



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

October 18, 2023

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

Dr. Damisch and Ms. Elswick were absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Millard motioned to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2023, Meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Dr. Burns discussed the recent enhancements made to Illinois State law regarding the administrative transfer of students into alternative school environments and the need for educational support and reintegration plans. Dr. Burns also discussed the disbursement reports which described work commissioned by the R.O.E. for the reconfiguration of the security cameras within the Evergreen RSSP program. Dr. McTague and Dr. Tafoya described other formats for communication with the ROE to which this topic would be discussed.
- Dr. Burns discussed that the lead auditor assigned to SEDOM resigned from the firm and that the FY 23 Audit could be delayed by this and that is appeared as though the audit was near completion.
- Dr. Burns discussed the cessation of the SEAL and that the presence of several “water coolers” that were being paid for by SEAL were left in the building without our knowledge and that these were scheduled to be picked up and once this was completed the framework for an agreement to address other lingering concerns by both parties could be created.
- Dr. Burns gave a combined summary of the logistics of relocating the audiology program and began a discussion of the FY 25 budget and the topics associated with reaching a balanced budget. The essential question being to what extent would the revenue from investments be used to fund the current operational costs of SEDOM vs. growing the investments so that a future SEDOM had “Start-up” revenue for program creation.

New Business

- Facilities Item
 - Dr. Burns discussed most recent PPS Directors Meeting and that several topics needed additional discussion and data collection however he reviewed the main topics that were discussed at the meeting.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the IAASE hosted Special Education Administrator Boot-Camp.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the recent guidance regarding changes made to the support given to students in Juvenile Detention who receive special education services.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming IAASE conference and the Hodges-Loizzi Legal Update in Itasca.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the copier service and MDC Waste Disposal contracts and a recent lawnmower repair.

Financial Reports: Dr. Burns discussed the recent and monthly financial activities and summary of the cooperative.

Disbursement List: Dr. Burns discussed recent expenditures and the current disbursement report and made reference to a bill for work initiated by the ROE for security camera reconfiguration at Evergreen Academy.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15a.m. The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at **8:00 a.m.** in the SEDOM Board Room.