



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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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

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member

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= 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= 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