



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

November 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:28 p.m.

Present: Lea Damisch, Dr. Debbie Ehlenburg, Dr. Kim Qualls, Dr. Linda Dujmovich, Dr. Tim Burns, Ms. Karen Parks and Mr. Bryan Milard and Ms. Kimberly Egerstaffer.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Damisch moved to approve and, Mr. Millard seconded to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2017 meeting minutes, Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

**Update on Knaack and McHenry County Student Assistance Funding Process.** After the boards recommended that only two to three hundred dollars be requested at one time, Dr. Burns would bring this information back to the PPS directors at their November meeting. Dr. Burns reported that 4 requests were approved for \$200.00. One request was returned for additional information.

**Draft Framework for Focused Dialogue – Open Meeting Act for Item Consideration** – Dr. Burns discussed with the board the platform for discussion for the transition to the eleven-member district cooperative. The eleven districts that will be continuing to be a part of the cooperative will be asked to participate in both a small group and large group discussion. This meeting will be held on Thursday January 25, 2018. The question that Dr. Burns had was that is this something all board members would be part of? If there are more than two board members present. Ms. Damisch suggested to post it as a Strategic Planning meeting and call it a Special Board meeting. Dr. Burns said he would contact the districts with a letter informing them of the upcoming meeting.

**IMRF Update-** Dr. Burns shared with the board the e-mail regarding the IMRF liabilities to the districts leaving or have left the cooperative. An e-mail from Kathy O'Brien from IMRF stated that they are still working on moving funds. The CFO Mark Nannini has been out of the office. Kathy stated she would sit down with him and work out the details. Also, they are needing an IT person to help with the transition. There is not a drop-dead confirmation date yet.

#### **New Business:**

**ISBE Health Life Safety Survey – MCSO Request-** A question came up at the MCSO meeting regarding the approval of the SEDOM Health Life Safety Survey. Dr. Burns sent a request out the Superintendents that they would need to approve the SEDOM Health Life Safety Survey. The superintendents requested a legal opinion on that so they can tell their Boards that they are under no obligation of the costs associated with it if their district is withdrawing.

**Illinois School Board member appreciation day 11-15-17, salute to the SEDOM Board-** Dr. Burns recognized the Board with certificates and mints.

**Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Non-Certified Support Staff Member-** Dr. Burns mentioned to the board that they would be reviewing a resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of a non-certified staff member in the Executive closed session of the regular board meeting.

**Finance: October Financial Reports:** Financial statements for October were reviewed noting the percentages of revenue and expenses compared to the budget for each fund as of October 31, 2017, 33% of the FY18 fiscal year is complete. Revenues are received at 36.99% and expenditures are at 35.78%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2017, are \$28,699.58 for all funds. For the Education fund now revenues are received 37.3% while expenditures are at 36.02. Excluding Member District transfers, State TRS and the Regional Safe Schools Program. SEDOM revenues are at 46.0% of the budget and expenditures are at 26.0%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2017, are at \$15,424.00. Now in the Transportation fund, revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are at 0% of budget. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2017 are \$0.00. Now in the Operations & Maintenance Fund revenues are received at 24.98% of budget while expenditures are at 11.92%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2017, are \$13,275.46. Now in the Debt Service Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are 100%.

**November Bill List:** The November bills totaled \$144,057.68. Of this total, 78.0% of the total bills were payments back to member districts. IDEA reimbursements claimed by member districts total \$189,778.00. Administration is recommending the approval of the November Bills and reasonable and customary bills through November 30, 2017.

**Evidenced Based Funding Reconciliation:** Dr. Burns reviewed a little about the Evidenced Based Funding legislation that was signed into law at the end of August. While the new law provides direction on what should happen if a cooperative were to dissolve, it does not provide direction on what should happen if a member district withdraws or there is a reorganization or decentralization of the cooperative. ISBE has created a one-time process to reallocate the Base Funding Minimum from a Joint Agreement to a Member District. This would only happen at the discretion of the cooperative board.

**Parent Surrogate Grant RFP:** Dr. Burns shared a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding the re-posting of the Educational Surrogate Training Program Notice of Funding Opportunity. The RFP will be listed on both the Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) site and ISBE's RFP/RFA page. Dr. Burns asked the Board if SEDOM could explore the opportunity to apply for this. Dr. Burns thought it would be a good opportunity for SEDOM. He explained a little about the grant. The board was receptive to exploring the opportunity.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.