



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

November 19, 2018

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Millard moved to approve and, Dr. Dujmovich seconded to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Member District Superintendent Forum-January 31, 2019: Dr. Burns updated the Board regarding the Member District Superintendent Forum on January 31, 2019. The event will take place in the morning. There will be two sides of the program delivered that day. There will be a Financial Side and a Programmatic side to the meeting. Asif Dada will be doing the Financial portion of the meeting and Tim Thomas is set to do the Programmatic side of the meeting. We are still waiting for confirmation from Mr. Thomas. Dr. Burns will update again at the December Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Nominating Committee: Dr. Burns discussed the potential candidates for the Nominating Committee. These candidates would be appointed at the March 2019 Governing Board Meeting. Two board members terms are expiring. Ms. Damisch spoke with a Superintendent that expressed interest in one of the positions.

Pre-Approved IDEA Procedural Change Ext. through Dec. 2019: Dr. Burns spoke to the Board regarding the Pre-Approved IDEA Procedural Change Ext. through Dec. 2019. A memo was sent out to the State-approved Directors of Special Education regarding IDEA MOE and Allocations Procedural Changes. Dr. Burns reviewed the memo with the Board. Several questions were sent to the State regarding how the procedural change would affect MOE. Districts are worried that the Procedural Changes would cause a shortfall with MOE. Districts are pushing for a 1-year extension instead of the six-month extension the State is suggesting.

Audiology Services and Supplies: Dr. Burns notified the Board that McHenry District 15 requested to transfer their Audiological records to District 47. The transfer of records did not happen until the end of October. They also requested that their equipment be transferred over as well. District 15 did not request Audiology Services on the need's assessment. The concern has been expressed that District 47 is seemingly stretched as it is with their services, and that absorbing District 15 would push them beyond capacity.

New Business:

11-16-18 PPS Directors Meeting-Medicaid Reimbursement: Dr. Burns shared with the Board that the PPS Directors meeting was held on November 16th. The meeting started off with a very robust discussion on Medicaid Reimbursement and discussion of some areas of future exploration. Also discussed where Personnel/Programmatic Needs, Student Placement Needs and Professional Development Needs by the Districts. Several Hot Topics were also discussed.

8th Graders turning 15 prior to or on April 23rd, 2019: Dr. Burns explained to the Board the process of 8th Graders turning 15 prior to or on April 23rd 2019. Dr. Burns made clear that fifteen-year old students with disabilities who are enrolled in an elementary district become accountable to the high school district according to school code. The high school district is also responsible for educational program of the student. The law only pertains to elementary districts that feed into a separate high school district. It does not pertain to unit districts. The following pertains to the districts that are responsible for the student in an elementary district and has an IEP: The home school must be the high school in the high school district; The serving school may remain as the school in the elementary school district, if still applicable; The student must be enrolled in grade 9; Grade 9 students take the PSAT 8/9 assessment' or the grade 9 DLM-AA assessment, and possibly the science assessment; and It is recommended that an IEP meeting be called to make these changes.

IDEA MOE and Allocations Procedural Change: Dr. Burns brought the Board up to date on the IDEA MOE and Allocations Procedural Changes. He explained that the Special Education Cooperatives will continue to receive all of the member district IDEA Moe worksheets for any years that they received IDEA Funds. Cooperatives will complete the IDEA Moe worksheets in the MOE Cycles for FY 2020 and FY 2021. Cooperatives will not complete IDEA MOE worksheets for FY 2022 and subsequent years. If there is a requested extension on the procedural change through December 2019 the Cooperative would complete the MOE cycles for FY 2020 the FY 2021 and FY 2022.

Public Act 100-0356: Dr. Burns reviewed with the Board the Public Act 100-0356. The act explains the criteria needed to be a "School Social Worker" - The School Social Worker who has graduated with a master's or higher degree in social work from an accredited graduate school of social work and has such additional qualifications as may be required by the State Board of Education and who holds a Professional Educator License with a school support personnel endorsement for school social work pursuant to Section 21B-25 of this code. Only persons so licensed and endorsed may use the title of "School Social Worker".

Vision Itinerant: Dr. Burns expressed that some districts need a Vision Itinerant. He recommended to the Board the possibility of hiring a full time Vision Itinerant to serve the districts in need. Ideally it would be a full-time position, but a half time position could be possible. A good offer would have to be given to attract better clients.

Legal Counsel: Dr. Burns reviewed both Legal Counsel's that SEDOM is currently using. He compared the two and felt that Kriha Law LLC is the better.

School Board Member Appreciation Day: Dr. Burns made mention of the School Board Member Appreciation Day. He noted that there would be a Resolution that need to be passed recognizing the current Board's service.

IASBO Support Conn-Presentation: Dr. Burns informed the Board that he will be out of the office on December 7th. Dr. Burns will be attending the IASBO Support Conn and will be participating in a presentation regarding how Bills are passed into a law.

Finance:

October Financial Reports: Financial Statements for August were reviewed noting the percentages of revenue and expenses compared to the budget for each fund. As of October 31, 2018. 34% of the FY19 fiscal year is complete. Revenues were received at 59.82 % and expenditures were received at 57.79%. In the Education Fund revenues are received 60.95% while expenditures are at 58.78%. Excluding Member District transfers, State TRS and the Regional Safe Schools Program. SEDOM revenues are at 25.73% of the budget and expenditures are at 36.52%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2018 are at \$5055.00. In the Transportation Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are at 0% of budget. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2018 are \$0. In the Operations and Maintenance Fund revenues are received at 29.86% of budget while expenditures are at 23.02%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2018 are \$0.00, and in the Debt Service Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are 0%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2018 are \$0.

November Bill List: The November bills totaled \$33,063.80. Of this total, 0% of the total bills were payments back to member districts. IDEA reimbursements claimed by member districts total \$0.00. Administration is recommending the approval of the November Bills and reasonable and customary bills through November 30, 2018.

Facilities:

SEDOM offices will be closed on 11-22-18 and 11-23-18.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.