



Special Education District of McHenry County

SEDOM'S 60TH ANNUAL MEETING PART TWO: BUDGET REPORTS

SEDOM Education Center
1200 Claussen Drive
Woodstock, Illinois

Wednesday August 5, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Agenda

Presiding: SEDOM Executive Board President

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call of Districts**
- **Introduction of Executive Board, Governing Board of Directors and Administrative Staff** Pages 2-3
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- **Action Items**
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- **Other Business**
- **Adjournment**

Special Education District of McHenry County

Executive Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dr. Tim Burns, Executive Director

Dr. Lea Damisch, Superintendent, Marengo-Union District #165	2023-2027
Dr. Brandon White, Superintendent, Harvard Community Unit School District #50	Un-Expired Term of Dr. Corey Tafoya, 2023-2027
Ms. Tiffany Elswick, Superintendent, Alden- Hebron School District #19	2023-2027
Mr. Bryan Millard, Board Member Riley School District #18	2025-2029
Ms. Karen Parks, Board Member Harrison District #36	2025-2029
Ms. Cathy Neiss, Board Member Johnsburg School District #12	2025-2029
Dr. Ryan McTague, Superintendent, McHenry High School District #156	2025-2029

Special Education District of McHenry County

Governing Board of Directors

Governing Board of Directors

District	Number	B.O.E. Member
Nippersink	2	Ms. Mary Shufelt
Johnsburg (Unit)	12	*Ms. Cathy Neiss
McHenry Elem.	15	Mr. Patrick DeGeorge
Riley Elem.	18	*Mr. Bryan Millard
Alden-Hebron (Unit)	19	Mr. Andy Madsen
Harrison Elem.	36	*Ms. Karen Parks
Harvard (Unit)	50	Ms. Caren McKenzie
Marengo H.S.	154	Ms. Farrah Ranzino
McHenry H.S.	156	Mr. Timothy Hying
Richmond Burton H.S.	157	Mr. Ryan Andrus
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Mr. Mathew Erbstoesser

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

Action Item

Subject: Minutes of the March 4, 2026, Governing Board of Directors' meeting

On the next two pages you will find the minutes from the March 4, 2026, Governing Board of Directors' Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the March 4, 2026, Governing Board of Directors' meeting, as submitted, for filing in official records.

Minutes from the Meeting of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors March 4, 2026

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at the SEDOM Educational Center, 1200 Claussen Drive, Woodstock, IL.

Call to Order: Ms. Lea Damisch, President of the Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A=Absent P=Present

District	Number	B.O.E. Member	
Nippersink	2	Ms. Mary Shufelt	A
Johnsburg (Unit)	12	*Ms. Cathy Neiss	P
McHenry Elem.	15	Mr. Patrick DeGeorge	A
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 McKenzie	P
Marengo H.S.	154	Ms. Farrah Ranzino	P
McHenry H.S.	156	Mr. Timothy Hying	A
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Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Mr. Mathew Erbstoesser	P

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Seven of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call.

Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff:

Following roll call, Dr. Damisch introduced the Executive Board members present who were also concurrent members of the Governing Board of Directors including Mr. Bryan Millard, Ms. Cathy Neiss and Ms. Karen Parks. Dr. Damisch also introduced Executive Director, Dr. Tim Burns.

Approval of August 6, 2025, Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

District 36 moved; District 12 seconded the approval of the minutes of August 6, 2025, meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Executive Board Members:

Dr. Burns discussed that the next regular appointment of an Executive Board Member is scheduled to occur in March of 2027 and that no action is scheduled to occur at this meeting.

Designation of the August Governing Board of Directors Meeting:

District 50 moved, and District 36 seconded the motion that the Governing Board Meeting in August which primarily focuses on the budget be held on Wednesday August 5, 2026, at 7:00pm. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Burns gave an update that focused on emerging trends at both the state and national level in addition to local matters. Dr. Burns discussed the historical origins of SEDOM and its administrative agent relationship with both Marengo-Union 165 and Johnsburg District 12 and how the district has had a governing board/non fiscal administrative agent relationship since approximately 2003. Dr. Burns discussed issues associated with transition and rising costs and introduced the potential of a return to a fiscal-administrative agent relationship. Dr. Burns talked about how not hiring additional IMRF staff has led to a reduction of pension debt and that this number would eventually get to "O" over a long enough period if no additional IMRF staff members are hired. Dr. Burns mentioned that within 8 years the pension debt would be small enough as to not impact decisions related to withdrawing from the cooperative or a district absorbing SEDOM within the framework of an administrative agent relationship.

Other Business: Dr. Burns talked briefly and answered member district questions on a variety of subjects.

Adjournment:

District 36 moved; District 18 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

President, Executive Board

Secretary, Executive Board



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

Action Item

Subject: Presentation, Hearing and Adoption of the FY27 Tentative Budget

The FY27 Tentative Budget was approved by the Executive Board on June 17, 2026, for display on July 1, 2026, and notice of public hearing on August 5, 2026.

The hearing will be convened and Dr. Tim Burns, Executive Director, will present the proposed FY27 Tentative Budget. Dr. Burns will review the budget assumptions, anticipated revenues and expenditures and respond to any questions. The budget has been on display since July 1, 2027.

The Articles of Joint Agreement specify that it is the duty of the Governing Board of Directors to adopt the annual budget of SEDOM.

Following the hearing, the Governing Board considers adoption of the FY27 budget.

Recommendation: The Executive Board recommends adoption of the FY27 budget as presented.



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

For Action

Subject: Determination of the date for the March 2027 Governing Board of Directors' Meeting

The Governing Board generally meets two times per year.

The Articles of Joint Agreement specify that the August meeting is primarily for the adoption of the FY27 budget, and the March meeting is primarily a review of programs and services.

The meeting date recommended for the March Governing Board of Directors is Wednesday, March 3, 2027, at 7:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Approve Wednesday, March 3, 2027, at 7:00 p.m. as the March Governing Board of Directors' meeting date.



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

For Information

Subject: Appointment of Nominating Committee

ARTICLE 2- ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION of the Articles of Joint Agreement provide the following specifications for the make-up and election of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Executive Board of Directors. From the members of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors, from the members of the participating district boards of education, or from the Superintendents of Schools of the member districts, there shall be chosen an Executive Board consisting of seven (7) members, at least two (2) of these from high school or unit districts, at least two (2) of these from elementary school districts, and at least one (1) board of education member. Except as set forth below, the Executive Board members shall serve a four (4) year term. The election for Executive Board members shall take place at the meeting of the Governing Board of Directors held during the third or fourth quarter of the school year, and those elected shall take office at the first regular meeting of the Executive Board after July 1st.

- A. When a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board the remaining members shall fill the vacancy by appointment until the next regular election at which time a person will be elected to fill the unexpired term.
- B. Not later than thirty (30) days prior to the Governing Board of Directors meeting held during the third or fourth quarter of the school year the President of the Executive Board shall appoint a committee of two members of the Governing Board of Directors not serving on the Executive Board to submit a list of candidates to serve on the Executive Board. This list will be submitted to the member districts thirty days prior to the third or fourth quarter meeting of the Governing Board of Directors.
- C. Following the installation of the new members at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Board in July, a President, Vice President and Secretary shall be elected by the Executive Board members.

Volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for the March Executive Board election are sought at this meeting.

Appointments to be considered:

Dr. Lea Damisch, Superintendent, Marengo-Union District #165	2023-2027
Dr. Brandon White, Superintendent, Harvard Community Unit School District #50	Un-Expired Term of Dr. Corey Tafoya, 2023-2027
Ms. Tiffany Elswick, Superintendent, Alden- Hebron School District #19	2023-2027



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

For Information

Subject: Executive Director's Annual Report

The Executive Director will present a report on the current state of the Special Education District of McHenry County and engage in a discussion on future trends within the delivery of special education services. The predominant focus of this conversation will be an in-depth discussion on the projected SEDOM of 2035.