



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

August 17, 2022

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

Two Board Members participated in person, and three participated remotely: The following members attended in person: Mr. Millard and Ms. Parks. Dr. Dujmovich, Ms. Neiss and Ms. Elswick attended remotely. Dr. Damisch, and Dr. McTague were not in attendance and were excused.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Millard motioned to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2022, Meeting. Motion carried.

Dr. Burns introduced Mr. Tim Billmack of Blue Chip Real Estate and members of his team. Dr. Burns discussed that as the SEDOM Center was placed in the Harvard-Woodstock Enterprise Zone that there have been inquires into the potential of selling the property and that Dr. Burns has met with two different parties on the subject.. Dr. Burns mentioned that he has had two such conversations and after meeting on two occasions with the Blue Chip Company determined that it was an appropriate time for the board to heard about potential interest in the property from individuals that could talk more direct about the potential future use of the property. Dr. Burns mentioned that the decision to sell the building had not been made and may not be made in the future and that this was just a conversation with no commitments that would assist the board in determining its five-year plan about facility usage.

Mr. Billmack presented a vision for the SEDOM property that is aligned with recent efforts to create multi-use apartment or condominiums or other mixed use development. He shared his recent experience with the renovation of a local school and church into a mixed use development.

**Dr. Burns did state that if at anytime that the board did decide to sell the building that strict communication protocols would be put in effect in collaboration with legal counsel in order to protect the integrity of the bidding process.

New Business

- Dr. Burns gave a summary of the recent Governing Board of Directors Meeting.
- Dr. Burns discussed the personnel report and described a concern where RSSP employees were of the impression that they were being paid more that the salary reported to SEDOM.
- Dr. Burns discussed the recent request to amend the salary of the RSSP Principal and the decision to hire a 4th teacher.
- Dr. Burns discussed the emerging concern with Monkey-Pox and its potential correlation with clothing, towels and bedding that is used to support our students with multiple disabilities.
- Dr. Burns discussed an upcoming administrative academy as well as an upcoming PPS Directors Meeting.

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.