



**Valerie M. Donnan, Ed.D.**  
*Superintendent*

**Executive Board Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

The Executive Board meeting was structured to allow in person access. The public was required to RSVP by 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 16, 2021. Since there was room, the public was able to join at the time of the meeting without RSVPing.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:
- ~ Request for Contracts for 10 educational support personnel (ESP) and 1 licensed staff
  - ~ Resignations/retirements by 5 ESP and 1 licensed staff

**RECOGNITION**

**STARS Student**

The Board recognized a student from Ms. Ronnie Carbonara's classroom at Woodland Middle School, as the December STARS Student. This is a hard working student who takes her school work seriously but also balances her day by participating as a WMS cheerleader. She is truly a shining star and a wonderful example of the opportunities available to SEDOL students.

**Employee of the Month**

The Board recognized Ms. Jill Mattner, Vision Lead, as the December Employee of the Month. Jill is extremely knowledgeable, passionate about her job and a great leader in her field. She is highly respected by her colleagues and is valued throughout SEDOL as well as our member districts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- There was no Public Comment.
- Ms. Martinez shared a correspondence with the Board received from Renee Hageli, Sector Supervisor, thanking the Executive and Governing Boards for their recognition of all staff, their kindness and support.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**SEDOL Update**

Dr. Donnan updated the board on current enrollment caps and discussed the plans to open a TAB/LASSO 1 primary class at Millburn Elementary after winter break. Ongoing efforts are being utilized to ensure staffing prior to opening expansion classes. Expansion classes are prioritized for opening based on SEDOL Action Request received from member districts. Dr. Donnan also noted the increase in non-member district requests for placement over the past couple of weeks.

**SEDOL Architect Recommendation**

The initial screening team consisting of SEDOL Administrators Dr. Laura Wojcik, Ms. Joyce Loris, Mr. Kevin Saum and Ms. Ann Subry, SEDOL Foundation Director reviewed nine proposals, one was disqualified for not meeting requirements. On December 10, the interview committee consisting of Board Members Dr. Matthew Barbini and Ms. Joanne Osmond along with SEDOL Administrators Dr. Laura Wojcik, Ms. Joyce Loris, and Mr. Kevin Saum interviewed three perspective architects for the SEDOL Architect of Record. The committee recommended Graves Design Group. The Board approved this recommendation.

**FY21 Audit**

Ms. Loris presented the FY21 audit to the Board.

### Fairhaven School Update

Ms. Loris discussed the ventilators that were installed at Fairhaven School in 2019. There have been continual issues and the units have not been fully functional with the software, temperatures, etc. The manufacturer has been contacted multiple times, they have sent techs to assess and repair only to continue having issues. The SEDOL legal team has written the manufacturer requesting a meeting to discuss an extension of the warranty to begin once the units are repaired and without issues.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Snow Removal Agreement

The Board approved the agreement between Mundelein District 75 and SEDOL for snow removal and salt application services to South School for the period November 1, 2021 through November 1, 2025. The total cost for this service will be calculated at \$50 per plow. Sidewalks and entrances to the buildings are not included in this service agreement.

#### Life Safety Report 2021-22

Ms. Loris reviewed the annual Life Safety Report for SEDOL buildings from the Lake County Regional Office of Education. Kevin Saum, Supervisor of Operations has begun corrective action in each building. The citations identified will be easy fixes and can be completed internally.

#### FOIA Request

December 1, 2021- Mr. Angel Tormis, SteepSteel, LLC requested via email copies of all active leases/licenses for cell towers, rooftop antennas, or other wireless installations on property owned or managed by Special Education District of Lake County, Illinois along with 24 months of associated payment histories. On *December 7, 2021 Dr. Wojcik responded electronically to Mr. Tormis that there were no records on file for his request and on December 8, 2021 via US mail.*

### **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.
2. Collective bargaining matters, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
3. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.

### **PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS**

#### Evidence of Exceptional Service

1. The SEDOL Foundation and Fairhaven School supported families during this holiday season by raising funds for holiday gifts.
2. South School Student Leadership Team hosted a student v. staff Pickleball Tournament.
3. Laremont School was excited to receive new equipment from The SEDOL Foundation and ESSER Funds.
4. Gages Lake School hosted a workshop on Least Restrictive Learning Environment and District Considerations When Placing Students with Specialized Service Needs for staff working to increase successful transitions.
5. SEDOL and the SEDOL Foundation were highlighted as keynote speakers for Abbott on International Day of Persons with Disabilities.
6. SEDOL received two donations, one from the Knights of Columbus for Cyd Lash Academy and the second from Greater Lake County USBC for the Laremont/Cyd Lash Academy Outdoor Classroom.
7. SEDOL Sector staff are motivating students with innovative experiences including a pond life simulation.

8. SEDOL received shoes as part of Operation Warm this week from the Gurnee Rotary. Students throughout Lake County will benefit from this donation.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Perrie Kominsky, former SEDOL Speech Pathologist, passed away on November 10, 2021. Ms. Kominsky worked with SEDOL from 2003 – 2016.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Ms. Pahl wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**2021-22 Executive Board Meeting Schedule** *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

- Thursday, January 27, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 24, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 24, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 7, 2022 – 9:30 a.m. *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget Meeting*
- Thursday, April 28, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 26, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 28, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

**2021-22 Governing Board Meeting Schedule** *Gages Lake School Gymnasium*

- Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

**Professional Vacancies Anticipated for 2021-22**

- 1 Anticipated Principal Cyd Lash Academy (7/1/2022)
- 1 Social Worker (part-time Sector) (January 2022)
- 1 Sign Language Interpreter – John Powers Center
- 1 LASSO Itinerant Teacher (part-time) – Administration
- 1 English Teacher – Regional Safe School
- 1 ED Teacher – Gages Lake School
- 1 TAB/LASSO I Teacher – Millburn Elementary
- 1 Vocational Job Coach – Various
- 1 1:1 Nurse (part-time) – Laremont

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