



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

March 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order on February 14th at 8:00am

Dr. Tafoya was absent and excused.

**Approval of Minutes:** Board Member Parks motioned to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024, Meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

- Dr. Burns discussed that MENTA would be building a parallel computer network within the building that was separate from SEDOM's and as a result SEDOM would need to maintain an internet signal within the building and would investigate options with Comcast or another vendor. The status of the MDC Garbage contract was still being undermined but it is presumable that SEDOM will just use the vendor of MENTA's choice.
- Dr. Burns discussed the final steps needed to obtain auditor approval for the fund transfer and the timeline for the transfer which may occur between the February and March board meetings. Dr. Burns asked the board if they were comfortable with the transfer occurring upon auditor approval.
- Dr. Burns discussed the forthcoming SY24-25 Needs Assessment and the creation of the FY 25 Budget and the professional development line. Dr. Burns also mentioned that they may seek to have all professional development facilitators paid via accounts payable as vendors and not out of payroll as part time employees. Dr. Damisch mentioned reviewing this first with the staff as they staff may not be accepting of this change.

#### **New Business**

- Dr. Burns discussed the emerging concerns with the implementation of Faith's Law and the need to ensure that all aspects of the central office were aware of any part time or contracted staff assistant special education that may be applicable to Faith's Law.
  - Dr. Burns discussed plans for upcoming amendments to the Section 504 process.
  - Dr. discussed the Statement of Economic Interest form and process.
  - Dr. Burns discussed the issues associated with the DLM and assessment as a whole and that the 1% Exception Cap and rules would be stricter than in years past.
  - Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming IAASE conference in Champaign and mentioned that as he is accustomed to driving to and from UIUC Football games that he may drive back home both nights and not get a hotel room.
- Finance Item- Dr. Burns discussed the January Financial Reports, and the February Bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17a.m. The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.