



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

April 21, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Ms. Lea Damisch, Dr. Debbie Ehlenburg, Ms. Karen Parks, Ms. Cathy Neiss, and Dr. Ryan McTague, Dr. Dujmovich (V) Ms. Kimberly Egerstaffer, Finance-Business Assistant was present also.

Board Member Millard was excused.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Parks moved to approve and, Ms. Neiss seconded to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Dr. Burns discussed a recent meeting held with President Damisch and representatives of the Regional Safe Schools Program. Dr. Burns gave a summary of the key points and stated that the next steps would be to create a memorandum of understanding to memorialize the contents of the meeting. Dr. Burns said except for removing one point with regard to filing quarterly expenditure reports that the agreement would remain the same and not be fundamentally changed.

New Business:

- Use of Huntley D158 Classrooms to Deliver Virtual Services- Dr. Burns discussed a potential virtual program that could be initiated from the SEDOM classrooms in Huntley. The board directed Dr. Burns to prepare a potential proposal.
- FY 22 Executive Board Meeting Date Discussion- The board discussed its goal to continue meeting under the same framework as its current meeting structure.
- PGS Medicaid Update-Dr. Burns discussed new procedures and data required in order to file a cooperative based Medicare claim.
- Culturally Responsive Lens when Writing IEP's- Dr. Burns discussed recent professional development topics related to using a culturally responsive lens while writing an IEP. Dr. Burns discussed recent examples of this concept in action.
- Dr. Burns discussed the current state of retained executive session minutes and that all minutes currently withheld from public inspection involve matters that occurred prior to his tenure and to which he is not fully versed in all of the applicable details as they involve parties that are no longer associated with the cooperative.

Finance:

March Financial Reports: Dr. Burns discussed the recent and monthly financial activities and summary of the cooperative.

April Bill List: Dr. Burns discussed recent expenditures and the current disbursement report.

FY 22 Budget: Dr. Burns gave an update on the projected FY 22 budget and discussed some preliminary variable which could influence financial forecasting.

CPI- Dr. Burns discussed that the current CPI is fluctuating at 2.5% and may reach 2.6% and that it is possible prices for goods and services could increase beyond 2.5% which could impact the cost of expenditures.

Facilities Item:

School Maintenance Project Grant: Dr. Burns reviewed the upcoming construction schedule with the board and the recent asbestos abatement that was necessary in order for the “trenching” to occur this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, May 19th, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.