



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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Minutes from the Special Meeting of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors August 2, 2023

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the SEDOM Educational Center, 1200 Claussen Drive, Woodstock, IL.

Call to Order: Dr. Lea Damisch, President of the Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A=Absent P=Present I

District	Number	B.O.E. Member	Attendance
Nippersink	2	Ms. Mary Shufelt	P
Johnsburg (Unit)	12	*Ms. Cathy Neiss	P
McHenry Elem.	15	Mr. Patrick DeGeorge	P
Riley Elem.	18	*Mr. Bryan Millard	P
Alden-Hebron (Unit)	19	Mr. Andy Madsen	A
Harrison Elem.	36	*Ms. Karen Parks	P
Harvard (Unit)	50	Mr. Roger Wilhoit	P
Marengo H.S.	154	Ms. Farrah Ranzino	P
McHenry H.S.	156	Mr. Timothy Hying	A
Richmond Burton H.S.	157	Ms. Dawn Holian	A
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Ms. Nicki Misuiri	P

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member

Eight of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call. Those present included Districts 2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, and 165.

Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff:

Following roll call, Dr. Damisch introduced the Executive Board members present including Ms. Cathy Neiss, Mr. Bryan Millard, and Ms. Karen Parks. Also present were the Executive Director, Dr. Tim Burns and Dr. Corey Tafoya, the Superintendent of Harvard District 50.

Approval of March 1, 2023 Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

District 36 moved; District 12 seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Public Hearing of the FY24 Budget:

District 15 moved; District 36 seconded to open the public hearing at 7:06pm on the adoption of the FY24 budget. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:8 (2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 165)

Nays:0

Absence=19,156,157

Motion Carried

Dr. Burns presented information that included a summary of the budgetary process, sources of revenues and FY24 Budget highlights. Dr. Burns discussed the changes from the tentative budget to the final budget and explained variables that could affect the budget. Dr. Burns discussed the imminent cessation of the agreement for our service as the fiscal agent of the ROE-RSSP and how this is impacting our budgetary process. Dr. Burns mentioned the ROE has introduced several additional expenditures such as a larger than expected rental agreement without producing a corresponding increase in revenue which has produced a “deficit by design” for the ROE.

Dr. Burns discussed the current status of the SEDOM center and that the budget was built on the assumption that the building would be occupied for at least 25% of the year but that the decision to sell and or rent the building is likely to impact all revenues and expenditures and will likely lead to the need for an amendment.

Closing of the Budget Hearing:

District 50 moved; District 18 seconded to close budget hearing on the adoption of the FY25 budget at 7:56pm. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes:8 (2, 12,15,18, 36, 50, 154, 165)

Nays:0

Absence=19,156,157

Approval of the FY24 Budget:

The Governing Board of Directors adopts the annual budget. District 18 moved; District 50 seconded to adopt the FY23 budget as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes :8 (2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 165)

Nays: 0

Absence - Absence=19, 156, 157

Motion Carries

Designation of the March 2023 Governing Board of Directors Meeting:

District 15 moved, and District 12 seconded that the Governing Board Meeting in August which primarily focuses on the budget be held on Wednesday March 6, 2024. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Nominating Committee:

Dr. Lea Damisch presented information on the procedures outlined in the Articles of Joint Agreement regarding the filling of vacant Executive Board seats. At present there are no vacancies anticipated or projected until 2025. A committee will not be appointed at this time.

Other Business:

Dr. Burns engaged the Governing Board in a discussion regarding the status of the SEDOM Center and gave a short analysis of how we have arrived at the current situation. Dr. Burns gave an overview of the options available and the interested parties which included a municipal body of government, a private developer who both wish to purchase the building in addition to three organizations that wish to rent the building in order to offer a therapeutic day school.

After consideration that the Governing Board of Directors was in favor of selling the building. The Executive Board will review this information at its 8-23-23 meeting.

Adjournment:

District 50 moved; District 15 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

President, Executive Board

Secretary, Executive Board