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Governing Board Meeting Summary Wednesday, August 23, 2023

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing on the FY24 final budget was held prior to the start of the regular meeting

PLEDGE AND AGENDA

Following the Call to Order/Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance by President McHugh, the Board accepted the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two people who submitted and spoke for Public Comment.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Governing Board recognized:

1. Governing Board Members, SEDOL Administration, and District Administration introduced themselves
2. Lake County Educators of the Year: Candace Tackes, Angel O'Rourke, Juliette Sheedy, and Rosie Vondrak
3. Employee of the Year Lynette Edwards Speech and Language Pathologist

PROGRAM REPORTS

1. SEDOL Administration shared photos and activities from this summer's Extended School Year (ESY). A total of 350 students attended ESY.
2. An update on staffing was shared noting the improvements compared to last year. Current vacancies include 10 teachers, 22 paraprofessionals, and professional service staff.
3. A summary of the Exceptional Learning Solutions (ELS) Program Review was shared by SEDOL Administration (the full report is available on the website). Information for the review was gathered from SEDOL staff, parents, member districts, and community members through interviews, surveys, classroom observations, and a review of SEDOL data.

The summary included:

- a. General Information
- b. Methodology and Process
- c. Findings and Observations
 - Category #1 Central Office Administration
 - Category #2 Safety and Security
 - Category #3 Human Resources
 - Category #4 Programmatic Offerings and Continuum of Services
 - Category #5 Curriculum and Instruction
 - Category #6 Assessment and Data
 - Category #7 Behavioral Systems
 - Category #8 Training and Professional Development
 - Category #9 Policies and Procedures
 - Category #10 Finance and Budgeting
 - Category #11 Parents and Community Relations
 - Category #12 Member Districts
- d. Prioritizing of Recommendations
- e. Implementation and Monitoring

It was emphasized that these are recommendations from ELS and next steps include developing targeted action plans with specific focus for improvement.

SEDOL Administration has organized seven Standards for Exceptional Services (SES) Teams which incorporates the 12 categories into these teams. The teams are comprised of SEDOL staff, parents, member districts, and community members. The teams are open to all invested in SEDOL.

PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET

Dr. Donnan and Ms. Peterson presented an overview of the final budget. It was noted that tuition rates increased by 5% and 5% for O & M costs. In addition, this year’s budget is designed to be in the deficit to use some of the fund balance. The Governing Board approved the final budget for FY23.

OPEN FORUM

President McHugh thanked the Board for attending and reminder them that an open seat still exists on the Executive Board if anyone is interested. The Executive Board meets once a month, usually on the fourth Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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2023-24 Executive Board Meeting Schedule SEDOL Office Bay Room

- Thursday, September 21, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, October 26, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. *Conflict with IASA Conference*
- Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 9:30 a.m. *Conflict with Winter Break*
- Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 15, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. *Conflict with IAASE Conference*
- Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget Meeting*
- Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

2023-24 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.