

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY**

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### **Minutes**

#### **SEDOL EXECUTIVE BOARD TENTATIVE BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**Board Members Present:** Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

**Board Members Absent:** Dr. Jason Lind and Dr. Michael Karner

**Staff Members Present:** Dr. Tim Thomas, Dr. Yesenia Jimenez-Captain, Dr. Laura Wojcik, Mr. Matthew Crowley, Ms. Sara Martinez, Dr. Judy Hackett, Dr. Stephen Johns, and Ms. Becky Allard

**1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL (Ms. McHugh)**

The special meeting of the SEDOL Executive Board was called to order at 8:01 a.m. on April 17, 2025 at the Administration Office in Gages Lake, IL.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Ms. McHugh)**

**3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)**

Motion to Accept/Amend the Agenda - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

*Moved by:* Ms. Joanne Osmond

*Seconded by:* Ms. Odie Pahl

**Aye** Dr. Donn Mendoza, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Dr. Scott Schwartz, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Joanne Osmond, and Ms. Odie Pahl

**Carried 6-0**

The agenda was accepted as presented.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Ms. McHugh)**

There was no Public Comment.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no Old Business.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Tentative Budget - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)**

Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard presented information regarding the proposed tentative budget for FY26. The tentative budget will be presented for approval at the April 24th Executive Board meeting. If approved, the Governing Board will vote on the proposed tentative budget at the June 4th meeting for final approval at the August meeting.

Board members received a draft of the FY26 tentative budget which contained budget summaries with projections.

Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard reviewed each fund (Education, O & M, Debt Services, Transportation, IMRF, and Capital Projects) and highlighted areas impacting the tentative budget.

**Budget Highlight Included:**

**Education Fund-**

- Program Tuition revenue increase is 17%
- Transfer funds from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund
- Salaries- staff realignment, currently negotiated increases, salary increases, retirement cost savings
- Benefits- reduction in major medical insurance and an increase in workers compensation claims
- Purchased Services- Net56 projected increase and agency staff contracts to increase

**Operations & Maintenance (O & M) Fund-**

- O&M assessment increase of 9%
- New expense line for contingencies
- Transfer funds from the O & M Fund to Capital Projects Fund
- Transfer funds from the O & M Fund to the Education Fund
- Evaluate projects by priority
- Review Life Safety evaluation

**Debt Services Fund-**

- Includes current SEDOL Bond on behalf of member districts to pay construction expenses for Laremont School and other construction projects included in that bond.

**Transportation Fund-**

- Supports field trips and community-based field trips for SEDOL students
- ISBE continues to prorate reimbursement
- Driver salaries will be charged at 100% for FY26
- Will review the fleet of vehicles for safety and cost of repairs; consider purchasing or leasing if needed

**IMRF Fund-**

- 6.63% cost to SEDOL
- Levy set for FY26 is for revenue used in FY27
- Reduce levy for FY26

**Capital Projects Fund-**

- ISBE recommends capital improvements be run through the Capital Projects Fund

FY26 tentative budget will be updated to include:

- Summary of all funds

Dr. Johns and Ms. Allard will host budget meetings in May with member districts, board members, and one with staff to review the tentative budget and answer questions or concerns.

**7. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)**

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Submitted by:

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Sara Martinez  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

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Dr. Jason Lind  
Board President

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Dr. Judy Hackett  
Board Secretary