



Dr. Jennifer Thomas
Superintendent

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, August 27, 2026

PLEDGE AND AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- ~ Request for Contracts for 20 educational support personnel (ESP), 5 licensed staff, and 1 extern
- ~ Resignations/Retirements by 13 ESP and 6 licensed staff
- ~ Request for Leave of Absence by 2 licensed staff
- ~ Contract staff 8

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2025-26 Employee of the Year

Ashley Merkel, Laremont School Teacher

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PRESENTATIONS

Administration presented an overview of the SEDOL 2026–27 Continuous Improvement Plan, outlining the four goals and briefly explaining the objectives. The Board received a copy of the new plan for review. The Board approved the plan and it will be shared with families, staff, the Governing Board, and member districts. It will also be available for viewing on the SEDOL website.

Goal #1- Provide exceptional programs and services to meet the needs of each program including college/careers

Goal #2- Establish an effective equitable financial structure that best supports students and district needs

Goal #3- Advance high standards and expectations

Goal #4- Advance effective collaborative team practices

Timeline

- July to mid-August 2026: Develop CIP goal objectives and dashboard indicators. Finalize the CIP plan for 2026-27.
- August 27, 2026: 2026-27 CIP Plan presentation to the Executive Board.
- Sept. 2026-May 2027: Data collection and monitoring goals with regular reports to Executive and Governing Boards.
- June 2027: Year-End CIP Report

OLD BUSINESS

Summer Project Update

Mr. Saum provided the Board with an update on summer facilities projects. He stated multiple contracts finished up last week with projects throughout our SEDOL buildings. The Gages Lake School canopy and glass replacement projects have been delayed and have an anticipated completion date of September 21st. He is currently working on the list for next year.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Purchase

Dr. Jiménez-Captain presented an Everway curriculum proposal for approval. The curriculum will include Unique Learning Systems and News2You plus a three month pilot of L3 Skills, Positivity, and Symbol Stix. The total cost of the curriculum is \$66,594.47 and will cover multiple programs throughout SEDOL. The Board approved this request.

1st Days of 2026-27

Dr. Thomas shared photos from SEDOL's opening week, highlighting the district-wide Institute Day held at The Chapel, which featured keynote speaker Ali Hearn. Photos also highlighted staff throughout SEDOL's building programs and students on their first day of school. Dr. Thomas shared that it has been an exciting start to the new school year!

Emergency Resolution

The Board approved the resolution authorizing the award of an emergency contract to McDonough Mechanical Services for the replacement of the main boiler at Laremont School. Three quotes were received, and McDonough Mechanical Services submitted the lowest quote. The cost of the repair is anticipated to exceed \$50,000.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session to discuss:

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.

OTHER

Possible Termination

The Board approved the termination of support staff member DeLorean McKinney for job abandonment effective August 20, 2026.

INFORMATIONAL

Bereavement

Marilyn Bobb, a former SEDOL Administrative Assistant, passed away on August 6, 2026. Marilyn worked in the administration building from August 1976 until her retirement in June 2007.

SEDOL Foundation Events

- 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
- Pucks for Autism- June 2027

SEDOL Events

- SEDOL Program Highlights
- Curriculum Night- September 10th
- Fall Into Learning at Fairhaven School- September 18th
- SEDOL Building Tours
 - September 17th- Laremont School, Gages Lake School, and Cyd Lash Academy
 - September 18th- Fairhaven School and John Powers Center
- American Sign Language Classes- fall session starts September 23rd at John Powers Center
- Laremont Resource Fair and Trunk or Treat- October 3rd

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. McHugh thanked Dr. Jiménez for providing monthly highlights on the programs. She noted that it is wonderful to see photos and hear about the activities and accomplishments of the students and programs.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

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, December 2, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 3, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 2, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.