

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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Interim Superintendents

Minutes

SEDOL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 25, 2024

**Board Members
Present:**

Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

**Board Members
Late:**

**Board Members
Absent:**

**Staff Members
Present:**

Dr. Yesenia Jimenez-Captain, Dr. Laura Wojcik, Mr. Matthew Crowley, Ms. Sara Martinez, Dr. Judy Hackett, and Dr. Stephen Johns

**Staff Members
Late:**

Guest:

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1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL (Dr. Hackett)

The July meeting of the Executive Board is the annual organizational meeting. In accordance with Executive Board Policy 2:64, SEDOL Interim Superintendent Hackett administered the oath of office to the following Board Members, who were approved by the Governing Board, to serve a two-year term expiring in June 2026: Ms. Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member from Gurnee, D56, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, Grayslake CC D46, and Dr. Donn Mendoza, Superintendent, Round Lake Area Schools D116.

[0264 Oath of Office Jan 24 2019.pdf](#) 

[Oath of Office.pdf](#) 

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Dr. Lind)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Lind)

Motion to Accept the Agenda - VOICE VOTE

Moved by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Seconded by: Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

4. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Dr.Lind)

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: Ms. Odie Pahl

Seconded by: Ms. Carey McHugh

Carried

4.1 Board Designations:

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1. Appointment of Board Secretary
2. Naming of Official Newspaper

3. Designation of Legal Counsel
4. Designation of Bank Depository
5. Meeting Schedule
6. Committee Appointments

[Board Designations.pdf](#) 

4.2 Minutes # - #

Public and closed session minutes of the special meeting on June 24, 2024, the regular meeting on June 27, 2024 and of the special July 10, 2024.

[Minutes Jun 24 2024 Special Mtg.pdf](#) 

[Minutes Jun 27 2024.pdf](#) 

[Minutes Jul 10 2024 Special Mtg.pdf](#) 

4.3 Financial Matters # - #

Paid Accounts Payable and Treasurer Reports:

[FY25 July Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Run 07-25-24.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Run Over \\$8,000 07-25-24.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Check Over \\$8,000 06-25-24.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Checks 06-25-24.pdf](#) 

[AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 06-28-24.pdf](#) 

[AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 07-15-24.pdf](#) 

[SEDOL Treasurer Report.pdf](#) 

4.4 Personnel Matters # - #

Recommend employment of the following applicants, with work assignment and start date as indicated, subject to completion of the physical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-6 of the School Code, successful

completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 10-21.9 of the School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents, and certifications as required by law and/or requested by SEDOL for the position.

[July 25, 2024 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf](#)

[July 25, 2024 Addendum.pdf](#)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Dr. Lind)

There was no Public Comment.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Extended School Year (ESY) Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Jimenez-Captain)

Dr. Jimenez-Captain presented the Board with a summary of ESY which ran from June 11th-July 11th with 376 students enrolled. These students continued to work on their IEP goals with positive learning opportunities. The theme this year was the Olympics, which allowed the students to learn about and participate in Olympic themed activities. It was a great summer for students and staff.

6.2 Exceptional Learning Solutions Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Hackett)

Exceptional Learning Solutions (ELS) has been engaged to monitor the progress and provide supports for SEDOL following the Special Education Program Review. There have been many discussions within the district about successful completion of some recommendations and others that are still being addressed. There were 12 categories reviewed during the Special Education Program Review, with recommendations included with each. The ELS team provided an update on the 12 categories. They are in the process of establishing several SEDOL priority goals for 24-25 to present in August, aligned to several categories in the review.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Food Service Contract - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns) # - #

The Board approved the one-year food service contract, in the amount of \$285,656.80, between SEDOL and Organic Life, LLC pending State approval.

[Food Service Bid.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE # - #

Moved by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Seconded by: Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

7.2 Student Meal Fees - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns) # - #

The Board approved increasing the student breakfast fees from \$1.50 to \$2.00 and the lunch fees from \$3.56 to \$4.00 for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion to Approve Student Meal Fees - ROLL CALL VOTE # - #

Moved by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Seconded by: Ms. Odie Pahl

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

7.3 FY25 School to School Agreement - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns) # - #

The Board approved the FY25 School to School Food Service Agreement with Hawthorn School District 73 for the 2024-25 school year.

Motion to Approve District 73 Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE

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Moved by: Dr. Donn Mendoza

Seconded by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

7.4 Psychiatric Consult Agreement - ACTION NEEDED (Mr. Crowley)

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The Board approved the agreement between SEDOL and Psychiatry Studios in the amount of \$252.80 per hour, up to 16 hour per week for approximately 36 weeks.

Motion to Approve Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE

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Moved by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Seconded by: Ms. Odie Pahl

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

7.5 Annual Student Behavior Committee - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Crowley)

Mr. Crowley discussed the Student Behavior Committee and how it aligns with policy 7:190 *Student Behavior*. The committee met at the end of May and discussion centered around restraints and seclusion. The use of Ukeru was

highlighted and it was noted that there has been a reduction in restraints by 79% across the district.

- 7.6 Return to School Discussion - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Crowley)
- Mr. Crowley was happy to report that SEDOL will be starting the 2024-25 school year with considerably fewer vacancies compared to the past few years. This is in part due to the retention of staff from previous years, which is credited to the new on-boarding program, and the ability to redirect staff to other positions/locations if their current position is not a good fit.

8. CLOSED SESSION - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Lind)

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session - ROLL CALL VOTE

The Board entered into Closed Session at 11:10 a.m. to discuss:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
2. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

Moved by: Ms. Carey McHugh

Seconded by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

The Board returned to Public Session at 11:16 a.m.

Moved by: Ms. Carey McHugh

Seconded by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Request for Non-Member District Placements - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett)

The Board reviewed requests by Lake Zurich D95 and Kildeer D96 to continue placement in the SEDOL Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH) Program for the 2024-25 school year. The districts will be billed based on the non-member district tuition schedule and will continue to be responsible for transportation costs and for the costs associated with any additional support needed as a result of the placement.

1. Motion to Approve Request - VOICE VOTE

Lake Zurich School District 95 requested continued placement for one student in the SEDOL DHH Program. The Board approved this request pending the hiring of a 1:1 paraprofessional for this student.

Moved by: Dr. Lynn Glickman

Seconded by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

2. Motion to Approve Request - VOICE VOTE

Kildeer School District 96 requested continued placement for one student in the SEDOL DHH Program. The Board approved this request pending the hiring of a 1:1 paraprofessional for this student.

Moved by: Ms. Odie Pahl

Seconded by: Ms. Joanne Osmond

Aye Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Michael Karner, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

Carried 8-0

10. PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Hackett)

10.1 Evidence of Exceptional Service

1. Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas have been meeting with staff and member district superintendents.
2. SEDOL was recognized by Ukeru for our positive use and training, specifically at Gages Lake School.
3. Cyclical Monitoring Cohort Placement 2024-2025 through 2029-2030.

11. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Dr. Lind)

- Ms. Andrea Rouse, new Gages Lake Principal, was introduced.
- Ms. Osmond offered congratulations to the Gages Lake School staff, noting where they were a couple of years ago and where they are now.

12. ADJOURNMENT (Dr. Lind)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sara Martinez
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Dr. Jason Lind
Board President

Dr. Judy Hackett
Board Secretary