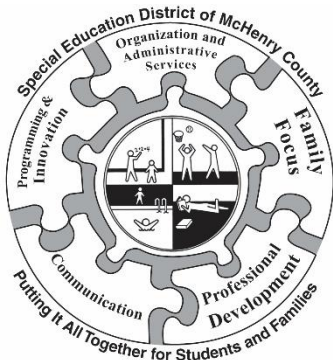




SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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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
Richmond Burton H.S.	157	Mr. Ryan Andrus	P
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Mr. Mathew Erbstoesser	P

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member

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 the 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 Johnsbury 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 of time if no additional IMRF staff members are hired. Dr. Burns mentioned that within 8 years the pension debt would 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