



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

8-19-2026

The meeting was called to order on 8-19-26 at 8:00 a.m.

Board Members Damisch, Parks and Neiss were absent and excused

No comments from the public were made.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Elswick motioned to approve the minutes of July 22, 2026; it was seconded by Board Member White. The motion carried.

Old Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the status of the S-Fund and the various view points on this, in addition to giving a summary of both the Audit that was completed and the recent Governing Board of Directors Meeting.

NEW Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the recent questions and answers regarding the recalibration of the abilities and roles of the State Supported Director of Special Education within a cooperative. ISBE has shared that this option is available to districts within a cooperative, but it is an inter-cooperative matter as to whether districts within a cooperative are able to pursue this and from which the cooperative will determine what this process looks like which may be different from cooperative to cooperative, with regard to who signs which documents etc. ISBE has pledged that all information will still flow to the cooperative as it has. Dr. Burns mentioned that this is a matter of equity for districts that cannot afford a person with these credentials on their payroll and that this has gone well beyond the original intent which was to create an additional layer of contact within districts that are part of a cooperative.
- Dr. Burns discussed upcoming CPI workshops in addition to upcoming IAASE workshops such as the LEA Summit and Fall Conference which are both local and within the Chicagoland area.

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

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

Facilities-

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at **8:00 a.m.** in the SEDOM Board Room.