



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on 1-14-26 at 8:00 a.m.

Board Member Elswick was absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Millard motioned to approve the minutes of 12-17-2025, it was seconded by Board Member Parks. The motion carried.

Old Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming Needs Assessment and that it may be postponed coinciding with suggestions from the upcoming Strategic Planning meeting in February. Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming budget preparation cycle and associated timelines. Dr. Burns discussed a recent finding from the ISBE Student Cares and Wellness Department about parents initiating an Isolated Time-out and Restraint complaint. In this matter ISBE determined that the district did not have a proper policy about when a student's medical status should preclude the student from being restrained. Dr. Burns suggested that the only viable option if staff are precluded from engaging in a restraint is to consider the use of law enforcement to employ the restraint. Dr. Burns mentioned that there are numerous variables to this and that it will be entirely fact specific. The issue of CPI training is one that the cooperative will need to review and explore further.

NEW Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming Governing Board of Directors Meeting on 3-4-26.
- Dr. Burns discussed that our current audiologist is going on a maternity leave and discussed that NIA may contract with a former SEDOM audiologist to cover this absence. Dr. Burns also discussed that recently retired employees will be fully retiring and will not be able to provide CPI support and lead the County Wide Speech Pathologist Network. Dr. Burns discussed the issues associated with going to due process after receiving a request for an IEE and choosing not to agree with it with respect to insurance-related requirements and legal rates. Dr. Burns discussed the timelines for completion of the Statement of Economic Interest Forms in addition to the upcoming IAASE Winter Conference later in February.

Financial Reports: Dr. Burns discussed the recent and monthly financial activities and summary of the cooperative and how disbursement report in addition to a bank fee that was associated with the original formation of the current bank account structure when SEDOM had larger amounts of revenue within the banking system.

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

Facilities-

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 a.m.