SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on 3-18-26 at 8:05 a.m.

Board Members White and Millard were absent and excused

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Parks motioned to approve the minutes of 2-18-2026, it was seconded by Board Member Neiss. The motion carried.

Old Business

- Dr. Burns discussed that as the cooperative recently changed its Executive Board term of office structure that a spring Governing Board meeting when the appointment of Executive Board members is not occurring lead to the potential of not needed the spring GBD meeting. This would require and actual change in the Articles of Joint Agreement which would additionally require the approval of ISBE per recent regulations that went into effect in January of 2026. Dr. Burns discussed the recent needs assessment data. Dr. Burns also discussed the recent IAASE Winter Conference and the need for board member participation in the first stage of the IASB Policy Customization process. Board Vice President Millard was highly recommended to serve as the board member representative.
- Dr. Burns discussed the current issues associated with providing CPI training and with Infinitec support. Dr. Burns mentioned that such direct service to one or two districts would require a change to his job description to justify the time spent in one or two districts. The board and Dr. Burns discussed that as his contract expires next year in 2027 it would be a good opportunity to weave in these new responsibilities within the format of a new employment agreement. Dr. Burns was directed to submit a draft agreement with the changes in his job description to reference his service as a full CPI trainer in addition to his service with Infinitec Implementation upon member district request. The board discussed that it felt that the services of a consultant were no longer needed and that a follow up meeting to the Superintendents Summitt would not be scheduled. Dr. Burns talked about the cyclical monitoring process in addition to issues associated with the growing requests for Independent Educational Evaluations and the "belief" the position of advocates with regard to a school districts willingness to agree to such requests.

NEW Business

- Dr. Burns discussed that the Special Education Directors Conference and SELA Grant (Special Ed. Leadership Academy) had transitioned from NSSEO to ROE 4 in Rockford and that their was some trepidation about this moving from a cooperative to a regional office of education.
- Dr. Burns discussed the moving of monies from the O/M fund to the Education Fund, in addition to the recommendation to keep audiology rates the same for this following year and the proposed holiday schedule for next year. Dr. Burns also briefly spoke about the Infinitec Contract.

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- Dr. Burns discussed that during the transition that MENTA had inadvertently disrupted the communication between the network computers and the KeyFOB/Swipe card controls and that at present Dr. Burns could not create new cards nor deactivate former cards. MENTA has agreed to introduce an entire new system to which all previous KEY-FOB cards will be deactivated and new cards will be reissued.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m.