

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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Superintendent

SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

June 7, 2023

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m., a quorum being present, Superintendent Donnan called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at Gages Lake School in Gages Lake, Illinois. The following Executive Board members were in attendance: Dr. Jason Lind and Ms. Odie Pahl.

ROLL CALL

Governing Board Members Present

Mr. Alberto Segura, D1	Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79
Ms. Denise Lear, Dist. D6	Mr. Justin Parker, D102
Mr. Fred Skeppstrom, D24 – left at 7:45	Mr. Michael Francisco, D116 – alternate
Ms. Heather Devine, D33	Ms. Cynthia Collins, D117
Ms. Angie Baronello, D34	Ms. Kimberly Miller, D118 – alternate
Ms. Sarah Ives-Brezinski, D37	Ms. Laura Mellon, D120 – alternate
Dr. Stephen Mack, D46	Mr. Tony DeMonte, D121
Ms. Gari Matsey, D50	Ms. Kathy Kusiak, D124
Ms. Odie Pahl, D56	Ms. Patricia Stephen, D126
Mr. Michael Engle, D73	Ms. Liz Wiczer, D127
Mr. Eric Billittier, D75	Ms. Cara Benjamin, D128
Mr. David Becker, D76	Ms. Dora King, D187

Governing Board Members Absent

Ms. Marsha White, D3	Ms. Emily Savino, D68
Ms. Denise Quezada, D36	Open Seat, D70
Ms. Vivian Kueter, D38	Ms. Rita Benavides, D72
Ms. Joanne Osmaond, D41	

PRESIDENT PRO TEM

Motion to Elect President Pro Tem

Ms. Kimberly Miller, D118, moved Secretary Dr. Stephen Mack, D46, serve as President Pro Tem; seconded by Ms. Odie Pahl, D56.

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

MOTION CARRIED

In President McHugh's absence, the Board approved Secretary Dr. Stephen Mack, D46, to serve as President Pro Tem for the meeting.

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

Ms. Denise Lear, D6 moved the amended agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Mr. Michael Francisco, D116.

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

MOTION CARRIED

ELECTION OF GOVERNING BOARD OFFICERS

The Governing Board approved recommendation from the Nominating Committee for Ms. Carey McHugh (Wauconda D118) to be reappointed to serve another 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

Mr. Mike Engle, D73, moved approval of the Nominating Committee's recommendation as presented; seconded by Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79.

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

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to Approve Minutes

Ms. Denise Lear, D6, moved the regular minutes of March 1, 2023 be approved as presented; seconded by Ms. Kathy Kusiak, D124.

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

MOTION CARRIED

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Student Recognition

The Governing Board recognized a District 187 student from Laremont School who was selected by UCP Sequin Infinitic Assistive Technology Coalition Center and on April 20th received the 2023 Outstanding Student Technology Award.

Service to the Executive Board

The Governing Board recognized Dr. Christine Sefcik, Superintendent of Grant High School District D124, who is stepping down from the Executive Board. Dr. Sefcik has served on the Executive Board since June 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was afforded to the general public. There were two people who submitted and spoke for Public Comment.

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIONS

Executive Board Member Appointments

The terms of four Executive Board members expire in June and there is an open seat:

- Dr. Jason Lind, Superintendent Millburn District #24
- Joanne Osmond, Governing Board Member, Lake Villa District #41
- Carey McHugh, Governing Board Member, Wauconda District #118
- Christine Sefcik, Superintendent, Grant High School District #124
- Open, Governing Board Member

Dr. Lind, Ms. Osmond, and Ms. McHugh would like to serve another two-year term, and the Executive Board Nominating Committee recommends they be reappointed. They would serve a two-year term expiring in June 2025. Dr. Sefcik will be stepping down from the Board leaving a vacant seat to be filled by a member district Superintendent. Dr. Sefcik’s replacement would serve a two-year term expiring in June 2025.

Motion to Appoint Executive Board Members

Mr. Fred Skeppstrom, D24, moved approval of the Nominating Committee’s recommendations as presented; seconded by Mr. Michael Francisco, D116.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Delegation of Executive Board Authorities

The Governing Board delegated Executive Board authorities for FY24. The authorities are delineated in Governing Board Policy 2:38.

Motion to Approve Delegation of Authorities

Mr. Mike Engle, D73, moved approval of the delegation of authorities as presented; seconded by Ms. Angie Baronello, D34.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Appointment of Treasurer 2023-24

Ms. Suzana Peterson, Director of Business was approved to serve as treasurer for the district.

Motion to Appoint Treasurer

Ms. Cara Benjamin, D128, moved Ms. Suzana Peterson serve as treasurer for the district; seconded by Ms. Patricia Stephen, D126.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Establish Meeting Dates

The Governing Board was asked to establish meeting dates for the 2023-24 school year. Suggested meeting dates were:

Wednesday, August 23, 2023	Wednesday, March 6, 2024
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Motion to Establish Meeting Dates

Mr. Shawn Killackey, D79, moved approval of the meeting schedule as recommended; seconded by Ms. Sarah Ives-Brezinski, D37.

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

MOTION CARRIED

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH SSSA

Dr. Wojcik of the SEDOL Board Negotiations Team presented a detailed overview outlining the proposed 3-year contract between the SEDOL Support Staff Association (SSSA) and the SEDOL Board. The Board approved the new contract which will start with the 2023-24 school year.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Mr. Michael Francisco, D116, moved approval of the proposed 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the SEDOL Support Staff Association and the SEDOL Board to begin with the 2023-24 school year as presented; seconded by Mr. Mike Engel, D73.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Ayes:	Districts 1, 6, 24, 33, 34, 37, 46, 50, 56, 73, 75, 76, 79, 102, 116, 118, 120, 121, 124, 126, 127, 128, 187
	Nays:	District: 117
	Absent:	Districts 3, 36, 38, 41, 68, 70, 72

MOTION CARRIED

PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET

Dr. Valerie Donnan, Ms. Joyce Loris, Dr. Laura Wojcik, and Ms. Suzana Peterson provided an overview of the FY24 tentative budget, which includes: (1) a 5% increase in tuition rates across the board; (2) decrease in enrollment and staffing; (3) a 5% increase in O & M funds to include the Facilities and Technology Plans; and (4) Future Capital Projects.

The Governing Board approved the tentative budget for FY24 and to schedule a public hearing on the final budget for 6:30 p.m. on August 23, 2023. The Governing Board will be asked to approve the final budget that same evening.

Motion to Approve Tentative Budget

Ms. Cynthia Collins, D117, moved approval of the tentative budget recommendations as presented; seconded by Ms. Gari Matsey, D50.

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

MOTION CARRIED

OPEN FORUM

President Pro Tem Mack encouraged the Board to suggest agenda items for the next meeting and invited comments. He also reminded the Board of the next meeting on August 23, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Michael Francisco, D116, moved the meeting be adjourned; seconded by Ms. Denise Lear, D6.

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

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted by,

Sara Martinez
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

_____, Ms. Carey McHugh, President of the Board

_____, Dr. Stephen Mack, Secretary of the Board