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Co-Interim Superintendents

Executive Board Meeting Summary
Thursday, July 25, 2024

OATH OF OFFICE

Interim Superintendent Hackett administered the oath of office to the following Board Members who were approved by the Governing Board to serve a two-year term expiring in June 2026: Ms. Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member from Gurnee, D56, Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, Grayslake CC D46, and Dr. Donn Mendoza, Superintendent, Round Lake Area Schools D116.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following board designations were made as part of the annual organizational process:

- Board Secretary: Dr. Judy Hackett, Co-Interim Superintendent
- Newspaper: The Daily Herald
- Legal Counsel: Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick and Kohn
- Bank Depository: Associated Bank, Libertyville Bank & Trust, and Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund
- Meeting Schedule: 4th Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. unless a conflict; the complete meeting schedule is provided at end of this summary
- Committee Appointments:

<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Policy</u>	<u>Negotiations</u>
Ms. Carey McHugh, Chair	Dr. Donn Mendoza, Chair	Ms. Joanne Osmond, Chair	Ms. Joanne Osmond, Chair
Dr. Lynn Glickman	Dr. Scott Schwartz	Ms. Carey McHugh	Dr. Lynn Glickman
Ms. Odie Pahl		Dr. Michael Karner	

The Executive Board President and the Superintendent are ex officio members of all committees.

Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ~ Request for Contracts for 15 educational support personnel (ESP) and 3 licensed staff
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 6 ESP and 6 licensed staff
- ~ Request for Leave of Absence by 1 licensed staff
- ~ Contracted 3 licensed staff

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

OLD BUSINESS

Extended School Year (ESY)

Dr. Jimenez-Captain presented the Board with a summary of ESY which ran from June 11th-July 11th with 376 students enrolled. These students continued to work on their IEP goals with positive learning opportunities. The theme this year was the Olympics which allowed the students to learn about and participate in Olympic themed activities. It was a great summer for students and staff.

Exceptional Learning Solutions (ELS) Update

Exceptional Learning Solutions has been engaged to monitor the progress and provide supports for SEDOL following the Special Education Program Review. There have been many discussions within the district about

successful completion of some recommendations and others that are still being addressed. There were 12 categories reviewed during the Special Education Program Review with recommendations included with each. The ELS team provided an update on the 12 categories. They are in the process of establishing several SEDOL priority goals for 24-25 to present in August, aligned to several categories in the review.

NEW BUSINESS

Food Service Contract

The Board approved the one-year food service contract, in the amount of \$285,656.80, between SEDOL and Organic Life, LLC pending State approval.

Student Meal Fees

The Board approved increasing the student breakfast fees from \$1.50 to \$2.00 and the lunch fees from \$3.56 to \$4.00 for the 2024-25 school year.

FY25 School to School Agreement

The Board approved the FY25 School to School Food Service Agreement with Hawthorn School District 73 for the 2024-25 school year.

Psychiatric Consult Agreement

The Board approved the agreement between SEDOL and Psychiatry Studios in the amount of \$252.80 per hour, up to 16 hour per week for approximately 36 weeks.

Annual Student Behavior Committee

Mr. Crowley discussed the Student Behavior Committee and how it aligns with policy *7:190 Student Behavior*. The committee met at the end of May and discussion centered around restraints and seclusion. The use of Ukeru was highlighted and it was noted that there has been a reduction in restraints by 79% across the district.

Return to School Discussion

Mr. Crowley was happy to report that SEDOL will be starting the 2024-25 school year with considerably lower vacancies compared to the past few years. This is in part due to the retention of staff from previous years which is credited to the new on-boarding program and the ability to redirect staff to other positions/locations if their current position is not a good fit.

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. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

OTHER BUSINESS

Request for Non-Member District Placements

1. Lake Zurich School District 95 requested continued placement for one student in the SEDOL DHH Program. The Board approved this request pending the hiring of a 1:1 paraprofessional.
2. Kildeer School District 96 requested continued placement for one student in the SEDOL DHH Program. The Board approved this request pending the hiring of a 1:1 paraprofessional.

PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS

1. Dr. Hackett and Dr. Thomas have been meeting with staff and member district superintendents.
2. SEDOL was recognized by Ukeru for our positive use and training, specifically Gages Lake School.
3. Cyclical Monitoring Cohort Placement 2024-25 through 2029-2030.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Andrea Rouse, new Gages Lake Principal, was introduced.

Ms. Osmond offered congratulations to the Gages Lake School staff noting where they were a couple of years ago, and where they are now.

ADJOURNMENT

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

2024-25 Executive Board Meeting Schedule

SEDOL Office Bay Room

***Cyd Lash Academy Multipurpose Room*

Thursday, July 25, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.**

Thursday, August 22, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.**

Thursday, September 19, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.**

Thursday, October 24, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, November 14, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 19, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 23, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 20, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 3, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. *Special meeting on tentative budget*

Thursday, April 24, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 26, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 24, 2025 - 9:30 a.m.

2024-25 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on Budget at 6:50 p.m.

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.