

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, October 22, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: SEDOL Administration Office, Bay Room

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

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 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of September 24, 2026.

4.2 Policy Matters

Proposed revisions to the following policy has been reviewed by the Policy Committee. Administration requests approval to change to policy as presented.

[0830 Visitors to and Conduct on Property Oct 22 2026.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.

[October 22, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf](#) 

4.4 Financial Matters

[FY27 October Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Board Check Register 10-22-26.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Check Register 09-25,30-26.pdf](#) 

[Payroll Summary - Sspt 2026.pdf](#) 

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

5.1 STARS Students

The Board will recognize a student from Ms. Avis's classroom at Fairhaven School as the October STARS Student.

5.2 Employee of the Month

The Board will recognize Mary Budde Ragan, Sector Social Worker, as the October Employee of the Month.

5.3 Staff Appreciation

Recognition for the Month of October:

- Physical Therapists
- Audiologists and CAVT
- Vocational Facilitators
- Custodians
- Principals/Supervisors

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 1C- Data-Driven Outcomes (Jessica Palmer)

Goal 4A- Communication Plan (Dr. Barbini)

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 FY25 Audit Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Thomas)

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Approval of FY28 Contract/Itinerant Rates - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Thomas)
Administration will request approval of the contractual and itinerant rates for FY28.

Motion to Approve Rates - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the contractual and itinerant rates for FY28 as presented.

9.2 Amendment to Architect Contract FY27 - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Thomas)
Administration will update the Board on the 10-Year Life Safety Plan and the School Maintenance Project Grant for work at John Powers Center.

Motion to Approve Amendment - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move to amend the architect contract for FY27 as presented.

9.3 School Maintenance Project Grant - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Thomas)
Administration request Board approval of the School Maintenance Project Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

Motion to Approve Grant - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the School Maintenance Project Grant in the amount of \$50,000 as presented.

9.4 Disposal of F250 Truck - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Thomas)
Administration requests approval to dispose of the 2013 F250 pickup truck that has been replaced with the Board approved 2027 F250 pickup truck.

Motion to Approve Disposal Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval for disposal of the 2013 F250 pickup truck as presented.

9.5 FOIA - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

1. Commercial FOIA request from Justin Wenig received on September 10, 2026.

Requested information: Existing electronic records maintained by SEDOL reflecting payment records for all vendor entities from January 1, 2026 to current date. Response sent on 10/07/26.

2. Commercial FOIA request from James Tolles received on September 10, 2026. Extension letter sent on 10/09/26.

Requested information: Electronic copies of the records related to Surefire Cyber including statement of work, engagement letter or agreement, specific invoices, and rate sheet or pricing document. Response to be sent on 10/23/26.

3. Commercial FOIA request from Jordan Reese received on September 11, 2026. Requested information: Contracts or agreements in effect between January 1, 2023 and the present between SEDOL and third-party providers or independent contractors for speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, and/or physical therapy services. Response sent on 10/13/26.

- 9.6 Planning for December Governing Board Meeting- INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Thomas)
The Board will review a draft of the agenda for the December 2, 2026, Governing Board meeting.

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. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Move the Board return to public session.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- 11.1 Request for Non-Member District Placement - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Thomas)
Administration recommends approval of the request by Woodstock D200 to continue placement for one student in the Laremont School ELP EC program for the 2026-27 school year. The districts will be billed based on the non-member district tuition schedule and will be responsible for transportation costs and for the cost associated with any additional support needed as a result of the placement.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the request by Woodstock D200 for continued placement of one student in the Laremont School ELP EC program as presented.

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.1 SEDOL Program Highlights (Dr. Wojcik)

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*

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

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.