

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY**

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*Co-Interim Superintendents*

TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Executive Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: SEDOL Administration Office, Bay Room

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

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

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

Motion to Accept the Agenda - VOICE VOTE  
Move acceptance of the agenda as presented.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)**

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE  
Move approval of the consent agenda items and addendum, if included, as presented.

4.1 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting on March 19, 2026 and public session minutes of the special meeting on April 16, 2026.

4.2 Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payables:

[FY26 April Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf](#)

[Paid AP Board Check Register.pdf](#)

[Paid AP Manual Check Register 03-13,20,31-26.pdf](#)

4.3 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.

[April 23, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies \(2\).pdf](#) 

- 4.4 Employment Recommendations for 2026-27  
Staff recommended for re-employment for the 2026-27 school year.

[FY27 Recommendation for Re-Employment.pdf](#) 

- 4.5 Policy Matters  
Proposed revisions to the attached policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee. Administration requests approval to change the policies as presented.

[\\*\\*Combined Policies.pdf](#) 

## 5. **RECOGNITION (Dr. Hackett)**

- 5.1 STARS Students  
The Board will recognize a Transition student from Ms. Tuzzio's classroom as the April STARS Student.
- 5.2 Employee of the Month  
The Board will recognize Ashley Merkel, Laremont School Teacher, as the April Employee of the Month.
- 5.3 April Staff Recognition  
The following staff are recognized in April:
- Administrative Assistants
  - Assistant Principals
  - Occupational Therapists
  - Paraprofessionals/Job Coaches
- 5.4 Introduction of New Administrator  
Laremont School Principal: Traci Strieter

## 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Ms. McHugh)**

President McHugh will recognize any visitors at the meeting. The Executive 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.

**7. SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) UPDATE (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)**

Goal 3: Advance high standards and expectations (Mr. Crowley)

Objective B: IEP Manual

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

8.1 FY27 Budget Update - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Administration will seek a recommendation regarding the presentation of the tentative budget to the Governing Board at its June 3rd meeting. The tentative budget and overview were reviewed at the Special Executive Board Meeting on April 16th with updates presented today.

Motion to Approve Tentative Budget - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the tentative budget for FY27 and recommend approval by the Governing Board at its June 3rd meeting.

8.2 FY25 Audit Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 NIHIP Health And Dental Rates - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Administration will update the Board on the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Program (NIHIP) health and dental insurance rates for 2026-27 and request approval.

Motion to Approve Rates - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the 2026-27 NIHIP health and dental insurance rates as presented.

9.2 OrganicLife Contract Extension - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Administration recommends approval of a 1-year food service contract extension with OrganicLife with an increased amount of 4.1% for breakfast and lunch. Reimbursable breakfast will cost \$4.04 per meal, and lunch cost will be \$6.42 per

meal.

Motion to Approve Contract Extension - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move the Board approve the 1-year contract extension between SEDOL and Organic Life to include a 4.1% increase as presented.

9.3 Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Administration requests Board approval for SEDOL to formally participate in the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2026-27 school year.

[CEP Admin Memo.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of SEDOL to formally participate in the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

9.4 Proposed Organizational Chart - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas will present the proposed SEDOL Organizational Chart for the 2026-27 school year.

[2026-27 DRAFT Organizational Chart.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Organizational Chart- VOICE VOTE

Move approval of the 2026-27 Organizational Chart as presented.

9.5 Planning for the June Governing Board Meeting- INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

The Board will be asked to review a draft of the agenda for the June 3rd Governing Board meeting.

9.6 Co-Interim CSBO Contract Extension - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Wojcik)

The Board will be asked to extend Dr. Johns's and Ms. Allard's contracts to include 60 days each for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of \$1000/day. This will allow them to assist with the transition of the Chief School Business Official (CSBO), who will start July 1, 2026.

Motion to Approve Contract Extensions - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the 60-day contract extensions for both Dr. Johns and Ms. Allard in the amount of \$1000/day as presented.

9.7 Policy Updates/Review - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

Administration requests the Board review the following PRESS update for the 1st reading. This policy will be included on the May 28 agenda for 2nd reading.

[\\*\\*7150 Agency Law Enforcement Requests May 28 2026.pdf](#) 

9.8 FOIA- INFORMATIONAL - (Dr. Wojcik)

1. On March 24, 2025 Dr. Wojcik received a FOIA request for the following information from CT Mills, Educator Support Network. Electronic copies of any existing records that identify the employee(s) responsible for or overseeing any of the following functional areas at the district or central office level: Curriculum &

Instruction/Teaching & Learning, Career & Technical Education (CTE) and STEM, English Language Learners (ELL), Technology/Information, Technology/Computer Science, Library/Media Services, and Core Academic Subjects.

Dr. Wojcik responded with the information on March 25, 2026.

## **10. CLOSED SESSION - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)**

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move the Board enter into closed session 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.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Move the Board return to public session.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 11.1 Request for Non-Member District Placements - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Administration recommends approval of the requests by Lincolnshire D103 to continue placement for one student in the LASSO 3 program and by McHenry D156 to continue placement for one student in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program for the 2026-27 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 cost associated with any additional support needed as a result of the placement.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the request by Lincolnshire D103 for continuation of placement for one student in the LASSO 3 Program as presented.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the request by McHenry D156 for continuation of placement for one student in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing High School Program as presented.

## **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **13. INFORMATIONAL**

- 13.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)
- Pucks for Autism- June 5-7
  - Golf Invitational- September 14
  - 5K Run/Walk- September 19
  - One Special Night- November 7

- Ping Pong for Kids- February 7, 2027
- Laremont Trivia Night- March 6, 2027

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

**14. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Ms. McHugh)**

**15. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)**

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

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.