

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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Please Note: A public hearing on the amended FY25 budget will begin at 6:50 p.m.

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Governing Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Gages Lake School, Community Room

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Dr. Mack)

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

Motion to Accept/Amend the Agenda - VOICE VOTE
Move the agenda be accepted/amended as presented or recommended.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Mack)

Motion to Approve Minutes - ROLL CALL VOTE
Move approval of the regular minutes from the meeting on December 3, 2025.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Dr. Mack)

President Mack will recognize any visitors at the meeting. The Governing Board is always interested in hearing from anyone who has a concern or issue regarding SEDOL programs and services. In order to ensure that everyone is heard, and at the

same time, conduct the meeting properly and efficiently, those wishing to address the Board are asked to observe the following guidelines.

1. Sign in at the meeting and complete the Public Comment Information Form.
2. Address the Board at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
3. State your name and address for the record.
4. Comments should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board President may deny a person the opportunity to speak for more than 3 minutes. The President may also deny such opportunity to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.
5. Groups attending Board meetings are requested to appoint a spokesperson, if possible. The spokesperson should identify the group he/she represents and then briefly explain the concerns shared by the group. The Board President reserves the right to terminate a speaker's comments if they are repetitive or redundant.
6. Comments made during open session should not pertain to individual students or employees. Concerns regarding a specific student or employee should be presented in closed session.
7. The Board President or other presiding officer shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual addressing the Board under public comment and to determine procedural matters regarding public comment not otherwise defined in Board policy.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Dr. Jennifer Thomas, the new SEDOL superintendent beginning July 1, 2026, will be introduced to the Board, staff, and the community.

7. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS – INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Mack)

In accordance with Governing Board Policy 2:42, at the February/March meeting, the President of the Governing Board shall appoint at least three Governing Board Members to a nominating committee to develop recommendations for President and Secretary. The President may not be one of the members of the committee. The committee shall make its recommendations known to the Governing Board members 30 days prior to the June Governing Board meeting.

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8. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Mack)

In accordance with Governing Board Policy 2:42, at the February/March meeting, the President of the Governing Board shall establish a nominating committee to recommend appointments to the Executive Board. The committee shall consist of one Governing Board member, two Executive Board members, and the Superintendent of the Lake County ROE. The committee shall make its

recommendations known to Governing Board members 30 days prior to the June Governing Board meeting.

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9. HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM GROWTH ALIGNED TO THE CIP - INFORMATIONAL

Highlights from SEDOL programs will be shared with the Board.

10. FY24 AND FY25 AUDIT UPDATES - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

11. FY26 AMENDED BUDGET - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

The Executive Board recommends approval of the FY26 amended budget as presented.

1. The final budget will be based on a cash basis, which includes Evidence-Based Funding and tuition revenues being calculated accordingly;
2. For final budget purposes, total expenditures in the Education Fund for FY26 be set at **\$52,782,408** and that those expenditures be offset by tuition, district contractual and grant revenue, leaving a fund balance of **\$2,931,609**;
3. Total expenditures in the Operations and Maintenance Fund be set at **\$3,718,226**; in the Debt Service Fund at **\$181,800**; in the Transportation Fund at **\$861,536**; in the IMRF Fund at **\$1,200,000**; and in the Capital Projects Fund at **\$3,350,000**.

Motion to Approve Amended Budget - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the FY26 amended budget as presented.

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- Ping Pong for Kids- Feb 1
- Laremont Trivia Night- Mar 7
- Pucks for Autism- June 5 - 7
- Golf Invitational - September 14
- 5K Run/Walk - September 19
- One Special Night - November 7

12.2 SEDOL Events (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

13. OPEN FORUM - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Mack)

Governing Board members are encouraged to suggest items for the next regular meeting. Governing Board members are invited to make whatever comments they

feel appropriate.

14. ADJOURNMENT (Dr. Mack)

2025-26 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, March 19, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. *FY27 Budget Meeting*

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 25, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

2025-26 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Community Room*

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.