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Governing Board Meeting Summary Wednesday, August 25, 2021

The Governing Board meeting was structured to allow in-person public seating. Those interested needed to RSVP due to mitigation measures. Since there was room, the public was able to join at the time of the meeting without RSVPing.

BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing on the FY22 final budget was held prior to the start of the regular meeting.

PLEDGE, AGENDA & MINUTES

Following the call to order, roll call and pledge by President McHugh, the Board accepted the agenda and approved the minutes of the meeting held on June 2, 2021 .

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AND INTRODUCTIONS

- A. President McHugh invited Board members and administrators to introduce themselves.
- B. Employee of the Year Paula Katz-Urbe, John Powers Center, Paraprofessional was recognized for the outstanding service she provides to her students and staff.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINAL BUDGET

Mrs. Loris presented a brief overview of the final budget and explained the minimal changes from tentative to final budget. She also stated that the tuition rate only increased by 3%. It was noted that the audit is in its final stages with no concerns. The Board approved the FY22 final budget.

EXTENDED COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH STU

The Board approved a one-year extended collective bargaining agreement with the SEDOL Teachers' Union (STU). Dr. Laura Wojcik, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, presented an overview of the agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was afforded to the general public.
There were no Public Comments.

PROGRAM REPORTS

2021 Extended School Year Program

Mr. Taterka shared that this year's ESY program had 293 students participate which was an increase from last year. This year's theme was the Olympics which staff and students enjoyed incorporating into their lesson plans. The overall positive energy of having the kids back in the buildings was a positive for all.

District Update

Dr. Donnan provided an update regarding the plan implemented for the return to school and mitigation strategies focused on keeping students and staff safe with full in-person return. The plan was enacted and changes can be made as needed. Dr. Donnan thanked the Governing Board for their support including SEDOL facilities to be able to welcome students in person with increased mitigation measures.

The following are the plans in place used for returning to school:

- All in person
- Remote when a student is placed on quarantine per IDPH guidance.
- Teacher's will continue to live stream classrooms for those students who are remote.
- SEDOL is working with member district for students who are unable to attend in person due to medical conditions.

The following continue to be the layered mitigation strategies in place:

- SEDOL students/staff will continue to wear masks
- Social distancing
- Illness testing
- Continue to promote vaccination
- Hand and respiratory health
- Ventilation
- Cleaning and disinfecting
- Encouraging sick individuals to stay home

Dr. Donnan praised SEDOL staff for their ability to consistently pivot for the needs of our students.

OPEN FORUM

No comments received.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other items to discuss, the Board acted to adjourn the meeting.

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

- Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, October 28, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, November 11, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, December 16, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- 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.
- 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.

Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget Meeting

2021-22 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 2, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 1, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.