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SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

August 23, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

It should be noted that a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year was held prior to the Governing Board meeting. The hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present, President McHugh called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at Gages Lake School in Gages Lake, Illinois. The following Executive Board members were in attendance: Ms. Carey McHugh and Ms. Joanne Osmond.

ROLL CALL

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Anne Fuson, D3	Mr. Eric Billittier, D75
Mr. Wesley Walker, Dist. D6 – alternate	Mr. Jon Hauptman, D76 – alternate
Mr. Fred Skeppstrom, D24	Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79
Ms. Heather Devine, D33	Mr. Justin Parker, D102
Mr. Josh Cornwell, D34	Mr. Scott Jewitt, D116
Ms. Sarah Ives-Brezinski, D37	Ms. Carey McHugh, D118
Ms. Vivian Kueter, D38	Ms. Laura Mellon, D120
Ms. Joanne Osmaond, D41	Ms. Kathy Kusiak, D124
Ms. Gari Matsey, D50	Ms. Patricia Stephen, D126
Mr. Stephen Sticklen, D70	Ms. Liz Wiczer, D127
Mr. Michael Engle, D73	Ms. Cara Benjamin, D128

Governing Board Members Absent

Mr. Alberto Segura, D1	Ms. Rita Benavides, D72
Ms. Denise Quezada, D36	Ms. Cynthia Collins, D117
Dr. Stephen Mack, D46	Mr. Tony DeMonte, D121
Ms. Odie Pahl, D56	Ms. Dora King, D18
Ms. Emily Savino, D68	

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda

Ms. Joanne Osmond, D41 moved the agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Ms. Patricia Stephen, D126.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 50, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 118, 120, 124, 126, 127, 128
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Districts 1, 36, 46, 56, 68, 72, 116, 117, 121, 187

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve Minutes

Ms. Joanne Osmond, D41 moved the regular minutes of June 7, 2023 be approved as presented; seconded by Mr. Fred Skeppstrom, D24.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u> Ayes:	Districts 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 50, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 118, 120, 124, 126, 127, 128
Nays:	None
Abstain:	District: 70
Absent:	Districts 1, 36, 46, 56, 68, 72, 116, 117, 121, 187

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was afforded to the general public. There was no public comment.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Governing Board recognized:

1. Governing Board Members, SEDOL Administration, and District Administration
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 SEDOL 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 teams to create 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 FY24 FINAL 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 FY24.

Motion to Approve Final Budget

Mr. Michael Engle, D73, moved approval of the FY24 final budget and related recommendations as presented; seconded by Mr. Shawn Killacky, D79.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u> Ayes:	Districts 3, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
Nays:	None
Absent:	Districts 1, 6, 36, 46, 50, 56, 68, 72, 117, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN FORUM

President McHugh thanked the Board for attending and reminded 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

Motion to Adjourn

At 9:00 p.m., Ms. Liz Wiczer, D127, moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ms. Anne Fuson, D3.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u> Ayes:	Districts 3, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
Nays:	None
Absent:	Districts 1, 6, 36, 46, 50, 56, 68, 72, 117, 121, 126, 187

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