



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

October 29, 2018

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Dr. Dujmovich moved to approve and, Dr. Ehlenburg seconded to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business:**

**IASSE Correspondence to ISBE:** Dr. Burns discussed a letter that was sent to ISBE by The Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education (IAASE). The letter included several questions regarding timelines and concerns. Some of the concerns included meaningful conversation regarding the issue with the cooperative's member districts, staffing needs to accommodate for the new method of funding, and concerns regarding joint agreements and language changes. Given all the concerns the IAASE asked the state to delay the implementation of the grant changes for one year to allow school districts and cooperatives to have time to adjust to the changes and make informed decisions on how to move forward.

**9-14-18 ISBE Workgroup Agenda:** Dr. Burns informed the Board that he was recently asked to be part of the I.A.A.S.E. Finance Committee as well as a member of the I.A.A.S.E. Federal Committee. Dr. Burns accepted both opportunities as well as an earlier opportunity to sit on the I.A.S.B.O. Public Policy and Internal Governmental Relations Committee which will have a minimal time commitment but do provide an extra ability to advocate on issues pertinent to the cooperative.

#### **New Business:**

**RSSP Communications:** Dr. Burns Discussed with the Board SEDOM's exact relationship with RSSP staff. He explained that the relationship to the RSSP staff can best be described as ministerial or one in which is absent of judgement but rather conforming to a specific instruction or prescribed procedure. In the relationship the issue of policy making, and decision making is deferred to the McHenry County Regional Office of Education.

**FY 18 Audit:** Dr. Burns informed the Board that the FY 18 Fiscal Audit was successfully Completed. SEDOM did not need a GASB 75 actuarial valuation for Fiscal Year 2018. Dr. Burns also informed the Board that the errors that occurred at the Office of the Auditor General did not impact SEDOM.

**FY 18 IDEA FT and IDEA PS Carry Over and Transfer to Recently Withdrawn Districts:** Dr. Burns explained that for the carryover that belongs to the six districts that have recently withdrawn from the cooperative, ISBE has required that an agreement be made between SEDOM and each individual district that has withdrawn regarding the amount of unspent FY 18 IDEA F.T. and IDEA P.S. that should be permanently transferred from SEDOM to each respective district that has withdrawn.

**FY 19 IDEA FT and IDEA PS Carry Over:** Dr. Burns reviewed with the Board the IDEA FT and PS Carryover dollars. The remaining member districts would just need to have the dollars transferred over via IWAS and SEDOM can do transfer.

**Member District Superintendent Special Education Forum (EBM, ESSA, Status of Public and Private Placement Options):** Dr. Burns relayed to the Board information regarding the Member District Superintendent Forum that SEDOM will offer to the member districts. The meeting will be a one-time brunch-based forum held at M.C.C. The event will take place on a date that is to be determined but is projected to occur during the months of December through February. The meeting will be co-facilitated by an outside regional leader that is knowledgeable in the content that is being discussed. The conversations will focus on three specific areas that would consist of immediate and long-term effects of the Evidenced Based Model on Special Education Programs; the immediate and long-term effects of the new serving school requirements under the E.S.S.A. on Special Education Programs; and the current state and projected state of both public and private placement options within McHenry County and the greater Northern Illinois Region.

**Semi-Annual Review of Unreleased Closed Session Minutes:** Dr. Burns discussed with the Board the Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings.

#### **Finance:**

**September Financial Reports:** Financial Statements for August were reviewed noting the percentages of revenue and expenses compared to the budget for each fund. As of September 30, 2018, 25% of the FY19 fiscal year is complete. Revenues were received at 38.17% and expenditures were received at 43.51%. In the Education Fund revenues are received 38.8% while expenditures are at 44.31%. Excluding Member District transfers, State TRS and the Regional Safe Schools Program. SEDOM revenues are at 12.4% of the budget and expenditures are at 28.8%. Outstanding receivables as of September 30, 2018 are at \$53,119.28. In the Transportation Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are at 0% of budget. Outstanding receivables as of September 30, 2018 are \$0. In the Operations and Maintenance Fund revenues are received at 21.51% of budget while expenditures are at 15.63%. Outstanding receivables as of September 30, 2018 are \$876.83, and in the Debt Service Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are 0%. Outstanding receivables as of September 30, 2018 are \$0.

**October Bill List:** The October bills totaled \$963,874.19. Of this total, 96% of the total bills were payments back to member districts. IDEA reimbursements claimed by member districts total \$928,603.00. Administration is recommending the approval of the October Bills and reasonable and customary bills through October 31, 2018, 2018.

#### **Facilities:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Monday, November 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.