educational and daily living goals. They talked about the family feel of their building and the importance of maintaining consistency in location and environment for students and staff.

Dr. Donnan presented the breakdown of cost/credits, reviewed the timelines associated with leasing/purchasing the building, and fielded questions from the Board. After the presentation, the Board approved the Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement and Resolution between the Board of Education of Diamond Lake School District 76 and SEDOL for the purchase of Fairhaven School in the amount of \$2,150,000 with closing expected on July 1, 2023.

Motion to Approve Fairhaven School Purchase Agreement and Resolution

Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79, moved approval of the real estate purchase and sale agreement between the Board of Education of Diamond Lake School District 76 and SEDOL to purchase Fairhaven School as presented.; seconded by Ms. Joanne Osmond, D41.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u> Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 41, 50, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 79, 102, 117, 118, 120, 121, 124, 127
Nays:	
Absent:	Districts 6, 24, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 46, 72, 116, 126, 128, 187
Abstained:	D76

MOTION CARRIED

PROGRAM REPORTS

Dr. Donnan noted the following for the Board:

- Finance Committee met on March 1, 2023
- Personnel Committee is meeting on March 2, 2023
- Currently in negotiations with the SEDOL Support Staff Association (SSSA) using interest based bargaining
- Enrollment counts are currently down due to staff shortage
 - Working with multiple agencies to increase hiring
 - Hiring on a daily basis
 - New Sector Supervisor starting early April pending Executive Board approval
- Dr. Donnan reiterated that the HumanEx survey data collected this year was unable to be used due to the timing of the survey and the low percentage of responses. The upcoming program reviews will provide data and information regarding SEDOL buildings and sector programs. This information will be collected through input from students, staff, parents, board members, and member districts.

OPEN FORUM

1. Board asked, in regards to Public Comment, if staff receive exit interviews and if so, what are the top three reasons staff resign? Dr. Wojcik responded that staff have the option of completing an online survey or attending an in person exit interview.
2. SEDOL Foundation Dinner Dance April 21st

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:19 p.m., Ms. Ellen Ipsen, D117, moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ms. Anna Chang-Yen, D50.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 41, 50, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 79, 102, 117, 118, 120, 121, 124, 127
	Nays:	
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MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Sara Martinez
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

_____, Ms. Carey McHugh, President of the Board

_____, Dr. Stephen Mack, Secretary of the Board