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Minutes
SEDOL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, June 25, 2026

Board Members Present:	D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl
Board Members Absent:	D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner
Staff Members Present:	Becky Allard, Dr. Matthew Barbini, Dr. Judy Hackett, Dr. Yesenia Jimenez-Captain, Dr. Stephen Johns, Sara Martinez, and Dr. Tim Thomas
Staff Members Absent:	Matt Crowely and Dr. Laura Wojcik

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

In President McHugh's absence, Vice-President Schwartz called the regular meeting of the SEDOL Executive Board to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 25, 2026, at the Administration Building in Gages Lake, IL.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Dr. Schwartz)

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

Motion to Accept the Agenda - VOICE VOTE
Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl
Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl
Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

4. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Schwartz)

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE
Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl
Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl
Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

4.1 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 2026.

Minutes Regular EB May 28 2026.docx

4.2 Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payables:

FY26 JUN26 Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf

Paid AP Board Check Register.pdf

Paid AP Manual Check Register 05-22,29-26.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.

June 25, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf

June 25, 2026 Addendum.pdf

4.4 Policy Matters

Proposed revisions to the attached policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee. Administration requested approval to change the policies as presented.

Combined Policies.pdf

5. RECOGNITION (Dr. Hackett)

5.1 Introduction of New Administrators (Administration)

Aileen Goldman, Gages Lake School Assistant Principal
Bob Taterka, Crisis and Safety Specialist (.5)

5.2 Executive Board Members (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Dr. Glickman and Dr. Mendoza were recognized for their contributions and service on the Board.
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

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

5.3 Co-Interim Superintendents' Recognition (Ms. McHugh)

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.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Dr. Schwartz)

There was one person who spoke at Public Comment.

7. SEDOL SUMMER PRIORITIES- PREPARING 2026-27 (Dr. Jimenez-Captain/Dr. Barbini)

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.

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Final 2025-26 School Calendar - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Jimenez-Captain)

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

8.2 Summer Projects - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

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.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Resolution to Set Hearing on Interfund Transfer - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

At the July meeting, the Executive Board will be asked to approve a resolution authorizing an interfund transfer from the Education Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund in the amount of $2,000,000 and an interfund transfer from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of $2,000,000. In order to do this, there are specific criteria that must be met, including holding a public hearing to discuss the 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.

Resolution Set Hearing Interfund Tsf July 23 2026.pdf

Motion to Adopt Resolution - VOICE VOTE

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.2 Authorized Depositories - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

The Board approved the list of authorized depositors for FY27.

430 Revenue and Investments Apr 23 2026.pdf

Board Memo - Annual Authorization of Banking Depositories.pdf

Motion to Approve Depositories - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.3 Authorize Meal Pricing - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

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.

26-27 Food Service MC Agreement Final- SIGNED.PDF

Motion to Approve Student Meal Fees - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind

Carried

9.4 School Bus Lease Purchase - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

The Board approved the request of a 5-year lease purchase from Midwest Transit Equipment for a 2022 IC/CE conventional school bus (seating capacity24+5) at an annual cost $22,581.00.

Midwest Transit - Confirmation 5-Year Lease Agreement - 24+5.pdf

Motion to Approve Lease/Purchase - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.5 Truck Purchase - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

The Board approved the request for the purchase of a 2027 Ford F-250 at a cost of $50,372 from Sutton Ford Commercial Truck Center (State Bid).

2027 Ford F250 Order Form.PDF

Motion to Approve Purchase - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.6 Fairhaven School Courtyard Phase II - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

The Board approved the second phase of the Fairhaven School courtyard sensory project and gave authorization to proceed at a cost of $44,017.14; this project is funded through the SEDOL Foundation.

Motion to Proceed - Roll Call Vote (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.7 Therapets Contract - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Jimenez-Captain)

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.

Therapets SEDOL Contract 26-27.pdf

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.8 Student iPad Refresh Purchase - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Barbini)

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.

Quote Apple iPads.pdf

Motion to Approve Purchase - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.9 Student Chromebook Refresh Purchase - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Barbini)

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.

Quote Chromebooks.pdf

Motion to Approve Purchase - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.10 Psychiatry Studio Contract - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Barbini)

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.

Psychiatry Studio Agreement 2026.pdf

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.11 Connections Day School, Inc Extended Agreement - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Barbini)

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

26-27 Connections Extension FY27.pdf

Motion to Approve Extended Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D56-Odie Pahl; seconded by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

9.12 Regional Office of Education (ROE) Agreement - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

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.

RSSP SEDOL Renewal.pdf

Motion to Approve Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Carried

9.13 Planning for the August Governing Board Meeting - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

The Board reviewed the August 5th Governing Board agenda.

DRAFT GB Agenda - Aug 05 2026.pdf

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

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

The Board entered into closed session at 9:16 a.m. 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. 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.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Moved by: D24-Dr. Jason Lind; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

The Board returned to public session at 9:47 a.m.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 FY27 Salary Increases - ACTION ITEM (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

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.

Motion to Approve Increases - ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman; seconded by: D56-Odie Pahl

Aye: D24-Dr. Jason Lind, D37-Dr. Scott Schwartz, D46-Dr. Lynn Glickman, and D56-Odie Pahl

Absent: D116-Dr. Donn Mendoza, D118-Carey McHugh, and ROE-Dr. Michael Karner

Carried 4-0

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- 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

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

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% reimbursement)	+$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

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Dr. Schwartz)

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.

14. ADJOURNMENT (Dr. Schwartz)

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sara Martinez
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

Dr. Scott Schwartz Board Vice-President	Dr. Jennifer Thomas Board Secretary (July 1, 2026)