



Special Education District of McHenry County

SEDOM'S FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING PART ONE: EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

SEDOM Education Center
1200 Claussen Drive
Woodstock, Illinois

Wednesday March 5, 2025
7:00 P.M.

Agenda

Presiding: President of the S.E.D.O.M. Executive Board

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call of Districts**
- **Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff**
- **Public Comment**
- **Action Items**
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- **For Information**
 - Executive Director's Report and Presentation on Current and Projected Programming
- **Other Business**
- **Adjournment**

Special Education District of McHenry County

Executive Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dr. Tim Burns, Executive Director

Ms. Kim Egerstaffer, Secretary to Executive Board and Governing Board of Directors

Dr. Lea Damisch, Superintendent, Marengo-Union District #165	2023-2027
Dr. Corey Tafoya, Superintendent, Harvard Community Unit School District #50	2023-2027
Ms. Tiffany Elswick, Superintendent, Alden- Hebron School District #19	2023-2027
Mr. Bryan Millard, Board Member Riley School District #18	2021-2025
Ms. Karen Parks, Board Member Harrison District #36	2021-2025
Ms. Cathy Neiss, Board Member Johnsburg School District #12	2021-2025
Dr. Ryan McTague, Superintendent, McHenry High School District #156	2021-2025

Special Education District of McHenry County

Governing Board of Directors

Governing Board of Directors

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

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Action Item

Subject: Minutes of the August 7, 2024, Governing Board of Directors’ Meeting

On the next three pages, you will find the minutes from the August 7, 2024, Governing Board of Directors’ Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the August 7, 2024, Governing Board of Directors Meeting, as submitted, for filing in the official records.

**Minutes from the Special Meeting of the
SEDOM Governing Board of Directors
August 7, 2024**

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, 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	A
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	P
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Mr. Greg Wright	P

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Eight of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call. Those present included Districts 12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 157 and 165.

Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff:

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

Approval of March 6, 2024, Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

District 12 moved; District 15 seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2024 meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Public Hearing of the FY25 Budget:

District 36 moved; District 50 seconded to open the public hearing at 7:06pm on the adoption of the FY24 budget. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: 8 =12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: 0

Absence: 3 = 2, 19, 156

Motion Carried

Dr. Burns presented information that included a summary of the budgetary process, sources of revenues and FY25 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 how the cessation of the agreement for our service as the fiscal agent of the ROE-RSSP drastically reduced the revenue and expenditures within the budget and the over all amount of account lines used.

Dr. Burns discussed the current status of the SEDOM center and that the MENTA Organization had an option to purchase the building in 9 years. Dr. Burns discussed that while it is possible that MENTA may not choose to purchase the building that we have to assume that it will occur and plan for our next location to operate from. Dr. Burns was asked if there was a possibility where SEDOM could be liable for any of the repairs that MENTA enacted to which Dr. Burns mentioned that as long as we operated within the terms of the lease that MENTA would forfeit any equity in the building and any repairs made if they chose not to purchase the building in 10 years.

Dr. Burns discussed our ownership of 6 classrooms in Huntley 158 and that these leases go respectively until 2048 and 2049. Dr. Burns mentioned that at present SEDOM did not really need a large Operations and Maintenance budget for the next few years however this money in the O/M reserves may be needed depended on where SEDOM operates from when it sells the building in 9 years. Dr. Burns mentioned that if SEDOM were to operate out of the classrooms in Huntley 158 that it would need a very minimal operations and maintenance fund until 2048/2049.

Dr. Burns also mentioned that SEDOM would lose \$100,000 a year in O/M Revenue when it sells the building but that it would no longer have to pay \$50,000 in yearly property casualty insurance.

Dr. Burns also was asked and discussed the functional life span of the audiological booth and if newer booths were more transportable.

Closing of the Budget Hearing:

District 50 moved; District 15 seconded to close the hearing on the adoption of the FY25 budget at 8:04pm. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes:8 =12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 157 and 165

Nays:0

Absence:3= 2, 19, 156

Approval of the FY25 Budget:

The Governing Board of Directors adopts the annual budget. District 50 moved; District 36 seconded to adopt the FY25 budget as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes :8 =12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: 0

Absence – Absence:3= 2, 19, 156

Motion Carries

Designation of the March 2025 Governing Board of Directors Meeting:

District 154 moved, and District 18 seconded that the Governing Board Meeting in March which primarily focuses on programming will be held on Wednesday March 5, 2025. 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 four seats on the Executive Board will be available in July of 2025 and will extend until 2029. Board Member representatives from Districts 154 and 50 will serve as the official nominating committee.

Other Business:

Dr. Burns discussed matters related to Senate Bill 3606 and reiterated that that cooperative had the ability to expand as needed, and to raise funds for future operations.

Adjournment:

District 50 moved; District 36 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07pm. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

President, Executive Board

Secretary, Executive Board



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

Action Item

Subject: Appointment of Executive Board Member

ARTICLE 2- ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION of the Articles of Joint Agreement provide the following specifications for the make-up and election of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Executive Board of Directors. From the members of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors, from the members of the participating district boards of education, or from the Superintendents of Schools of the member districts, there shall be chosen an Executive Board consisting of seven (7) members, at least two (2) of these from high school or unit districts, at least two (2) of these from elementary school districts, and at least one (1) board of education member. The Executive Board members shall serve a four (4) year term implemented as follows. The appointment of Executive Board members shall take place at the meeting of the Governing Board of Directors held during the third or fourth quarter of the school year, and those appointed shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Executive Board after July 1st. The Executive Board members shall serve a four (4) year term implemented as follows:

The four (4) current Executive Board member terms scheduled to expire in 2021 and 2022 will expire effective as of the first regular meeting of the Executive Board after July 1, 2021. At that meeting the newly appointed Executive Board members shall take office, commencing their four (4) year terms.

The three (3) current Executive Board member terms scheduled to expire in 2023 will expire effective as of the first regular meeting of the Executive Board after July 1, 2023. At that meeting, the newly appointed Executive Board members shall take office, commencing their four (4) year terms.

When a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board the remaining members shall fill the vacancy by appointment until the next regular appointment of Executive Board Members, at which the Governing Board of Directors will appoint a person to fill the unexpired term.

A. Not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Governing Board of Directors meeting held during the third or fourth quarter of the school year the President of the Executive Board shall appoint a committee of three members of the Governing Board of Directors not serving on the Executive Board to submit a list of candidates to fill expiring terms on the Executive Board. This list will be submitted to the member districts thirty days prior to the third or fourth quarter meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. Approval of the proposed list of candidates will take place by action of the Governing Board of Directors.

B. Following the installation of the new members at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board in July, a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Board members.

C. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of four (4) members of the Executive Board. Each member shall have one (1) vote on all matters submitted for approval for the Executive Board.

D. An affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Board Members present at a duly called 7 and constituted meeting shall be required for the adoption of any proposition except as may otherwise be required by statute.

Volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for the March Executive Board election are sought at this meeting.

Appointments made by the Executive Board requiring a person to be elected to fill the unexpired term:

- Not applicable at this time

A Nominating committee has been appointed by Executive Board President, Dr. Lea Damisch. Committee members include, Ms. Farrah Ranzino, Marengo High School District 154 and Mr. Roger Wilhoit, Harvard C.U.S.D. 50 Board Member

The Nominating Committee recommends the following:

- Dr. Ryan McTague, Superintendent of McHenry High School District 156, to continue his current term through 2029
- Mr. Bryan Millard, Board of Education Member, Riley School District 18, to continue his current term through 2029
- Ms. Cathy Neiss, Board of Education Member, Johnsborg Community Unit School District 12, to continue her current term through 2029
- Ms. Karen Parks, Board of Education Member, Harrison School District 36, to continue her current term through 2029

Recommendation: Approve the list of recommended candidates from the Nominating Committee to serve on the SEDOM Executive Board for the above-listed period. All full terms of office to begin on July 1st of the listed year and to end on June 30th of the listed year.



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Action Item

Subject: Determination of August Governing Board of Directors Meeting Date:

The Governing Board generally meets two times per year. The Articles of Joint Agreement specify that the August meeting is primarily for the adoption of the budget and the March meeting is primarily a review of programs and services.

The meeting date recommended for the August Governing Board of Directors is Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Approve Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. as the August Governing Board of Directors' meeting date.