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Superintendent

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, April 25, 2024

CONSENT AGENDA

Regular and amended minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ~ FY25 Recommendation for Re-Employment
- ~ Request for Contracts for 5 educational support personnel (ESP) and 7 licensed staff
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 8 ESP and 1 licensed staff
- ~ Request for leave of absence for 1 licensed staff
- ~ Increase in contract for 1 licensed staff
- ~ Contract renewals for 17 administrative staff
- ~ Contracted staff 4 ESP

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

STARS Student

The Board recognized a student from Ms. Rebecca Tenner's classroom at Laremont School as the April STARS student. This student is a hard-working young adult. She is happy, funny, and has a great sense of humor. She is always cheering others on when working in a group and brings joy to students and staff.

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Mr. Josh Adams, Adapted Physical Education Teacher at Fairhaven School, as April's Employee of the Month. Staff and students refer to Josh as "Coach". Josh coaches and inspires staff and students to be their best. He steps in when needed making sure everyone's needs are met and he provides a positive energy throughout the building.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were two people who spoke at Public Comment.

OLD BUSINESS

FY25 Budget Update

Ms. Peterson provided the Board with updates to the FY25 proposed budget. The Board approved the recommendation by administration to present the proposed budget to the Governing Board at the June 5, 2024 meeting. The final budget for FY25 will be presented at the June 27th Executive Board meeting.

Fairhaven School Gymnasium Floor Bid

The Board approved the contract between SEDOL and Douglas Floor Covering in the amount of \$95,900.00. The tentative start date for this project is July 15 and is expected to be completed by the second week of August. SEDOL and the Board are appreciative of the SEDOL Foundation as they have agreed to cover the funding for this project.

E-Rate and Internet Contract

The Board approved the five-year service agreement between SEDOL and Net56 for high availability internet service and onsite firewalls in the amount of \$21,572.22 each month before taxes. After e-rate reimbursement, the monthly cost will be \$4,314.44 before taxes. This includes a one-time set-up cost of \$4,314.44 after e-rate reimburse and before taxes.

SEDOL Fiscal Forecast Update

Dr. Donnan provided the Board an update on the SEDOL Fiscal Forecast. Information was presented regarding how current SEDOL tuition rates do not cover the amount of program costs and teams are reviewing options to look at ensuring quality programs with equitable fiscal structures.

Additional information was presented on:

- Timeline for modification for FY26 and beyond
- Partnership with True North for professional development
- Statement of Shared Services

The SEDOL financial restructure will take place over multiple years.

Ten-Year Life Safety Survey and Report Contract

The Board approved the contract between SEDOL and GraveDesignGroup in the amount of \$72,365.00 as required by 180.310 of the Health/Safety Code for Public Schools. SEDOL schools included in the agreement are Cyd Lash Academy, Fairhaven School, Gages Lake School, John Powers Center, and Laremont School.

FY23 Audit

Ms. Peterson provided the Board an update on the FY23 audit with Eccezion Consulting. The recommendation was made by Eccezion that a second auditor be brought in to assist in the audit. Both Eccezion and Lauterbach will be available at the May 23rd Board meeting.

Security Camera Bid

The Board approved the contract between SEDOL and Modern Media Tech, LLC in the amount of \$586,990.00 to purchase and install Verkada cloud-based security cameras and system with licensing for ten years. Included in the agreement is the administration building, SEDOL campus, and the SEDOL school buildings. This agreement came in significantly lower than anticipated.

NEW BUSINESS

Extended Agreement for IAES Services

The Board approved a one-year extension of the agreement with Connections Day School to continue to provide the Interim Alternative Educational Setting (IAES) for students requiring 45-day alternative setting and/or an extended evaluation in response to significant behavioral infractions in their home school.

Strategic Plan Update

SES Team #7, Policy, Procedures, and Behavioral Supports, has begun creating an IEP Procedure Manual. This team is also partnering with SES Team #3, Safety and Security, for building behavioral supports.

Resolution to Set Hearing on Interfund Transfer

Ms. Peterson spoke of the need to transfer \$1,500,000.00 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. In order to do this, there are specific criteria that must be met including holding a public hearing to discuss inter transfers. The Board adopted the resolution to set a hearing to discuss the interfund transfer. The hearing will be held on May 23rd at 9:20 a.m., prior to the start of the regular Board meeting.

Proposed Organizational Chart

Dr. Donnan discussed the proposed FY25 SEDOL Organizational Chart.

Tentative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the SSSA

The Board approved Administrations recommendation to present the tentative MOU to the Governing Board at their June 5th meeting. The MOU was reached with the SEDOL Support Staff Association (SSSA) regarding items relating to Extended School Year (ESY) pay and paraprofessional placements in LASSO 3 program.

Project Authorization Exhibit 005

The Board approved Project Authorization 005 which contains modifications, deletions, and additions to the AIA B101-2017, standard form of Agreement between SEDOL and GravesDesignGroup. Projects included in this agreement are the Fairhaven School Gymnasium Floor and the Courtyard Sensory Classroom. Compensation for these projects to GravesDesignGroup is in the amount of 10% of the cost of the work.

Discussion of District Withdrawal Resolution

Dr. Donnan discussed the resolution presented to the SEDOL Board by Mundelein Elementary District 75 and Mundelein High School District 120.

Planning for the June Governing Board Meeting

The Board reviewed a draft agenda for the June 5th Governing Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session to discuss:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

OTHER BUSINESS

Termination Recommendation

The Board approved rescinding the termination of support staff member Ms. Kara Wange and accepted the settlement agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no Committee Reports

PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS

Evidence of Exceptional Services

1. Cyd Lash Academy has been named to partner with the Lake County Health Department as part of the Regional Substance Use and Prevention Integration Center grant. This is in connection with our Community Partnership work and grant to assist in building tier systems of support for students at Cyd Lash Academy.
2. Professional development opportunities continue to be provided to both SEDOL and member districts. District administrators attended a presentation on Infinitic and STAR training was offered to member districts to help build capacity in structured learning.
3. SEDOL celebrates Mia as an Infitec Award Winner for her accomplishments regarding her growth with her assistive technology device.
4. The SEDOL Foundation hosted its annual Heart of Gold Gala. Funds were raised to provide scholarships to support students' participation in summer activities.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no Executive Board Member Comments

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

2023-24 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, May 23, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. *(Cyd Lash Academy Multi-purpose Room)*

Thursday, July 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. *(Cyd Lash Academy Multi-purpose Room)*

2023-24 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.