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**Executive Board Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

**PLEDGE AND AGENDA**

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

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**STARS February Student of the Month**

The Board recognized a student from Ms. Zanarini's classroom at Laremont School, as the February STARS student. This student has shown amazing growth and independence and has taken on full ownership of her AT device.

**Employee of the Month**

The Board recognized Ms. Jodi Hasner, Laremont School Paraprofessional, as February's Employee of the Month. Ms. Hasner is deeply committed to her students' success. Her patience, skills, and positiveness are demonstrated in her work with the students as well as when collaborating with staff.

**CAAEL Art Show- Cyd Lash Academy**

Mr. Brian Sonders, CLA Art Teacher, talked with the Board along with three students from Cyd Lash Academy. Mr. Sonders shared that last week CLA hosted an art show where visitors were able to vote on their favorite pieces of art. The top ten pieces were then entered into the CAAEL art show and the three students in attendance took first place in their respective categories for their artwork.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Board entered into closed session to discuss:

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.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes, financial, and policy matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ~ Request for Contracts for 9 educational support personnel (ESP)
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 4 ESP with 1 ESP resignation removed.
- ~ 3 contract staff

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no Public Comment.

## **SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PRESENTATIONS**

Ms. Allison Schmitt, Laremont School Principal and Adaptive Physical Education (APE) Supervisor shared how identified objectives of the CIP are guiding the programs at Laremont School and the APE Itinerants.

CIP Goal Alignment: SEDOL CIP Goal I- Provide exceptional programs and services to meet the needs of students throughout the SEDOL community; Laremont School SIP Goal- During the 2024-25 school year, Laremont School will develop and implement a quarterly curriculum tailored to meet students' needs.

1. Exploring, Learning, and Participating (ELP) Program:
  - a. 18.5 classrooms with 109 students
  - b. Early Childhood - Transition with medically fragile/complex needs
  - c. Balanced Education- combining academics, daily life skills, essential therapy skills
  - d. Therapeutic Services
  - e. Specialized Environment
2. Transition Center
  - a. ELP- 4 classrooms with 18 students
    - i. Working on independence, daily life skills, community integration, functional academics, work experience
  - b. LASSO 3- 1 classroom with 6 students and 6 staff
    - i. Working on independence, daily life skills, community integration, functional academics, work experience
  - c. Supported Transition- 3 classrooms with 25 students
    - i. Working on independence, daily life skills, community integration, and work experience

CIP Goal Alignment: SEDOL CIP Goal III- Advance high standards and expectations. District Focus- Improving goal writing and alignment.

1. Adaptive Physical Education (APE)
  - a. 6 APE teachers
  - b. Goal Alignment and professional development

Dr. Matt Barbini, Director of Innovation & Technology, shared how identified objectives of the CIP are guiding the Assistive Technology (AT) program focus areas.

CIP Goal Alignment: SEDOL CIP Goal 1- Provide exceptional programs and services to meet the needs of students throughout the SEDOL community.

1. Assistive Technology (AT) Team
  - a. 6 staff along with data specialist, SLP liaison and OT liaison support.
  - b. Implemented a Tiered Model of AT Consideration and Service Delivery fall 2024
    - i. Empowers staff by giving them the ability to conduct an informal AT assessment as a part of Tier II for any student by using software that they have to
      1. Request a device from SEDOL's AT loan library and then measure the impact of the use of this device on a child's learning.
  - c. Allows students to receive support faster
    - i. Tier I assessment process timeline: 40 days maximum
    - ii. Tier II formal evaluation (domains) timeline: 60 school days
  - d. Providing Exceptional Service
    - i. Reduces paperwork burden by narrowing the scope and involvement of IEP team members when an AT evaluation is needed
    - ii. Provides time for SEDOL's AT Facilitators to serve coaches building capacity in our staff while also serving as point person's when a formal evaluation is needed.
    - iii. 91.7% of the IEP teams elected to purchase hardware and software for the student at the end of the trial.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FY23 Audit**

Mr. Kevin Smith, Eccezione, updated the Board on the FY23 audit. He stated that they are close to completion and that the regular part of the financial audit is complete; however, the ESSER Grant is still holding them up. Once these issues are resolved, the audit can be finalized and the FY24 audit can begin. He anticipates this audit will move at a quicker pace.

**Business Office Financial Status Update**

Ms. Allard provided an update on the health insurance committee meeting. Insurance cooperatives were discussed and the potential savings and benefits of belonging to health co-ops.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Deduct Change Order**

The Board approved Deduct Change Order #001 from Happ Builders, Inc. for the Cyd Lash Academy HVAC Replacement Project in the amount of (\$58,483.43).

**Deduct Change Order**

The Board approved Deduct Change Order #002 from Happ Builders, Inc. for the Administration Building HVAC Replacement Project in the amount of (\$96,149.18).

**FOIA**

Dr. Wojcik received a FOIA request via email from Mr. James Francis on January 9, 2025. She requested an extension on January 15, 2025.

Mr. Francis requested the following information: All purchase orders for software technology services that the district has an active contract for during this fiscal year (2024- 25), including but not limited to licenses and subscriptions for: educational/instructional software, administrative software, student information systems, learning management systems, communication platforms, cybersecurity services, cloud computing service.

Dr. Wojcik provided this information to Mr. Francis on January 24, 2025.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no Other Business.

**INFORMATIONAL**

1. **SEDOL Foundation Events**

- Laremont Trivia Night- March 15 at Lehmann Mansion in Lake Villa
- Dinner Dance- April 26 with a Kentucky Derby theme
- Pucks for Autism- June 20-22

2. **Upcoming Events**

**February:**

Movie Night	JPC	2.27.25	6:30-8:00
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**March:**

Respect Week	SEDOL Bldgs	3.10-14.25	All Day
Laremont/Foundation Trivia Night	Lehmann Mansion	3.15.25	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Deaf Hobby Club	JPC	3.15.25	9:00-12:00

**April:**

Miles of Smiles Dentist	Fairhaven(JPC)	4.14.25	All Day
Miles of Smiles Dentist	Gages Lake(CLA)	4.15.25	All Day
Healthy Kids Week	John Powers	4.21-4.25.25	All Day

SEDOL Foundation Dinner Dance	Concorde Banquets	4.26.25	6:00-11:30 p.m.
Deaf Hobby Club	JPC	4.12.25	9:00-12:00

**3. Program Highlights**

- Gages Lake School- Grizzly Gathering Celebration, SAB productions, SAB mobility trip to Jewel & McDonald, Tier 1 students begin eating lunch in the cafeteria.
- Cyd Lash Academy- Student lead tours each Friday, amazing art show, STEM balloon car challenge.
- Laremont School- Spaulding dancers came, Respite Day, Kingfish mascot, Elvis came for a visit.
- Fairhaven School- Valentine’s Day celebration, all staff trained on Ukeru, wellness activities- walking club, pickleball, painting, zen den.
- John Powers Center- Hobby club started, volleyball team practicing for the deaf volleyball tournament, sign language winter session started.
- RSSP- IVSA professional development for new curriculum, “Green Screen Activity” , students PBIS received iHop breakfast.
- Sector- Valentine’s Day cards sent to a nursing home with ELS & D50 SRO, LASSO 2 participated in a dance unit at Spaulding School with their peers, AT demonstration.
- Vocational- Food drive was a success, superintendents toured Beachwaver, new worksite in Grayslake- BakeShare, Admin Bldg cafe new p.m. hours (M, T, W, F 1:15-2:45).

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**2024-25 Executive Board Meeting Schedule**

*SEDOL Office Bay Room*

- Thursday, March 20, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 3, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.      *Special meeting on tentative budget*
- Thursday, April 24, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 26, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 24, 2025 - 8:30 a.m.

**2024-25 Governing Board Meeting Schedule**

*Gages Lake School Community Room*

- Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.