



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

September 24, 2019

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

President: Ms. Lea Damisch, Dr. Linda Dujmovich, Ms. Karen Parks, Mr. Bryan Millard, Dr. Ryan McTague, Dr. Tim Burns, and Ms. Kimberly Egerstaffer

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Lea Damisch moved to approve and, Mr. Bryan Millard seconded to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

Approval of 2019-2- SEDOM GOALS: Dr. Burns informed the Board that he will be asking for the 2019-2020 SEDOM Goals to be approved.

HB 3586-IEP verbiage to describe gaps in service minutes that may occur during the traditional school year: Dr. Burns updated the Board on the House Bill 3586-IEP – Requirements continue to be understood and implemented. The gathering of logs from related service providers based in private therapeutic day schools and the creation of verbiage to describe potential gaps in service as well as the writing of minutes per month as opposed to per week were large points of conversation. Dr. Burns mentioned that it may be struck down.

Inter-Cooperative Meeting 10-8-19, from 8:00am to 10am at MCC: Dr. Burns reminded the Board of the Inter-Cooperative meeting focusing on sharing district resources and student placement that will be held on October 8th at McHenry Community College from 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

New Business:

House Bill 1561 (Threat Assessment Bill)-implications for students with disabilities: Dr. Burns discussed with the Board the House Bill 1561 (Threat Assessment Bill) Requirements and consideration for students with disabilities. The intersection between policy and observable conduct that may be a manifestation of a student disability is an emerging issue.

Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainer Maintenance Requirement – Present 3 sessions with at least 5 participants in each session by 8-9-20: Dr. Burns informed the Board with issues that have emerged from the training. The trainers are having difficulty scheduling training sessions. Each trainer must present either 3 (8) hour sessions or 6 (4) hour sessions to an audience of at least 5 participants. A fundamental question has emerged as to whether this is a district responsibility or an individual responsibility to present 3 sessions and ensure the maintenance of the license. Dr. Burns informed the Board that four sessions (4-hour sessions) will be scheduled in January, March, May and the first week of August.

IMRF Inquiry from a previously withdrawn district: Dr. Burns stated that we have had two inquiries from a previously withdrawn district regarding the state of our IMRF liability transfer. The first focused on the methodology for the transfer that occurred as a result of the 6 districts withdrawing, and the second focus on the withdrawal of Woodstock CUSD 200 and our FY 18 Audit.

Appointment of Executive Board Member for Vacancy of Dr. Qualls: Dr. Burns took a moment to welcome back Dr. Debbie Ehlenburg to the Executive Board. She will fill the Vacancy of Dr. Qualls who had recently resigned.

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 31st, 2019, 16.7% of the FY20 fiscal year is complete. Revenues were received at 16.43 % and expenditures were received at 16.30%. In the Education Fund revenues are received 16.52% while expenditures are at 16.5%. Excluding Member District transfers, State TRS and the Regional Safe Schools Program. SEDOM revenues are at 9.50% of the budget and expenditures are at 22.50%. Outstanding receivables as of are at \$1,096.00. 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, 2019 are \$0. In the Operations and Maintenance Fund revenues are received at 14.85% of budget while expenditures were at 11.56%. Outstanding receivables as of August 31, 2019 are \$7,311.02 and in the Debt Service Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are 0%. Outstanding receivables as of August 31, 2019 are \$0.

September Bill List: The September bills totaled \$24,869.75. 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 September Bills and reasonable and customary bills through September 30th, 2019.

Other Items:

Potential attendance of the Executive Director to the annual L.R.P. Conference in New Orleans, LA, May of 2020: Dr. Burns addressed the Board regarding his potentially attending the annual L.R.P. Conference in New Orleans, LA in May of 2020. A board member asked for a brief description of the organization and Dr. Burns described their status as a premier source of professional development for special education. Dr. Burns further described that he will wait until November to make the final decision on attending. Dr. Burns mentioned that while some districts may attend this conference every year that he feels that this year is an important year to attend based on what is being discussed within the special education community.

Facilities:

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.