



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

February 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order on 1-15-25 at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Damisch was not in attendance and was excused.

**Approval of Minutes:** Board Member Neiss motioned to approve the minutes of December 18, 2024. Motion carried.

#### **Old Business**

- Dr. Burns discussed the status and rationale of the 2025-26 Needs Assessment with the goal of reviewing the data at the March Governing Board of Directors Meeting.
- Dr. Burns discussed how one date was incorrect in one part of the lease with MENTA and had to be corrected.
- Dr. Burns discussed the timelines associated with the FY 26 Budget creation.
- Dr. Burns discussed that the applications for funding associated with SB 3606 is available and due on 4-15-25, and that CSBO's are expressing that the "pricing out of the programs" is difficult for purposes of this application.
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#### **NEW Business**

- Dr. Burns stated that the training for Qualifies Bilingual IEP Interpreters suggests a 45-minute break if the interpreter feels that their ability to express the information is compromised by overwork. This is a suggestion that districts will have to work out with practitioners.
- Dr. Burns discussed that the Social Security Reform Act that was just signed may see recently retired teachers continue service as Paraprofessionals after TRS retirement in order to secure and enhance Social Security benefits that are now fully available without "Windfall Act" based reductions.
- Dr. Burns discussed the Statement of Economic Interest form and procedures.
- Dr. Burns discussed the IAASE Winter Conference that is coming up.
- Dr. Burns also discussed the emergence of "GO-Fund Me" pages for families to raise money for special education dispute resolution matters and the indirect costs such as loss of work to attend meetings etc.

**Financial Reports:** Dr. Burns discussed the recent and monthly financial activities and summary of the cooperative.

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

#### **Facilities-**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, at **8:00 a.m.** in the SEDOM Board Room.