

# **SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY**

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## Minutes

### **SEDOL GOVERNING BOARD**

September 2, 2009

#### **Call to Order**

At 7:03 p.m., a quorum being present, President Jim Harms called the meeting of the SEDOL Governing Board to order on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at Laremont School in Gages Lake, Illinois. Executive Board members in attendance were: Dan Coles, Sue Facklam, Diane Hanson, Ben Martindale, Joanne Osmond, Scott Thompson, and Rick Taylor.

#### **Governing Board Members Present**

Ms. Syndy Nugent, Dist. #1	Mr. Jose Lozada, Dist. #76
Ms. Marge Taylor, Dist. #6	Mr. Art Weller, Dist. #79
Mr. Ken Dewitt, Dist. #24	Mr. John Kroph, Dist. #95
Ms. Diane McMahon, Dist. #34	Mr. Steve Lefar, Dist. #102
Ms. Diane Hanson, Dist. #37	Ms. Sherri Thomas, Dist. #103
Ms. Joanne Osmond, Dist. #41	Mr. Jim Harms, Dist. #114
Ms. Sue Facklam, Dist. #46	Ms. Carey McHugh, Dist. #118
Mr. Bruce Bohren, Dist. #50	Ms. Vicky Kennedy, Dist. #120
Mr. Tim Roegner, Dist. #56	Mr. Rich Conley, Dist. #121
Ms. Beth Marhenke, Dist. #68	Ms. Christina McCullough, Dist. #126
Mr. Chris Kennedy, Dist. #70	Ms. Ann Dingman, Dist. #127
Ms. Julie Weiler, Dist. #73	Ms. Karin Lundstedt, Dist. #128

#### **Governing Board Members Absent**

Mr. Jose Olvera, Dist. #3	Mr. John Rouleau, Dist. #96
Ms. Jackie Zogran, Dist. #33	Mr. Guy Finley, Dist. #116
Ms. Ellen Ipsen, Dist. #36	Ms. Sandy Jacobs, Dist. #117
Ms. Vivian Kueter, Dist. #38	Mr. Paul LaRoche, Dist. #124
Mr. Keith Gray, Dist. #72	Ms. Lori Lyman, Dist. #125
Mr. Kevin Holly, Dist. #75	Vacant Seat, Dist. #187

**PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET**

A public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2009-10 school year was held prior to the Governing Board meeting. Governing Board President Jim Harms called the hearing to order at 6:35 p.m.; the hearing was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Harms asked everyone to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

President Harms requested the agenda be amended to add Item C "Parent Advisory Board" under Recognitions and Introductions.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Mr. Art Weller, District #79, moved the agenda be amended as requested; seconded by Mrs. Vicky Kennedy, District #120.

VOICE VOTE:            MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Harms asked if anyone from the public wished to address the Governing Board. There was no response.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Harms noted that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 28, 2009, were mailed with the agenda for the September meeting and entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion to Approve Minutes

Mrs. Vicky Kennedy, District #120, moved the minutes of May 28, 2009, be approved as presented; seconded by Mrs. Carey McHugh, District #118.

VOICE VOTE:            MOTION CARRIED.

**RECOGNITIONS AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Members and Administrators: President Harms asked new Board members to introduce themselves. Dr. Delp read the names of the new superintendents and coordinators.

Employee of the Year: The Board recognized the co-employees of the 2008-09 school year Jenny Gunther, Speech Pathologist, and Terri Jaske, Assistant Lead Teacher.

Parent Advisory Board: Ms. Peggy Lynch, Director of Human Resources, introduced Andrea Damenti, Co-President of the Parent Advisory Board. Mrs. Damenti provided a brief overview of the purpose of the Parent Advisory Board, their accomplishments and the issues being addressed by the Board.

### **POLICY REVISION**

Proposed revisions to Governing Board Policy 2:80 “Governing Board Member Code of Conduct,” were presented for first reading at the May meeting. The revised policy was presented again for second reading and Board approval.

Motion to Approve Policy Revisions

Mr. Ken Dewitt, District #24, moved approval of the revised policy as presented; seconded by Mrs. Beth Marhenke, District #68.

VOICE VOTE:            MOTION CARRIED.

### **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH STU**

The Executive Board recommended Governing Board approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between SEDOL and The SEDOL Teachers’ Union (copy attached) regarding the ECAT work year. The change was recommended in order to clarify the work schedule for ECAT staff who are members of the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion to Approve Agreement

Mr. Chris Kennedy, District #70, moved approval of the Memorandum of Agreement with the SEDOL Teachers’ Union as presented; seconded by Mrs. Ann Dingman, District #127.

VOICE VOTE:            MOTION CARRIED.

### **PRESENTATION OF FINAL BUDGET**

Dr. Ben Martindale, Chair of the Executive Board Finance Committee, provided a brief overview of some of the changes between the tentative budget approved in May and the final budget being presented for approval. On behalf of the Executive Board, Dr. Martindale recommended approval of the budget recommendations as follows:

1. that for final budget purposes, total expenditures in the Education Fund for FY 10 be set at \$67,811,095 and that those expenditures be offset by tuition, district contractual and grant revenue, leaving a fund balance of \$1,020,390; and

2. that total expenditures in the Operations and Maintenance budget be set at \$3,703,711; in the Transportation budget at \$1,256,320; in the Bond and Interest budget at \$2,222,999; in the Capital Projects Fund at \$23,770,590; and in the IMRF budget at \$3,000,000.

Motion to Approve Final Budget

Mr. Ken Dewitt, District #24, moved approval of the final budget and Executive Board recommendations as presented; seconded by Mr. Jose Lozada, District #76.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes:	Districts #1, #6, #24, #34, #37, #41, #46, #50, #68, #73, #76, #79, #102, #103, #114, #118, #120, #121, #126, #127, #128
Nayes:	District #70
Present:	District #95
Absent:	Districts #3, #33, #36, #38, #56, #72, #75, #96, #116, #117, #124, #125, #187

MOTION CARRIED.

**PROGRAM REPORTS**

Update on Construction

Sally Potter School: Dr. Delp reported that the December Governing Board meeting would be held at the new Sally Potter School. Mr. Mark Jolicoeur of Perkins and Will Architects and Mr. Bill Bennett of Pepper Construction provided an update on the new Sally Potter School at Lake Forest High School's West Campus.

Laremont School: Mr. Ken Frank of Signature Development Corporation, Mr. Chuck Polich of IHC and Mr. John Maller of Ruck Pate were in attendance to report on the construction of the new Laremont School.

Executive Board Vacancy: Dr. Delp reminded Governing Board members that a Governing Board member was still needed to fill the vacant seat on the Executive Board.

Report on 2009 Extended School Year Program: Mrs. Frost reported on the summer school program.

Small Group Discussion: At approximately 7:50 p.m., Governing Board members were divided into three groups. Each group heard presentations on and discussed the following topics:

1. Planning for Upcoming Meetings / 2008-09 Survey
2. ARRA Stimulus Update
3. Audiology Presentation

Respectfully submitted by,

Doris Marcinkus  
Recording Secretary

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_, President of the Board

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## Executive Board Meeting Summary Thursday, October 22, 2009

**Oath of Office to New Member:** The Oath of Office was administered to Mrs. Ann Dingman, Governing Board member from Grayslake High School District #127, who was appointed by Governing Board President Jim Harms to fill the vacant seat on the Executive Board.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- ☺☺☺ Contracts for 7 educational support personnel and 2 certificated staff
- ☺☺☺ Resignations by 2 educational support personnel
- ☺☺☺ Request for leave/extension by 1 educational support personnel
- ☺☺☺ Increase of contract time for 1 educational support personnel
- ☺☺☺ Reduction of contract time for 1 educational support personnel
- ☺☺☺ Vacancies for the 2009-10 school year were presented. The vacancy list is posted on the SEDOL website at [www.sedol.us](http://www.sedol.us); just click on "Employment".

### **Recognitions**

**Employee of the Month** – Mary Ellen Slaboski, a teacher at Laremont School, was recognized as October's Employee of the Month.



**Special Student Recognition** — Avery Zaagman, a District #34 student in the TAB Program at Fremont Elementary, and Jiovani Ortega, a District #73 student in the LOP Program at Hawthorn Elementary South, were selected to receive the STARS Award – Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously.



**Old Business:** There were no items for discussion under Old Business.

### **New Business**

- A. **Policy Revisions:** Proposed revisions to Board policies were presented for first reading.
- B. **Copier/Printer Proposal:** Administration reported on the need to replace the copiers/printers at all buildings as leases on the current equipment ended September 1.

- C. Lake Zurich District #95 Withdrawal: The Board discussed issues related to District #95's withdrawal from SEDOL, including District #95's financial obligations to SEDOL and the transition of students from SEDOL services to Lake Zurich programs.
- D. Planning for December Governing Board Meeting: The Board reviewed a draft of the agenda for the December 2 Governing Board meeting.
- E. District Requests for ARRA Monies: Dr. Delp reported on the status of ARRA grants and the delay in receiving money from ISBE. The Board authorized Administration to issue payments to member districts as requested pending receipt of ARRA monies from ISBE.

**Closed Session**: The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and a matter related to an individual student.

### **Other Business**

- A. Termination of Staff: The Board approved a recommendation to terminate 2 educational support personnel during the probationary period.

### **Committee Reports**

- A. Update on Laremont Construction: Owner's Rep Ken Frank provided an update on the Laremont construction, including repair of a wall that was blown over in early October. The Board reviewed a handout comparing the projected costs for the new building to the actual costs.

### **Program/School Reports**

- A. Disability Mentoring Lunch/Coordinator Orientation: Mrs. Frost reported that new special ed coordinators attended the annual Disability Mentoring Lunch on October 16 at the Olive Garden in Gurnee. This was followed by an orientation on SEDOL programs and services.
- B. Update on Grants: The Board reviewed a handout showing the status of grants applied for and awarded.
- C. Update on ARRA Funds: The update was provided earlier in the meeting.
- D. Wellness Fair: Ms. Lynch reported on staff participation at the wellness fair held on October 19.
- E. In Memoriam: Administration was very sad to report that Brian Hernandez, a student at Laremont School since January 2007, passed away October 12. Brian was born October 19, 2003.

### **Miscellaneous Items**

- Dr. Delp noted that all Executive Board members were invited to attend the HLERK reception and gallery tour at the Art Institute on November 21.
- Dr. Delp reported that SEDOL is working with an outside firm to possibly conduct a review of the speech/language department, which would be paid for with ARRA funds.

### **Executive Board Meeting Schedule:**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, December 17, 2009 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, January 28, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, February 25, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, March 25, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, April 8, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom (*Review tentative budget*)  
 Thursday, April 22, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, May 27, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, June 24, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom  
 Thursday, July 22, 2010 – 9:30 a.m., SEDOL Office Boardroom

### **Governing Board Meeting Schedule**

Wednesday, December 2, 2009 – 7:00 p.m., Sally Potter School at Lake Forest West Campus  
 Wednesday, March 3, 2010 – 7:00 p.m., Laremont School  
 Wednesday, June 9, 2010 – 7:00 p.m., Laremont School