



**Valerie M. Donnan, M.Ed.**  
*Superintendent*

**Executive Board Meeting Summary**  
**Thursday, September 17, 2020**

The Executive Board meeting was structured to allow public viewing and public comment via webinar due to the Governor's Emergency Proclamation. Registration was through the link provided and up to the start of the webinar. The public was able to register for public comment until 8:30 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Minutes, policies and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- ~ Request for Contracts for 1 educational support personnel (ESP) and 3 licensed staff
- ~ Resignations/retirements by 5 ESP and 5 licensed staff
- ~ Request for Leave of Absence by 1 licensed staff

**RECOGNITION**

STARS Student

The Board recognized a student from Ms. Merkel's classroom at Laremont School, as the STARS Student for September. This student was recognized for his willingness to participate every day and by how quickly he has adjusted to remote learning. He is a great student, ambitious, and a joy to have in class.

Employee of the Month

The Board recognized Angel O'Rourke, Teacher at John Powers Center, as September's Employee of the Month. Angel is an outstanding teacher and offers endless support to students and staff. She was instrumental in obtaining a curriculum program for the DHH students. She is an invaluable employee with many great accomplishments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Construction Update

Mr. Ken Frank, Signature Development, updated the Board on Fairhaven School. Two of the unit ventilators are not working properly, the manufacturer is ordering parts and will repair. The final walk through went well. Mr. Frank is also looking into installing bollards along the sidewalk/grass area of the north and east sides of the building. He is also working with LAMP to reconcile final numbers for change order.

Ms. Watson updated the Board on other SEDOL construction projects.

John Powers Center rooftop unit installation has been completed. D73 construction continues.

Laremont School outdoor shading project will begin at the end of September or the beginning of October.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fairhaven Project Change Order

This item was pulled and will be an agenda item for the October 22, 2020 Board meeting.

Sale of Fixed Assets

Laremont has a surplus of student cube chairs not being used or anticipated to be used in the future. These will be donated to Laremont families.

E-Learning Approval

Mrs. Donnan reviewed the e-Learning/Distance Learning Plan with the Board. The plan meets all State specifications. This will be voted on at the October meeting then forwarded for approval to the Regional office of Education. The e-Learning/Distance Learning plan will be in effect for three years starting with the 2020-21 school year. A notice will be posted/published of a public hearing scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020, in the Bay room at the SEDOL Administration building or a remote meeting, if necessary.

### Policy Revisions

Changes to the following policies were reviewed by the Board and will be presented for second reading/ approval at the October meeting. Most of these changes were due to Title IX.

- 2:220 Executive Board Meeting Procedure
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 2:265 Title IX Harassment Grievance Procedure
- 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness: Management; and Recovery
- 05:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 05:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:100 Staff Development Program
- 07:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:190 Student Behavior
- 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security

### Extended Agreement for IAES Services

Administration recommended approval of a one-year extension of the agreement with Connections Day School to continue to provide the Interim Alternative Educational Setting (IAES) for students requiring a 45-day alternative setting and/or an extended case study evaluation in response to significant behavioral infractions in their home school. The Board approved the extension.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was afforded to the general public via the web-conference registration link. There was no public comment.

### CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered into closed session to discuss:

- Collective bargaining matters, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and to consider individual student matters – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

### OTHER BUSINESS

Settlement Agreement

The Board approved the settlement agreement.

### PROGRAM/SCHOOL REPORTS

#### Announcements / Wins

1. Fairhaven School held its ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, August 31. Board members received a tour of the building. District 76 Board members had a walk-through on September 15 and were quite impressed with the updates and changes to the building.
2. Three students from Cyd Lash Academy started at tech campus in August. This is the most students we have had at tech in the last 10 years.
3. Students and parents have been connecting virtually through pictures/links for innovative ideas from SEDOL staff.
4. Across the District there has been an increase in student and parent participation as staff work to improve organizational systems.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

Dr. Sefcik offered many thanks to administration, faculty, and staff for a great job to the start of the new school year. A lot of hard work has gone into setting up the this year and it does not go unnoticed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no other items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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

- Thursday, October 22, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, November 12, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, December 17, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, January 28, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, April 8, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.     *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget*
- Thursday, April 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 24, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 22, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.

**2020-21 Governing Board Meeting Schedule**

- Wednesday, December 2, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 3, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 2, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

**Professional Vacancies Anticipated for 2020-21**

- 1 School Social Worker (Gages Lake School)
- 2 Emotional/Behavioral Needs Teacher (Gages Lake School)
- 1 Emotional/Behavioral Needs Teacher (South School)
- 1 EC (part-time) (Fairhaven School)
- 1 Transition Teacher (John Powers Center)
- 1 LASSO I Teacher (Millburn)
- 2 LASSO Autistic Teacher (Fairhaven School)
- 1 Substitute Teacher (Various)