



Judy Hackett, EdD
Tim Thomas, EdD
Co-Interim Superintendents

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, June 25, 2026

PLEDGE AND AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- ~ Request for Contracts for 8 educational support personnel (ESP) and 2 licensed staff
- ~ Request for Contract 1 Social Work Intern
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 9 ESP and 1 licensed staff
- ~ Reinstatement of 2 ESP staff and 4 licensed staff
- ~ Rescinded Contract for 1 licensed staff

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Introduction of New Administrators

Aileen Goldman, Gages Lake School Assistant Principal
Bob Taterka, Crisis and Safety Specialist

Executive Board Member Transitions

Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, Grayslake D46- retiring- member since March 2022
Dr. Donn Mendoza, Superintendent, Round Lake D116- stepping down- member since June 2022
Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member, Gurnee D56- will continue- member since October 2014
Dr. Glickman and Dr. Mendoza were recognized for their contributions and service on the Board.

The Governing Board approved the following for July placement:

Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds, Superintendent, Lake Villa D41
Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member, Gurnee D56
Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent, Mundelein D75 & 120

Co-Interim Superintendents' Recognition

Dr. Judy Hackett and Dr. Tim Thomas were recognized for their outstanding service during their two years at SEDOL. Board member Dr. Lind presented them with the Bridge Builder Award and parting gifts in appreciation of their contributions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was one person who spoke at Public Comment.

SEDOL SUMMER PRIORITIES - PREPARING 2026-27

Dr. Jimenez-Captain and Dr. Barbini updated the Board in the following areas:

- Extended School Year (ESY) is well underway!
- Summer Institute has been in effect the past two weeks, offering SEDOL staff and member district staff the opportunity to attend professional development.
- Circle of Courage- This program is continuing at Cyd Lash Academy with the focus on staff training.
- Vocational IT Sessions- Students have been helping over the summer collect, clean, sort, and prepare student devices.

- Curriculum Projects/Foundation Projects- The curriculum department received 23 proposals for summer projects.
- Continuum of Programs/Services Advisory Committee Planning will be scheduling a meeting in July.
- Onboarding and SEDOL planning for the 2026–27 school year are well underway, and staffing for the upcoming school year is in a strong position.

OLD BUSINESS

Final 2025-26 School Calendar

The Board was informed that the final 2025-26 SEDOL school calendar was submitted to IWAS to close the year.

Summer Projects

Administration updated the Board on the FY26 projects.

- Glass Replacement - Completed (removed wired glass and replaced with tempered glass)
- June 19th - Parking lots - cracks filled & striped
- Gages Lake - Canopy will be completed after ESY
- John Powers - Entrance will be completed after ESY
- Cyd Lash - Old boilers removed/new boilers have been placed (*not installed*); new sump pumps and sanitary repairs are in process.
- New water heaters will be installed at John Powers Center and Fairhaven School.
- John Powers Center will receive a new electrical panel.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Set Hearing on Interfund Transfers

The Board approved the request from administration to hold a public hearing on interfund transfers prior to the start of the July 23rd Executive Board meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Authorized Depositories

The Board approved the list of authorized depositors for FY27.

Authorize Meal Pricing

The Board approved the student milk and staff meal pricing for the 2026-27 school year. Cost will be as follows: milk- \$0.60, adult breakfast- \$4.25, and adult lunch- \$6.50.

School Bus Lease Purchase

The Board approved the 5-year lease/purchase from Midwest Transit Equipment for a 2022 IC/CE conventional school bus with an annual cost of \$22,581.

Truck Purchase

The Board approved the purchase of a 2027 Ford F-250 at a cost of \$50,372 from Sutton Ford Commercial Truck Center (State bid). This will replace the 2013 truck.

Fairhaven School Courtyard Phase II

The Board approved the second phase of the Fairhaven School sensory courtyard project. Included in phase II is the interactive equipment, a bench, and a picnic table. This project is funded through the SEDOL Foundation.

Therapets Contract

The Board approved the contract between SEDOL and Therapets in the amount of \$10,800 for the 2026-27 school year. Through a grant from the SEDOL Foundation, Therapets will continue to provide pet therapy at Laremont School.

Student iPad Refresh Purchase

The Board approved the purchase of 230 student iPads at a cost of \$74,520. These will replace end-of-life devices that are no longer receiving critical performance and security updates.

Student Chromebook Refresh Purchase

The Board approved the purchase of 135 student Chromebooks at a cost of \$51,051.05. These will replace end-of-life devices that are no longer receiving critical performance and security updates.

Psychiatry Studio Contract

The Board approved the contract between SEDOL and Psychiatry Studio. This contract will provide services up to 16 hours per week for approximately 36 weeks at a cost of \$273.93/hr.

Connections Day School

The Board approved extending the agreement between SEDOL and Connections Day School, Inc. for the 2026-27 school year.

Regional Office of Education (ROE) Agreement

The Board approved the 1-year agreement between SEDOL and the Regional Office of Education (ROE) stating SEDOL as a fiscal agent for the ROE for staffing and providing services to the Regional Safe School Program.

Planning for the August Governing Board Meeting

The Board reviewed the August 5th Governing Board agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into closed session to discuss the following:

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. Collective bargaining matters, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

OTHER

FY27 Salary Increases

The Board approved FY27 salary increases for administrators and 11/12-month non-union employees, with an overall average increase not to exceed 4%, while allowing for individual variances based on market adjustments.

INFORMATIONAL

SEDOL Foundation Events

- 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

SEDOL Events

Summer Program Tours

Summer program tours were held June 18th on the SEDOL Gages Lake Campus. Three Board members attended the tours and participated in activities with Laremont School, Cyd Lash Academy, Gages Lake School, and sector programs staff and students.

Special Education Legislation Update

Illinois State Budget FY27 increases

EBF	+\$350 M
Property Tax Relief	+\$50M
Sped Public/Private Tuition Reim	+\$20M
Special Ed Orphanage (100% reimbursemen)	+\$900,000

Special Ed Transportation +\$20M
IL Free & Reduced L/B +\$17M
Transportation study FY27 - best practices funding for regular/special and vocations transportation

2026-27

State Cyclical Monitoring of Special Education continues
SB2773 Paraprofessional amends requirements for licensure
HB4581 Transition Planning - provides further articulation
HB4379 Adult changing stations will be required thru ADA regulations for new construction after 2029
Fund S - Budget clean up bill includes another year extension waiver built in.
Awaiting Governor approval this summer

SEDOL will participate in a tuition rate mtg with PCRB on July 7, 2026

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board again expressed its appreciation to Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas for their dedicated service and commitment to SEDOL. The Board also thanked Dr. Johns and Ms. Allard for their service and commitment to SEDOL, as well as their willingness to assist and support in the transition and onboarding of the new CSBO.

ADJOURNMENT

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

2026-27 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Administration Bldg Office Bay Room*

Dates to be approved at the July 23, 2026 Executive Board meeting.

- Thursday, July 23, 2026
- Thursday, August 27, 2026
- Thursday, September 24, 2026
- Thursday, October 22, 2026
- Thursday, November 12, 2026
- Thursday, December 17, 2026
- Thursday, January 28, 2027
- Thursday, February 25, 2027
- Thursday, March 18, 2027
- Thursday, April 15, 2027 (*Special meeting on tentative budget*)
- Thursday, April 22, 2027
- Thursday, May 27, 2027
- Thursday, June 24, 2027
- Thursday, July 22, 2027

2026-27 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Community Room*

- Wednesday, August 5, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. *6:50 p.m. Public Hearing on the FY27 Budget*
- Wednesday, December 2, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 3, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 2, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.