

Executive Board Governance and Operations

Board Member Oath of Office

Each Executive Board member, before taking office, shall take the following oath or affirmation:

I, (name), do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Executive Board of the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL), in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear (or affirm) that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting;

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels;

As part of the Executive Board, I shall accept the responsibility for my role in the equitable and quality education of every student in the District;

I shall foster with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for SEDOL;

I shall assist in establishing a structure and an environment designed to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework;

I shall strive to ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children, in compliance with State law;

I shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community's school (or schools) to advance the vision of SEDOL; and

I shall strive to work together with the District Superintendent to lead the District toward fulfilling the vision the Board has created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

The SEDOL Superintendent will administer the oath at the annual organizational meeting in July. The Board President will administer the oath to a Board member taking his or her seat at any other time.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5

CROSS REF.: 2:81 (Executive Board Member Code of Conduct), 2:101 (Board Member Conflict of Interest), 2:106 (Ethics and Gift Ban), 2:210 (Executive Board Organizational Meeting)

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