



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2021

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Minutes from the SEDOM Executive Board Meeting
April 21, 2021

As of 8:45am, no members of the public were present, and Dr. Burns had not received any requested comments to be read during the public comment section.

The meeting of the SEDOM Executive Board was convened in person at 8:45am on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. In accordance with recent Executive Orders, Board President Lea Damisch declared that it was not possible for all board members to be physically present due to the COVID-19 related disaster declaration. Dr. Burns and five board members were physically present during the meeting at the SEDOM Administrative Offices in Woodstock, IL while one board member participated remotely from their home.

Dr. Burns informed all members that the meeting would be recorded and available to the public. Dr. Burns further mentioned that it would be his intent to place a recorded copy of the meeting on the website however as GOTO-Meeting and WEB.COM were separate and private companies that he may need additional assistance to convert the file for posting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45am.

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.

Recognition and Identification of Visitors and Public Comment: SEDOM Learning Environment Coordinator Ms. Melissa Galan attended the meeting but did not make an official comment.

Freedom of Information Act Requests: No Freedom of Information Act requests were received and discussed.

Communications: Dr. Burns discussed a joint communication submitted by eight special education cooperatives which included the Special Education District of McHenry County.

Executive Session-

The Board entered Executive Session at 8:50am for the purposes of review of unreleased closed session meeting minutes and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Board Member Parks motioned that the board enter Executive Session and Board Member Neiss seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ms. Damisch, Dr. Dujmovich, Ms. Parks, Dr. Ehlenburg, Ms. Neiss, Dr. McTague

Nayes:0

Absent: Mr. Millard

Board Member Parks motioned that the board re-enter Open Session at 9:01am and Board Member Neiss seconded the motion.

Ayes: Ms. Damisch, Dr. Dujmovich, Ms. Parks, Dr. Ehlenburg, Ms. Neiss, Dr. McTague

Nayes:0

Absent: Mr. Millard

Action Items:

Prior to entering closed session Dr. Burns noted that all previously retained closed session documents were from meetings that occurred prior to his tenure beginning in 2017 and that he was not directly familiar with the issues and substance discussed in the meetings prior to his tenure. The board chose to not review the previous sessions of closed session in closed session and to direct Dr. Burns to maintain the previously retained closed session meeting documents as exempt from public review. The board further directed Dr. Burns to not initiate a review of the closed session minutes prior to his tenure unless further noted and that the board would only review current and recent closed session minutes during its semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

The board directed staff to prepare and provide all administrative and exempt employees with a 2.5% increase for fiscal year 22.

Consent Agenda

Board Member Ehlenburg motioned that the following items be approved as part of the consent agenda and Board Member Parks seconded the motion.

1. **Minutes of the 3-17-2021 Executive Board Meeting**
2. **March Financial Reports**
3. **April Bills**
4. **Human Resources Report**

Ayes: Ms. Damisch, Dr. Dujmovich, Ms. Parks, Dr. Ehlenburg, Ms. Neiss, Dr. McTague

Nayes:0

Absent: Mr. Millard

Committee of the Whole:

Dr. Burns discussed the topics of the recently held Committee of the Whole Meeting which included a discussion regarding the R.S.S.P. program, a discussed the potential of launching a virtual program based out of the districts' classrooms that were owned in the Huntley School District. The board also discussed its desire to maintain the current meeting structure of Wednesday morning meetings beginning at 8:00am.

Executive Director's Report: The Executive Director gave a brief report on the following subjects:

- **Special Education Cooperatives Role in Offering Virtual Services**
- **FY21 Preliminary Budget Discussion**
- **School Maintenance Project Grant Update**
- **Board Calendar Planning Update for FY 22**
- **Board Questions and Discussion**

Board Member Ehlenburg, and Board Member Parks motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:04a.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

President, Executive Board

Secretary, Executive Board