

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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***Important Reminder: Board Members, if you cannot attend,
please send an alternate to the meeting.***

SEDOL Governing Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Place: Gages Lake School Community Room
18180 W. Gages Lake Road
Gages Lake, Illinois

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL (Ms. McHugh)
Once a quorum is present, President McHugh will call the meeting to order.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Ms. McHugh)
- III. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA — ***ACTION NEEDED*** (Ms. McHugh)
Motion to Accept/Amend Agenda — *VOICE VOTE*
Move the agenda be accepted/amended as presented/recommended.
- IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — ***ACTION NEEDED*** (Ms. McHugh)
Public session minutes from the August 23, 2023 meeting are included in the Board member electronic agenda packet.
Motion to Approve Minutes — *ROLL CALL VOTE*
Move approval of the minutes as presented.
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Ms. McHugh)
President McHugh will recognize any visitors at the meeting. The Governing Board is always interested in hearing from anyone who has a concern or issue regarding SEDOL programs and services. In order to ensure that everyone is heard, and at the same time, conduct the meeting properly and efficiently, those wishing to address the Board are asked to observe the following guidelines.

1. Sign in at the meeting and complete the Public Comment Information Form.
2. Address the Board at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
3. State your name and address for the record.
4. Comments should be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. The Board President may deny a person the opportunity to speak for more than 5 minutes. The President may also deny such opportunity to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.
5. Groups attending Board meetings are requested to appoint a spokesperson, if possible. The spokesperson should identify the group he/she represents and then briefly explain the concerns shared by the group. The Board President reserves the right to terminate a speaker's comments if they are repetitive or redundant.
6. Comments made during open session should not pertain to individual students or employees. Concerns regarding a specific student or employee should be presented in closed session.
7. The Board President or other presiding officer shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual addressing the Board under public comment and to determine procedural matters regarding public comment not otherwise defined in Board policy.

VI. OATH OF OFFICE TO MEMBERS – (Ms. McHugh)

The oath of office is as follows:

I, (name), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Special Education District of Lake County, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further affirm that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting;

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels;

As part of the Board of Education, I shall accept the responsibility for my role in the equitable and quality education of every student in the School District;

I shall foster with the Board extensive participation of the community, formulate goals, define outcomes, and set the course for SEDOL;

I shall assist in establishing a structure and an environment designed to ensure all students have the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework;

I shall strive to ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children, in compliance with State law;

I shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community's schools to advance the vision for SEDOL; and

I shall strive to work together with the District Superintendent to lead the School District toward fulfilling the vision the Board has created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills, knowledge, citizenship, and personal development.

VII. PROGRAM REPORTS – **INFORMATIONAL** (Dr. Donnan)

SEDOL Administration will update the Governing Board on Strategic Planning, SES team updates and SEDOL financial planning for the future.

VIII. SEDOL 2015B UPDATE – **INFORMATIONAL** (Ms. Peterson)

IX. PARA LIAISON MOU – **ACTION NEEDED** (Dr. Wojcik)

The Board Negotiations Team will provide a brief overview of the tentative agreement reached with the SEDOL Support Staff Association regarding the creation and compensation relating to the newly-created Paraprofessional Liaison position. The Executive Board recommends Governing Board approval of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Motion to Approve MOU — ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the Paraprofessional Liaison Memorandum of Understanding as presented.

X. OPEN FORUM — **INFORMATIONAL** (Ms. McHugh)

Governing Board members are encouraged to suggest agenda items for the next regular meeting. Governing Board members are invited to make whatever comments they feel appropriate.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – **ACTION NEEDED** (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Adjourn — VOICE VOTE

Move the Board adjourn

:sm Enclosures

2023-24 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 15, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 4, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget

Thursday, April 25, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 23, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 27, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.

2023-24 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.