



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

September 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

President: Ms. Lea Dahmisch, Dr. Debbie Ehlenburg, Dr. Linda Dujmovich, Ms. Karen Parks, Ms. Cathy Neiss, Dr. Tim Burns, and Ms. Kimberly Egerstaffer

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Parks moved to approve and, Dr. Dujmovich seconded to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Approval of 2018-2019 SEDOM Goals: Dr. Burns presented the 2018-2019 Board Goals to the PPS Directors on 9-21-18. Annually the Executive Board adopts goals to guide the direction and work of the cooperative. Dr. Burns asked the Board to adopt the goals for the 2018 and 2019.

General Negotiations Update: Dr. Burns informed the Board that Carol Kalas would be attending the Executive Board Meeting to discuss the draft contract. The contract had one full review and any changes will be discussed on closed session. Dr. Burns asked the Board to approve this contract in Executive Session.

FY 20 IDEA Grant: Dr. Burns shared with the Board that on September 14th he participated in a stakeholder group conference call regarding the FY20 IDEA Grant Changes. Participants expressed concern over the timeline and how some aspects of the budgeting process would need to occur immediately due to procedural changes to bylaws within many cooperatives. The general sentiment of the group was for this measure to be postponed until FY 21. It was not clear what the criteria would be however ISBE indicated their willingness to consider the postponement of this until FY21. It remains unclear when a final decision would be made.

Assessment-Serving School vs. Home School: Dr. Burns discussed with the Board that there continues to be discussion about the proliferation of privatized placements because of EBM funding concerns as well as reporting concerns. The issue of equalization of funding has been a large issue for 12 years however it is growing larger in momentum as there is a clear and present concern for students being deliberately placed in overly restrictive placements due to funding concerns.

New Business:

Professional Development: Dr. Burns informed the Board that SEDOM hosted the first Administrative Academy focused on addressing the mental health needs of students within special education. 17 people attended.

SEL:-MCMHB Meetings: Dr. Burns informed the Board that he met with Scott Block, the McHenry County Mental Health Board Executive Director about integrating current efforts to serve the mental health needs of the school community of McHenry County. A revised focus the current SEL Workshops is to include the mental health community. This has been accomplished by revising the focus to include using SEL to support students transitioning from the home hospital environment as well as the use of SEL to support student attendance.

I.T. Guidance – E.C.B.S.: Dr. Burns reported to the board that he attended a legal briefing on issues related to outsourcing I.T. Services. The briefings included information on “Cloud Based Technology” and private technical assistance. FERPA does not prohibit the use of cloud computing to store educational records so long as reasonable security measures are provided. SEDOM may outsource its I.T. functions and disclose Personal Identifying Information to an outside party as long as it “performs and institutional service that would normally be done by employees of the school.

Finance:

August Financial Reports: Financial Statements for August were reviewed noting the percentages of revenue and expenses compared to the budget for each fund. As of August 31, 2018, 16.67% of the FY19 fiscal year is complete. Revenues were received at 24.42% and expenditures were received at 35.04%. In the Education Fund revenues are received 24.78% while expenditures are at 35.64%. Excluding Member District transfers, State TRS and the Regional Safe Schools Program. SEDOM revenues are at 4.92% of the budget and expenditures are at 15.45%. Outstanding receivables as of August 31, 2018 are at \$63,958.38. In the Transportation Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are at 0% of budget. Outstanding receivables as of August 31, 2018 are \$0. In the Operations and Maintenance Fund revenues are received at 14.98% of budget while expenditures are at 13.97%. Outstanding receivables as of August 31, 2018 are \$8,615.65, and in the Debt Service Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are 0%. Outstanding receivables as of August 31, 2018 are \$0.

September Bill List: The September bills totaled \$540,800.14. Of this total, 89% of the total bills were payments back to member districts. IDEA reimbursements claimed by member districts total \$479,672.00. Administration is recommending the approval of the September Bills and reasonable and customary bills through September 30, 2018.

Facilities:

General Lease Extension Update: Dr. Burns gave a Draft Copy of the Lease to SEAL for review. Nothing has been heard from SEAL regarding the updates and changes to the lease.

Phone Systems: SEAL has enlisted AT&T to redo the incoming phone lines. There should be no changes or disruptions to the current phone system. The change should enhance the internet speeds.

Prairie Path: Dr. Burns evaluated the Prairie land behind the SEDOM Building. There was noticeable overgrowth to the Prairie Path. It has not been maintained. In the past there were controlled burns every year to control the overgrowth. The question of who would maintain the land came up. It used to be mowed by Bill Burri. Would SEAL be maintaining the land or SEDOM?

Hoyer Lift Donation: Dr. Burns discussed the diminished value of an aged Hoyer-Lift and how it would potentially cost more to repair than it was valued at in its current state. Dr. Burns discussed an employee who was interested taking this home to use with an ailing relative. The board agreed to allow Dr. Burns to let the staff member have this equipment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.