



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

January 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

All Board Members participated in person

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Parks motioned to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022, Meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business

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- Dr. Burns gave a review of a recent request for information made by the RSSP-ROE and discussed efforts made the ROE to negotiate a lease agreement with Woodstock CUSD 200 to rent the 3rd floor of Clay Academy. Dr. Burns further described the long-range implications of the agreement continuing into 2025.
- Dr. Burns discussed the development of the 23-24 Needs Assessment and the budget preparation calendar.
- Dr. Burns referenced a leave of absence agreement for Ms. Melissa Galan that was part of the consent agenda and would allow her to use a leave of absence for educational purposes (VI-O/M).

● **New Business**

- Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming PPS Directors meeting on 1-24-23.
- Dr. Burns reviewed the status of the lease agreement with Huntly District 158 and discussed that each option that was possibly came with a potential counter action that could be made by Huntley District 158. Dr. Burns discussed that SEDOM could re-call the Facilities Committee and essentially “re-set” the per square foot cost that is paid to Huntley or potentially market the sale of the classrooms to any educational or civic group that might want to have meeting space within a public school. The Board directed Dr. Burns to meet with Huntley representatives and to first see if there is any openness to an early cessation of the agreement which is set to expire in 2049 and 2050 respectfully.
- Dr. Burns reviewed the various options for potential investment of the reserves and the subsequent board policy allowing him to make investments on the behalf of the organization. The board gave preliminary approval for him to invest \$500,000 in a money market account which fully liquidity options and \$1,000,000 in a secured ladder US Treasury account for a period of 12 months.
- Dr. Burns discussed two potential plans for the district moving forward. One was an expansionist plan that focused on the re-launch of public programs and the second was a continuation of the current model of a “cooperative of reduced size”. The board chose to table the first and focus on the continuation of a cooperative of reduced size to which the question of the status of the building after 2024 is a large question within the plan. The board directed Dr. Burns to seek to seek out proposals from organizations that have the bandwidth and interest to run a program out of 1200 Claussen Drive beginning in 2024 and to bring those proposals back to the April 2023 meeting.
- Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming Governing Board of Directors Meeting, and the IAASE Winter Conference and also described the financial and disbursement reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.