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Co-Interim Superintendent

Governing Board Meeting Summary
Wednesday, June 3, 2026

PRESIDENT PRO TEM
In President Mack's absence, the Board approved Ms. McHugh to serve as president pro tem and run the meeting.

PLEDGE, AGENDA, and MINUTES
Following the Call to Order/Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance by Co-Interim Superintendent Hackett, the Board accepted the agenda.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & MINUTES
The Governing Board appointed Dr. Stephen Mack (Community Consolidated #46) to serve a one-year term as Governing Board President and Ms. Sarah Brezinski (Gavin #37) to serve a one-year term as Governing Board Secretary. The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 2026.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION
Student Recognition
A student from a SEDOL Sector Program was selected by UCP Sequin Infinitec Assistive Technology Coalition Center and on April 23rd received the 2026 Outstanding Student Technology Award. The student and family were unable to attend; however, Ms. Haney shared his accomplishments.

SEDOL ROE Educator of the Year Recognition
The following staff were nominated for the ROE Educator of the Year Award and attended a dinner/reception with other Lake County nominees.

- Michelle Clark - Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher
- Matthew Crowley - School Administrator
- Chris Howes - Educational Service Personnel
- Erin MacDonald - Student Support Personnel
- Erin Picco - Early Career Educator

Ms. Michelle Clark received the Educator of the Year Award for the Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher.

Co-Interim Superintendents' Recognition
The Board recognized the accomplishments of Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas, who was absent, for their service and achievements over the past two years. In honor of their contributions, the Board presented them with a donation made in their names to the SEDOL Foundation.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no Public Comment.

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIONS
Executive Board Member Appointments
The following member was reappointed to serve another two-year term:

- Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member, Gurnee D56

The following new members were appointed to serve a two-year term:

- Dr. Sandra Keim-Bounds, Superintendent, Lake Villa D41
- Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent, Mundelein D75 & 120

Their term will expire in June 2028.

Delegation of Executive Board Authorities
The Board approved the delegation of authorities to the Executive Board for FY27 as delineated in policy 2:38.

Appointment of Treasurer 2026-27
The Board approved David Shepherd, incoming CSBO (July 1, 2026), to serve as treasurer for the district.

Establish Meeting Dates
The Board approved the following meeting dates for the 2026-27 school year: August 5, 2026; December 2, 2026; March 3, 2027; and June 2, 2027.

SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP)
Administration presented the final 2025-26 CIP Plan, which included key highlights and progress from the past year.

Goal 1 Highlights
- Seven evidenced-based curricula were implemented this year.
- The county-wide Institute Day had 1267 participants and received a participant rating of 4.3 out of 5.0!

Goal 2 Highlights
- The Executive Board unanimously approved the revised tuition model on October 23, 2025, and the Governing Board unanimously approved it on December 3, 2025.
- Processes were documented to assist the SEDOL administrative team with navigating the annual budget process.
- Refined staffing model and process to reflect programmatic needs.

Goal 3 Highlights
- 84% overall compliance with all indicators from the ISBE cyclical monitoring framework.
- Developed a comprehensive IEP Manual
- Implementation of a security camera system and visitor system with building security.

Goal 4 Highlights
- Developed a comprehensive suite of informational brochures describing each of our 14 specialized programs.
- Developed a communication plan for the 2026-2027 school year.

SEDOL Foundation Highlights
- Successfully executed seven fundraising events and one direct mail campaign, raising critical funds and increasing awareness to support SEDOL students and programs.
- Awarded more than $380,000 in grants to enhance SEDOL programs, including classroom and school-based initiatives, campus-wide enhancements, and summer camp scholarships.
- Instrumental in helping fund the Laremont MOVE curriculum, making them one of only 30 MOVE Model Sites worldwide and the first and only MOVE Model Site in Illinois.

Next Steps

Curriculum & Data: Convene a multi-tiered curriculum committee to review data and tools measuring curriculum implementation and efficacy.
Capacity Building: Expand internal capacity using an embedded train-the-trainer and coaching model.
Fiscal Monitoring: Track and assess the impacts of the restructured tuition model.
Strategic Planning: Complete a collaborative action plan for programs and services that aligns with continuum and steering committee values.
Professional Development: Expand customized training on instructional strategies, IEP development, and state monitoring compliance.
Safety & Operations: Advance Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and Standard Reunion Method (SRM) training, efforts, and expectations.
Staffing Analysis: Review annual staffing data and trends to identify hard-to-fill positions and address district needs.
Family Engagement: Deepen parent partnerships through targeted training, networking, and a parent advisory focus.
Communications: Launch and execute a comprehensive 2026–27 communication plan.

Dr. Hackett summarized and shared that the SEDOL interim leaders continue to work closely through the

transition for the incoming superintendent and CSBO and continued focus on established priorities.

Dr. Jimenez-Captain presented the Board with highlights from the year from the SEDOL programs.

FINANCE UPDATE AND PRESENTATION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET

FY27 Tentative Budget

Ms. Allard presented the following to the Board relating to the FY27 tentative budget. SEDOL will continue to modify revenue and expenses as new information becomes available and as anticipated new students are enrolled in SEDOL programs. The SEDOL budget operates on a cash basis, and the SEDOL audit is modified accrual.

Additional information shared that affects the tentative budget includes, but is not limited to, a reduction in transportation reimbursement and a reduction in the IMRF Levy.

Ms. Allard proposed the following to the Board for the tentative FY27 budget:

- Total SEDOL expenditures for FY27 are set at $65,332,118. Those expenditures are offset by SEDOL revenues of $61,692,877, leaving a fund balance of $12,404,210.
- Total expenditures in the Education Fund are $56,273,934; expenditures in the O&M Fund are $3,739,509; Debt Services Fund are $180,625; Transportation Fund are $840,000; IMRF Fund are $1,045,050; and Capital Projects are $3,250,000.

The Board approved the tentative FY27 budget. A budget hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 6:50 p.m., prior to the start of the Governing Board meeting where the final FY27 budget will be presented for approval.

New Tuition Model Implemented

The new tuition model includes a separate administrative fee as outlined below:

- Board of Education *(Function 2310)*
- Office of the Superintendent *(Function 2320)*
- Special Services Administration *(Function 2330)*
- Improvement of Instruction *(Function 2210)*
- Business Office *(Function 2520)*
- Office of Human Resources *(Function 2640)*
- Office of Technology *(Function 2660)*

Program Tuition

- Direct and indirect expenses were estimated for each program *(cost accounting)*
- Tuitions were calculated at 80% of student enrollment capacity
  - Example: Program has capacity to house 100 students – tuition rates were calculated at 80% or 80 students being enrolled for the school year

INFORMATIONAL

SEDOL Foundation - Upcoming Events

Pucks for Autism- June 5 - 7
Golf Invitational - September 14
5K Run/Walk - September 19
One Special Night - November 7
Ping Pong for the Kids - February 7
Laremont Trivia Night - March 6

OPEN FORUM

Suggestions, questions/concerns, and future agenda items recommended by the Board:

- Board members thanked Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas for their service and achievements at SEDOL and their commitment to rebuild the bridges with the member districts.
- Ms. McHugh thanked Dr. Glickman and Dr. Mendoza for their service on the Executive Board as they finish out their term and welcomed Dr. Tafoya and Dr. Keim-Bounds, who will take the oath at the Executive Board meeting in July.

- On behalf of both interim superintendents, Dr. Hackett thanked the Board for the honor and joy of leading SEDOL through a period of transition and advancing specialized practices. She noted that SEDOL is a very special organization and that she knows the Board and community share the dedication. Dr. Hackett thanked the Board for their ongoing commitment to supporting the students, families, staff, and community and shared appreciation for the donation to an incredible Foundation as their appreciation gift.

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

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

Thursday, June 25, 2026 - 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, July 23, 2026 - 8:30 a.m.

2026-27 Governing Board Meeting Schedule
Gages Lake School Community Room at 7:00 p.m.

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

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