



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

January 17th, 2024

The meeting was called to order on December 13th at 8:15am

Dr. Damisch and Dr. Tafoya were absent and excused.

**Approval of Minutes:** Board Member Parks motioned to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2023, Meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

- Dr. Burns discussed the status of the transition of the SEDOM Financial Office and mentioned that Dr. Ehlenburg had completed the disbursement reports and would be managing the end of the month activities for the month of December and then would be gradually assuming duties for payroll.
- Dr. Burns discussed that the goal was for the board to act upon a resolution to transfer the RSSP fund balance at either the January or February board meetings and would be seeking a review by the auditor to ensure an accurate transfer.
- Dr. Burns mentioned that a new law would require each school district to have one staff member trained in the act of enrolling families within the PUNS (Priority of Urgent Need System) by 1-1-24 however no official training for this had been provided by either ISBE or DHS. Dr. Burns recommended identifying one staff member that would be responsible for this and to await further information on the necessary training for this.

#### **New Business**

- Dr. Burns discussed the possibility of allowing member districts to acquire and furniture and equipment that is not going to be used by MENTA. A meeting with MENTA is set for 1-11-24 and if MENTA indicates that they will be discarding the used furniture and equipment then a day may be scheduled between 1-18-24 and 2-1-24 for districts to acquire any current used equipment and furniture.
  - Dr. Burns mentioned that private therapeutic day school providers have expressed concerns that their rates which are determined by the Illinois Purchase Care and Review Board are not allowing them to be competitive with staff recruitment. Dr. Burns also mentioned that it is being reported that restorative practices are not gaining traction with students statewide and that an over reliance on restorative practices is being cited within employee exit interviews as a factor in staff decisions to leave a district and or the teaching profession.
  - Dr. Burns mentioned that the IAASE Winter Conference will be in Champaign, Illinois and is the same weekend as the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament and that individuals seeking to should ensure their hotel room as soon as possible.
  - Dr. Burns discussed the FY 25 Needs Assessment process and the FY 25 Budget Development Process. Dr. Burns discussed the addition of a \$25,000 professional development line that would be used to offer targeted professional development. Ms. Elswick inquired as to whether CPI Training can be included within this to which it would up to the boards discretion but that it could be used for this.
- Finance Item- Dr. Burns discussed the November Financial Reports, December Bills and a plan to move all providers of professional development to the accounts payable payment method in FY 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40a.m. The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.