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SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

August 7, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

It should be noted that a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year was held prior to the Governing Board meeting. The hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present, President Osmond called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at Gages Lake School in Gages Lake, Illinois. The following Executive Board members were in attendance: Ms. Joanne Osmond, Ms. Carey McHugh, Dr. Jason Lind, Dr. Scott Schwartz, and Dr. Michael Karner.

ROLL CALL

Governing Board Members Present

Ms. Denise Lear, D6	Mr. David Becker, D76
Mr. Fred Skeppstrom, D24	Ms. Aga Macoch, D79- Alternate
Mr. Josh Cornwell, D34	Mr. Justin Parker, D102
Ms. Denise Quezada, D36	Mr. Scott Jewitt, D116
Ms. Sarah Ives-Brezinski, D37	Ms. Carey McHugh, D118
Ms. Vivian Kueter, D38	Ms. Laura Mellon, D120
Ms. Joanne Osmond, D41	Mr. Tony DeMonte, D121
Dr. Stephen Mack, D46	Ms. Kathy Kusiak, D124
Ms. Emily Savino, D68	Ms. Liz Wiczer, D127
Mr. Stephen Sticklen, D70	Ms. Cara Benjamin, D128
Mr. Michael Engle, D73	

Governing Board Members Absent

Mr. Alberto Segura, D1	Ms. Rita Benavides, D72
Ms. Anne Fuson, D3	Mr. Eric Billittier, D75
Ms. Heather Devine, D33	Ms. Cynthia Collins, D117
Ms. Gari Matsey, D50	Ms. Patricia Stephen, D126
Ms. Odie Pahl, D56	Open Seat, D187

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Osmond asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MEMBERS

All present members of the Board recited the Oath of Office.

ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED AGENDA

Motion to Accept Agenda

Ms. Denise Quezada, D36 moved the agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Mr. David Becker, D76.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve Minutes

Ms. Cara Benjamin, D128, moved the public session minutes from the June 5, 2024 meeting be approved as presented; seconded by Mr. Mike Engle, D73.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Governing Board recognized:

- o Board Members and SEDOL Administration introduced themselves
- o Lake County Educators of the Year Nominees: Selena Burton, Sarah Carey, Samantha Kozlowski, Alex Letto, and Karen Schreck
- o Lake County Educator of the Year Service Support: Alex Letto

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Dr. Tim Thomas was approved by the Board to serve as the 2024-25 treasurer for the district.

Motion to Appoint Treasurer

Ms. Vivian Kueter, D38, moved approval of the appointment of Dr. Tim Thomas as Treasurer for the district for 2024-25 as presented; seconded by Mr. Sarah Brezinski, D37.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PROGRAM REPORTS

Extended School Year (ESY)

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.

Beginning of School Year

Dr. Thomas highlighted the input received from staff, member districts, and other stakeholders which will help shape the focus, direction, and goals of the SEDOL team this year. It was noted that this year SEDOL has 95% of their positions filled to start the year. This is due to the efforts of the Human Resources Department to retain current staff and actively recruit new staff.

Exceptional Learning Solutions (ELS) Update

Exceptional Learning Solutions 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. Dr. Hackett provided a summary of the recent ELS presentation provided to the Executive Board in July and an update on the 12 categories. The SEDOL team is in the process of establishing priority goals for 2024-25 to present to the Executive Board in August in the form of a Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP will be shared with the Governing Board as well.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TRANSFER RESOLUTION SOUTH SCHOOL

The Board approved the Local Government Property Transfer Resolution regarding the sale of South School, 330 N Ridgemoor Ave, Mundelein, IL. This resolution is needed as part of the sale of South School from SEDOL to Mundelein Elementary District 75.

Motion to Approve the Local Government Property Transfer Resolution

Ms. Laura Mellon, D120, moved approval of the Local Government Property Transfer Resolution as presented; seconded by Mr. Mike Engle, D73.

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

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF FY25 FINAL BUDGET

Dr. Johns presented an overview of the FY25 final budget which includes: a 5% increase in tuition rates across the board, a 5% increase in O & M funds to include the Facilities and Technology Plans, and Future Capital Projects. The Governing Board approved the final budget for FY25.

Motion to Approve the FY25 Final Budget

Mr. Fred Skeppstrom, D24, moved approval of the FY25 final budget as presented; seconded by Ms. Denise Lear, D6.

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

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN FORUM

Suggestions and future agenda items recommended by the Board:

Information and staff be updated on the website, the Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) and data be shared with the board, security provide an update/presentation, new superintendent process, and an update on the SEDOL curriculum.

The SEDOL Foundation shared flyers for some of their upcoming events.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sara Martinez
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

_____, Ms. Joanne Osmond, President of the Board

_____, Dr. Stephen Mack, Secretary of the Board