



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

November 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order on 10-16-24 at 8:00 a.m.

Ms. Elswick was not in attendance and was excused.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Parks motioned to approve the minutes of September 18, 2024, and noted that the meeting date in the minutes was incorrect and featured the month of July. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Dr. Burns continued to discuss an issue related to part-time students accessing only a portion of their IEP services and that under certain circumstances this is allowed if the student carries a part-time status. This subject will be the focus of a breakout session at the IAASE Fall Conference. Dr. Burns gave a description of several cooperatives that do not have traditional student programs with students assigned to the cooperative. Most of these organizations are within an administrative agent relationship, however the closet organization to SEDOM was a cooperative that was made up of charter schools and only had one employee which was the director. Dr. Burns discussed his willingness to attend member district board meetings however this was tabled due to the imminent issue of board elections and will be reconvened in April when all new board members are officially sworn in.

NEW Business

- Dr. Burns discussed that he has recently joined the IAASE D.E.I. Committee and shared several statistics of concern.
- Dr. Burns discussed the recent report of the SEMS Special Education Monitoring System
- Dr. Burns discussed the emergence of individuals ensuring compliance with 5 ILCS 140/4 and their efforts at filming this and posting on social media
- Dr. Burns discussed the 10-22-24 PPS Directors Meeting and mentioned that it might be cancelled due to the IAASE Conference the following week and many directors being out of the office for up to three days.
- Dr. Burns discussed both the upcoming HLERK and IAASE Conferences

Financial Reports: Dr. Burns discussed the recent and monthly financial activities and summary of the cooperative and efforts to ensure congruence with the SUI system and current monthly activities. Dr. Burns thanked Alden-Hebron 15 for the ability to work with a staff member that was very fluent with the SUI Financial Program.

Disbursement List: Dr. Burns discussed recent expenditures and the current disbursement report.

Facilities- The board chose to discuss a matter related to its classrooms in Huntley District 158. The board directed Dr. Burns to pay 33% of the previous FY 24 Operations/Rental Bill from H158 and to ensure that the rooms were still vacant with the beginning of the school year and to assess the current retail value/buyback cost of each classroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at **8:00 a.m.** in the SEDOM Board Room.