



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

July 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order on June 18th at 8:00am. (Meeting was rescheduled due to the Juneteenth Holiday).

Mr. Millard, Ms. Neiss and Ms. Elswick were absent and excused.

No Visitors were present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Board Member Parks motioned to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2024, Meeting. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business:**

- Dr. Burns discussed the reduction in the cost of the Treasurers Bond due to the reduction in the overall budget amount.
- Dr. Burns mentioned that he expressed that SEDOM would not be paying the FY 24 Room Maintenance fee to H158 due to the use of the rooms for storage and student testing by H158 and that efforts to setup a meeting with H158 representatives are underway.
- Dr. Burns discussed and received the board's permission to obtain a credit card for SEDOM via its current bank FNBO in order to pay the bill from the same financial dashboard that is used to manage the account. The current Bank of America card will be maintained but until the new card is set up and then will be closed.
- Dr. Burns also discussed SB 3606 and how current FY 24 claims will be paid in FY 25 under the current formula but that FY 25 claims paid in FY 26 will be paid under the newly revised formula.

#### **New Business**

- Dr. Burns discussed the plans and preparations for the August Governing Board of Directors Meeting.
  - Dr. Burns discussed the budget finalization.
  - Dr. Burns discussed emerging concerns as it relates to the cost of educating students who are hospitalized and that you are seeing the formation of a possible monopoly in which there are limited providers offering this service and these limited providers are able to determine their rates for providing education to the student that is hospitalized. Dr. Burns mentioned that it is possible that we may see only one provider offering this service. Dr. Burns also mentioned a concern with regard to students who are required to attend ESY but do not attend for various reasons. At present there is a concern that the therapeutic day school will still bill the school for the summer term despite all parties knowing the child will not be attending and that ISBE may not reimburse the district for costs in the future.
  - Dr. Burns discussed that some districts may not be able to reduce their percentage of students who need to take the DLM-AA and that these districts through no-fault of their own may be on the highest level of monitoring from the state (Tier 3) for an indefinite period of time. Dr. Burns mentioned that is able to attend the required meetings for districts with Tier 3 status if a district is not able to attend.
- Finance Item- Dr. Burns discussed the recent financial reports.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15a.m. The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.