



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

November 15, 2023

The meeting was called to order on October 18th at 8:15am

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

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Millard motioned to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Dr. Burns discussed the cessation of the SEAL Lease and that all requested repair items had been addressed and that all SEAL property had been requested had been recovered SEAL staff.
- Dr. Burns discussed the issues associated with moving the SEDOM Audiology equipment and that a member district was no longer interested in purchasing the equipment.
- Dr. Burns discussed the FY 25 Budget Preparation and that a large factor in this conversation was whether investment revenues were used to grow the cooperative reserve funds for future use or to subsidize current operations. The consensus of the board was to table this discussion until additional information was obtained regarding the potential revenue generated from a sale or lease of the building.

New Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the Huntley D158 Classrooms and that some rooms were being used as storage for D158 also potentially being utilized within a summer rental of the building to an outside agency. Dr. Burns will begin these discussions once the sale and or lease of the SEDOM Center is finalized.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the growing use of related services within Section 504 plans and recent court cases that state that an injured party does not have to exhaust all remedies under IDEA prior to initiating an OCR lawsuit.
 - Dr. Burns discussed the immediate need to upgrade to the SUI Cloud Based Program and that 90% of SUI clients had already upgraded to this version to which the board was in agreement.
 - Dr. Burns mentioned the immediate need to consider utilizing Eccezion (Eder and Casella) for both Pay-Roll and Treasury Services on an interim basis until 11-15-23.
 - Dr. Burns mentioned that he had reviewed a potential transition to Skyward Financial software but that it was not cost effective for our current needs.
 - Dr. Burns shared the results of a recent LEA Determination Review conducted by ISBE.
 - DR. Burns discussed a recent PPS Director Survey and the desire for vision itinerant services to which the board directed Dr. Burns to review to what extent member districts were willing to pay a flat fee for the ability to have access to a vision itinerant even if they do not have a need for one at the exact moment.
- Facilities Item- Dr. Burns discussed a repair to a water fountain, handicapped accessible door control, a broken window and damaged screens. Dr. Burns also referenced the current contract with Cal and Shans Snow and ice removal.

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 mentioned that the cooperative would be “strictly” paying bills once a month in alignment with the Illinois Prompt Payment Act.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47a.m. The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at **8:00 a.m.** in the SEDOM Board Room.