

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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Dr. Jennifer Thomas

Superintendent

TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Executive Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, September 24, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: SEDOL Administration Office, Bay Room

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

The Board will observe a moment of silence in memory of a Laremont School student who passed away on September 8, 2026.

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 Policy Matters

Proposed Revisions to the following policies have been reviewed by the Policy Committee. Administration requests approval to change the policies as presented.

[Combined Policies.pdf](#) 

4.2 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of August 27, 2026.

4.3 Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payables:

[FY27 September Executive Board - Accounts Payable Summary.pdf](#) 

[FY27 September Executive Board - Payroll Summary.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Board Check Register 09-24-26.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Check Register 08-07,14,25-26.pdf](#) 

4.4 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.

[September 24, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf](#) 

5. **RECOGNITION (Dr. Thomas)**

5.1 STARS Students

The Board will recognize a transition student from Ms. Alicia Brite's classroom at Laremont School as the September STARS Student.

5.2 Employee of the Month

The Board will recognize Ms. Smita Chatlani, Academic Specialist, as the September Employee of the Month.

5.3 September Staff Recognition

- IT Professionals

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 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. Thomas)

Goal 2- Objective A (Dr. Thomas and Mr. Shepherd)

Goal 3- Objective C (Mr. Crowley)

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Donation Approval - ACTION NEEDED (Mr. Shepherd)

Administration requests Board approval to accept a monetary donation from the Illinois Foundation for Deaf Children.

Motion to Approve Donation - VOICE VOTE

Move approval of the monetary donation from the Illinois Foundation for Deaf Children as presented.

9.2 Annual Student Behavior Committee - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Crowley)

9.3 Disposal of Old Bus - ACTION NEEDED (Mr. Shepherd)

Administration requests approval to dispose of the old bus that has been replaced with the new Board approved leased bus.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval for disposal of the old bus as presented.

9.4 FOIA - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

1. SEDOL received 15 Commercial FOIA requests on July 27, 2026 from The Data Branch requesting invoices, contracts, purchase orders from 2022 to the present for the following vendors: Absolute Software, Incident IQ, Hazel Health, Brandon Industries, CSM Consulting, Funds for Learning, Helios Ed/Core, Droplet, Docusign, Blackboard Inc., Finalsight, DMX, E-Rate Consulting, N-Able, Raptor Technologies, CSM Consulting, Rapid Identity, Tools4Ever, Classlink, Clever, Learn21, ManageAD, Tenfold Security, SPSI Publishing, CDW Government, Xerox, MGT Impact Solutions, College and Career Readiness from Lead Public Schools, Edgenuity, Accelerate Education, Bright Thinker, Pearson, Stride, Edmentum, Imagine Learning, Subject AI, CalAMP, Motive, Samsara, National Time and Signal, Pyramid Systems, Gorgias, Intercom, Sierra, Futurefit AI, Overgrad, PowerSchool, Schoollinks, Xello, 95 Percent Group, Core Learning Edmentum, iStation, IXL Learning, Amplify, Curriculum Associates (i-Ready Learning), Centegix, Raptor Technologies, Singleware, Boxlight, Quicklert, Vivi, Audio Enhancement, CareHawk, Valcom, AG Parts, K-12 Tech, Vivacity Tech, ESS/ESI, Kokua Education, Scoot Education, Zed Educate, BuildEd, Texthelp, Everway, Read and Write, GoGuardian, iBoss, Lightspeed Systems, Linewize, Securly, Apptegy, Finalsight, ParentSquare, and

SchoolMessenger.

Dr. Wojcik responded on August 24, 2026 with the requested information as applicable.

2. SEDOL received a Commercial FOIA request on August 03, 2026 from The Data Branch requesting invoices, contracts, purchase orders from 2022 to the present for the following vendors: Dataminr, Recorded Future, and Shadow Dragon.
Dr. Wojcik responded on September 1, 2026 with the requested information as applicable.
3. SEDOL received 2 Commercial FOIA requests on August 06, 2026 from The Data Branch requesting invoices, contracts, purchase orders from 2022 to the present for the following vendors: Bobrick, Georgia Pacific, Kimberly Clark, Excel Dryer, World Dryer, Capital StreetScapes, Signature StreetScapes, Hall Signs, and Custom Products Corporation.
Dr. Wojcik responded on September 4, 2026 with the requested information as applicable.
4. SEDOL received a Commercial FOIA request on August 13, 2026 from The Data Branch requesting invoices, contracts, purchase orders from 2022 to the present for the following vendors: BusRight, Edulog, Pathwise, Transfinder, and Tyler Technologies Inc.
Dr. Wojcik responded on September 4, 2026 with the requested information as applicable.
5. SEDOL received a FOIA request on September 3, 2026 from Public Info Access LLC requesting existing records showing district-issued work telephone numbers, direct dial lines, or extensions for employees currently serving in the district's Central Office/District Administration office.
Dr. Wojcik responded on September 10, 2026 with the requested information.

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. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Move the Board return to public session.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Possible Termination - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Administration recommends termination of support staff employee 09242026-01.

Motion to Approve Termination - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move to approve the termination of employee 09242026-01 as recommended.

11.2 Possible Termination - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Administration recommends termination of support staff employee 09242026-02.

Motion to Approve Termination - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move to approve the termination of employee 09242026-02 as recommended.

11.3 Co-Interim CSBO Contract Extension - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

The Board will be asked to extend Dr. Johns's and Ms. Allard's contracts up to an additional 30 days each for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of \$1000/day. This will allow them to continue to assist with the transition.

Motion to Approve Contract Extension - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of a contract extension for both Dr. Johns and Ms. Allard in the amount of \$1000/day for up to an additional 30 days as presented.

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.1 SEDOL Program Highlights (Dr. Jiménez-Captain)

12.2 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

One Special Night - November 7

Ping Pong for the Kids - February 7

Laremont Trivia Night - March 6

Pucks for Autism- June 2027

Golf Invitational- September 2027

5K Run/Walk- September 2027

12.3 SEDOL Events (Dr. Thomas)

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Ms. McHugh)

14. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)

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

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.