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Governing Board Meeting Summary Wednesday, June 2, 2021

The Governing Board meeting was structured to allow in-person public seating. Those interested needed to RSVP due to mitigation measures.

PLEDGE AND AGENDA

Following the call to order, roll call and pledge by Superintendent Donnan, the Board accepted the agenda.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & MINUTES

The Governing Board appointed Mrs. Carey McHugh (Wauconda #118) to serve another 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 3, 2021.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mrs. Donnan presented a video on a student from Laremont School who was selected by UCP Sequin Infinitec Assistive Technology Coalition Center and on April 22nd received the 2021 Outstanding Student Technology Award.

Mrs. Donnan acknowledged the dedicated service of Dr. Julie Brua, Superintendent of Gavin District #37, who is retiring at the end of the school year. Dr. Brua served on the Executive Board since June 2020.

Mrs. Donnan acknowledged the dedicated service of Mrs. Roycealee Wood, Regional Office of Education, Superintendent who resigned on April 1, 2021. Mrs. Wood served on the Executive Board since July 2003.

Mrs. Donnan introduced Dr. Michael Karner to the Board. On April 27, 2021 the Lake County Board appointed Dr. Karner as the new Regional Superintendent of Schools. He will serve on the SEDOL Executive Board.

ANNUAL MEETING ACTIONS:

Executive Board Member Appointments

The following members were reappointed to serve another two-year term: Dr. Christine Sefcik, Superintendent, Grant HS D124; Dr. Jason Lind, Superintendent, Millburn D24; and Mrs. Joanne Osmond, Governing Board Member, Lake Villa D41. All will serve a two-year term expiring in June 2023. The Board also appointed Dr. Matthew Barbini, Superintendent, Libertyville D70 to replace Dr. Julie Brua, Superintendent, Gavin D37 who is retiring. Dr. Barbini will serve the remaining 1-year of a two-year term expiring in June 2022. There is one open Governing Board member chair that will expire in June 2023.

Delegation of Executive Board Authorities

The Governing Board approved the delegation of authorities to the Executive Board for FY22 as delineated in policy 2:38.

Appointment of Treasurer

The Board approved Mrs. Joyce Loris, Director of Business, to serve as treasurer for the 2021-22 school year.

Establish Meeting Dates

The Board approved the following meeting dates for the 2021-22 school year: August 25, 2021; December 1, 2021; March 2, 2022; and June 1, 2022.

PRESENTATION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET

Ms. Watson and Mrs. Donnan provided an overview of the FY22 tentative budget, which includes: (1) a 3% increase in tuition rates across the board; (2) the continued realignment of special needs paraprofessionals to regular classroom paraprofessionals; (3) decrease in enrollment and staffing (4) a transfer of funds from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund in order to cover the 20% that ISBE does not reimburse; (5) the change in IDEA funding (6) O & M funds to increase 5% and (7) Capital Projects to include possible addition of playground at Fairhaven School, replacement of South School gym floor, and carpet/tile replacement at Cyd Lash Academy.

The Governing Board approved the tentative budget for FY22 and to schedule a public hearing on the final budget for 6:30 p.m. on August 25. The Governing Board will be asked to approve the final budget that same evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

OPEN FORUM

Ms. McHugh reminded the Board that a chair still remains open on the Executive Board for a Governing Board member. If interested, please contact Mrs. McHugh, Val Donnan or Sara Martinez for more information.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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2020-21 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

2021-22 Governing Board Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Wednesday, June 1, 2022