



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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Minutes from the Meeting of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors March 6, 2024

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at the SEDOM Educational Center, 1200 Claussen Drive, Woodstock, IL.

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

A=Absent P=Present

District	Number	B.O.E. Member	
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	Mr. Ryan Andrus	A
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Ms. Nikki Misuiri	A

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member

Seven of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call.

Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff:

Following roll call, Dr. Damisch introduced the Executive Board members present who were also concurrent members of the Governing Board of Directors including Mr. Bryan Millard, Ms. Cathy Neiss and Ms. Karen Parks. Dr. Damisch also introduced Executive Board Member Dr. Corey Tafoya. Also present was the Executive Director, Dr. Tim Burns.

Approval of August 2, 2023, Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

District 18 moved; District 12 seconded the approval of the minutes of the August 2, 2023, meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Executive Board Members:

Dr. Burns noted that per the Articles of Joint Agreement that all terms of office were fulfilled and that the terms of four Executive Board Members would be completed in 2025, and that no further action was required until then.

Designation of the August Governing Board of Directors Meeting:

District 50 moved, and District 36 seconded that the Governing Board Meeting in August which primarily focuses on the budget be held on Wednesday August 7, 2024. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Burns gave an update on the current financial status of SEDOM and the move toward a reduced operating cost being proposed for FY 25. Dr. Burns also discussed the current ten-year rental agreement with an option to purchase the property that it entered into with the MENTA Group. Dr. Burns discussed the long-range financial plan that could involve officially moving SEDOM's operations in to its classroom in H158. Dr. Burns discussed the reduction of days for audiology and discussed several scenarios associated with the future location of the audiology program. Dr. Burns discussed that the current financial model is dependent upon Evidenced Based Funding and rental income. Dr. Burns mentioned that the Evidence Based Funding dollars were used to primarily subsidize the audiological program.

Dr. Burns then discussed cooperative models and that the SEDOM member districts have placed a value in preserving the functional viability of the cooperative with a more limited and reduced footprint in favor of the member districts maintaining greater local control and autonomy in decision making. Dr. Burns mentioned that all districts expressed a desire for SEDOM to continue operations and maintain the ability to expand based upon future needs. Dr. Burns then discussed portions of the FY 25 Needs Assessment.

Other Business: No other business.

Adjournment:

District 36 moved; District 15 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

President, Executive Board

Secretary, Executive Board