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Superintendent

Governing Board Meeting Summary Wednesday, June 5, 2024

PLEDGE AND AGENDA

Following the Call to Order/Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance by Superintendent Donnan, the Board accepted the amended agenda.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & MINUTES

The Governing Board appointed Ms. Joanne Osmond (Lake Villa #41) to serve a one-year term as Governing Board President and Dr. Stephen Mack (Community Consolidated #46) to serve another one-year term as Governing Board Secretary. The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on March 6, 2024 and the amended minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Student Recognition

Dr. Valerie Donnan presented a student from Laremont School who received the 2024 Outstanding Student Technology Award at the April 18th UCP Sequin Infinitec Assistive Technology Coalition Dinner.

Service to Governing Board

The Governing Board recognized Ms. Carey McHugh, Governing Board President, D118, as she stepped down from serving as Board President. Ms. McHugh has served as Secretary of the Governing Board from June 2013 to June 2015 and President of the Governing Board from June 2015 through June 2024.

Superintendent Retirement

The Governing Board recognized Dr. Valerie Donnan, SEDOL Superintendent who is retiring June 30, 2024. Dr. Donnan has served SEDOL since July 2018 as Superintendent and from August, 2003 to June 2012 as a teacher, lead teacher, and Sector Supervisor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIONS

Executive Board Member Appointments

The following members were reappointed to serve another two-year term:

- Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent, Grayslake CC District 46
- Dr. Donn Mendoza, Superintendent, Round Lake Area School District 116
- Odie Pahl, Governing Board Member, Gurnee Grade School District 56
- Open, Governing Board Member

The Board approved Dr. Glickman, Dr. Mendoza, and Ms. Pahl to serve another two-year term. They will serve another two-year term expiring in June 2026.

Delegation of Executive Board Authorities

The Governing Board approved the delegation of authorities to the Executive Board for FY25 as delineated in policy 2:38.

Establish Meeting Dates

The Board approved the following meeting dates for the 2024-25 school year: August 7, 2024; December 4, 2024; March 5, 2025; and June 4, 2025.

PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET

Dr. Valerie Donnan provided an overview of the FY25 tentative budget, which includes: a 5% increase in tuition rates across the board; decrease in enrollment and staffing; a 5% increase in O & M funds to include the Facilities and Technology Plans; and Future Capital Projects.

The Governing Board approved the tentative budget for FY25 and to schedule a public hearing on the final budget for 6:50 p.m. on August 7, 2024. The Governing Board will be asked to approve the final budget that same evening.

SEDOL FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE

Mr. Matthew Crowley presented on the fiscal restructuring work being completed by various stake holders. His presentation focused on two subcommittees, Shared Services and Tuition Reset. These committees are looking at current tuition costs and services and how they align to all or to some of our students. The committees are focused on utilizing funds for all districts to benefit while reviewing actual costs (staff/program costs) to provide services. Four options were discussed and will be broke down into more detail at a meeting on June 13th at which Member District Superintendents and Business Managers have been asked to attend. SEDOL is not looking to change services provided to our students, but how these services are funded. This meeting will allow member district input into future funding for SEDOL.

TENTATIVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Dr. Laura Wojcik, SEDOL Board Negotiating Team, presented an overview of the MOU that 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. The Board approved the MOU.

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT WITHDRAWL RESOLUTION

Dr. Valerie Donnan reminded the Board to follow the information that was outlined in the official letter they received from SEDOL acknowledging the request by District 75 and 120 to withdraw from SEDOL. She also recommended that each district consult with their legal counsel.

OPEN FORUM

Shawn Killackey, D79 requested a follow-up report from ELS from their latest visits. Cynthia Collins, D117 questioned payroll concerns and what steps are being taken to correct. Dr. Donnan informed the Board of three new programs that will be implemented in the next year to help alleviate issues in the HR and Business Department. 1. Skyward (HR and Business management) 2. Automated time sheet system for ESY, 3. Red Rover (staff timesheets, staff absence management, new payroll process) 4. PowerSchool (student software and cloud-based management).

ADJOURNMENT

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

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2023-24 Executive Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.- Cyd Lash Academy
Thursday, July 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.- Cyd Lash Academy

2024-25 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 7:00 p.m. *Public Hearing on Budget at 6:30 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.