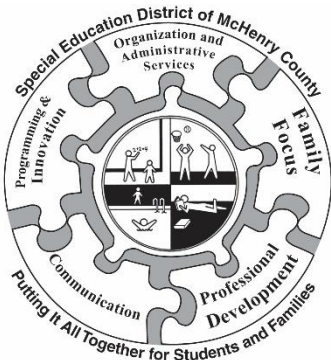




SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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Minutes from the Meeting of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors August 6, 2025

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, 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	P
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	Ms. Caren MacKenzie	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	Ms. Nikki Misiura	P

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member

Nine of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call. Those present included Districts 2,12, 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, and Ms. Karen Parks. Also present was the Executive Director, Dr. Tim Burns.

Approval of March 5, 2025, Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

District 12 moved; District 18 seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2025 meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Public Hearing of the FY25 Budget:

District 154 moved; District 15 seconded to open the public hearing at 7:07pm on the adoption of the FY26 budget. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: (8) =2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1)=50

Absence: (2) =19, 156

Motion Carried

Dr. Burns presented information that included a summary of the budgetary process, sources of revenues and FY26 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 predominantly focused on the years 2030 and 2034 which will have significant impact on SEDOM operations. In the year 2030 it is projected that the district will need to begin reallocating significant portions of its investment revenue into its checking account to subsidize daily operations. In the year 2034 SEDOM will presumably sell the SEDOM Center to MENTA and will no longer receive rental income. The cessation of rental income will lead SEDOM to have an increased deficit in addition to additional funds that may be needed for daily operations which is dependent on where SEDOM is based and located.

Closing of the Budget Hearing:

District 36 moved; District 154 seconded to close the hearing on the adoption of the FY26 budget at 7:43pm. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) =2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1)=50

Absence: (2) =19, 156

Motion Carried

Approval of the FY25 Budget:

The Governing Board of Directors adopts the annual budget. District 36 moved; District 165 seconded to adopt the FY25 budget as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: (8) =2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1)=50

Absence: (2) =19, 156

Motion Carried

Designation of the March 2026 Governing Board of Directors Meeting:

District 12 moved, and District 15 seconded that the Governing Board Meeting in March which primarily focuses on programming will be held on Wednesday March 4, 2026. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Nominating Committee:

Dr. Burns confirmed that a nomination committee would not be needed until the fall of 2026 in preparation for the spring 2027 Governing Board of Directors Meeting.

Other Business:

Dr. Burns discussed matters related to special education service delivery and how issues associated with the federal government could potentially change the landscape of special education services. Dr. Burns mentioned that if such changes occur than additional regional and national travel may be needed to understand the scope of such changes.

Adjournment:

District 15 moved; District 36 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

President, Executive Board

Secretary, Executive Board