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Superintendent

SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

June 5, 2024

Call to Order

At 7:01 p.m., a quorum being present, Superintendent Donnan called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at Gages Lake School in Gages Lake, Illinois. The following Executive Board members were in attendance: Ms. Joanne Osmond, Ms. Carey McHugh, Ms. Odie Pahl. Dr. Michael Karner.

ROLL CALL

Governing Board Members Present

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| Mr. Alberto Segura, D1 | Mr. Michael Engle, D73 |
| Ms. Anne Fuson, D3 | Mr. Eric Billittier, D75 |
| Mr. Wesley Walker, D6- alternate | Mr. David Becker, D76 |
| Mr. Peter Pettorini, D24- alternate | Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79 |
| Ms. Heather Devine, D33 | Mr. Justin Parker, D102 |
| Mr. Josh Cornwell, D34 | Ms. Peg Larson, D116 |
| Ms. Sarah Ives-Brezinski, D37 | Ms. Cynthia Collins, D117 |
| Ms. Vivian Kueter, D38 | Ms. Carey McHugh, D118 |
| Ms. Joanne Osmond, D41 | Ms. Laura Mellon, D120 |
| Ms. Odie Pahl, D56 | Ms. Kathy Kusiak, D124 |
| Ms. Emily Savino, D68 | Ms. Liz Wiczer, D127 |
| Ms. Angela Balanag, D70- alternate | Ms. Cara Benjamin, D128 |

Governing Board Members Absent

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| Ms. Denise Quezada, D36 | Mr. Tony DeMonte, D121 |
| Dr. Stephen Mack, D46 | Ms. Patricia Stephen, D126 |
| Ms. Gari Matsey, D50 | Open Seat, D187 |
| Ms. Rita Benavides, D72 | |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Donnan asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDED AGENDA

Motion to Accept Amended Agenda

Mr. Michael Engle, D73 moved the amended agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Ms. Carey McHugh, D118.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 117, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS

The Governing Board approved recommendation from the Nominating Committee for Ms. Joanne Osmond (Lake Villa D41) be appointed to serve a one-year term as Governing Board President and Dr. Stephen Mack (Community Consolidated D46) be reappointed to serve another one-year term as Governing Board Secretary.

Motion to Elect Officers

Ms. Carey McHugh, D118, moved approval of the Nominating Committee’s recommendation as presented; seconded by Ms. Liz Wiczer, D127.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 117, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve Minutes

Mr. David Becker, D76, moved the public session minutes from the March 6, 2024 meeting and the amended minutes from the December 6, 2023 meeting be approved as presented; seconded by Mr. Alberto Segura, D1.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 117, 118, 120, 127, 128
	Nays:	None
	Abstain:	116, 124
	Absent:	Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

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

A. 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.

Motion to Appoint Executive Board Members

Ms. Heather Devine, D33, moved approval of the Nominating Committee’s recommendations as presented; seconded by Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 117, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

B. Delegation of Executive Board Authorities

The Governing Board delegated Executive Board authorities for FY25. The authorities are delineated in Governing Board Policy 2:38.

Motion to Approve Delegation of Authorities

Ms. Liz Wiczer, D127, moved approval of the delegation of authorities as presented; seconded by Michael Engle, D73.

<u>VOICE VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 117, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

C. Appointment of Treasurer 2024-25

This agenda item will be added to the August meeting agenda.

D. Establish Meeting Dates

The Governing Board was asked to establish meeting dates for the 2024-25 school year. Suggested meeting dates were:

Wednesday, August 7, 2024	Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Wednesday, December 4, 2024	Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Motion to Establish Meeting Dates

Mr. David Becker, D76, moved approval of the meeting schedule as recommended; seconded by Ms. Emily Savino, D68.

VOICE VOTE: Ayes: Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 117, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
Nays: None
Absent: Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

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.

Motion to Approve Tentative Budget

Ms. Carey McHugh, D118, moved approval of the tentative budget recommendations as presented; seconded by Ms. Cynthia Collins, D117.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 117, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
Nays: None
Absent: Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

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 (MOU) WITH THE SSSA

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.

Motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding

Ms. Cynthia Collins, D117, moved approval of the MOU with the SEDOL Support Staff Association and the SEDOL Board as presented; seconded by Ms. Emily Savino, D68.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Districts 1, 3, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 38, 41, 56, 68, 70, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 117, 118, 120, 124, 127, 128
Nays: None
Absent: Districts 36, 46, 50, 72, 121, 126, 187

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION OF DISTRICT WITHDRAWAL 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

- Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79 requested a follow-up report from ELS from their latest visits.
- Ms. 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 meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sara Martinez
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

_____, Ms. Joanne Osmond, President of the Board

_____, Dr. Stephen Mack, Secretary of the Board