



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

November 19, 2019

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

President: Ms. Lea Damisch, Ms. Karen Parks, Dr. Debbie Ehlenburg, Ms. Cathy Neiss, Dr. Ryan McTague, Mr. Bryan Millard, Dr. Tim Burns, and Ms. Kimberly Egerstaffer

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Cathy Neiss moved to approve and, Dr. Debbie Ehlenburg seconded to approve the minutes from the October 29, 2019 meeting. Motion Carried.

#### **Old Business:**

**FY 21 Membership Fee Conversation:** Dr. Burns informed the Board that a projected budget report will be worked on by himself and Ms. Egerstaffer looking at numbers and possible scenarios of a Membership Fee Structure.

**Executive Director's Potential Attendance at the 2020 LRP National Institute, New Orleans, LA, May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Final decision on attendance SEDOM Nominating Committee Update:** Dr. Burns requested permission from the Board to attend the LRP 2020 National Institute Meeting in New Orleans, LA May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board Approved.

#### **New Business:**

**ROE Nonbinding Referendum:** Dr. Burns discussed with the Board the possible impacts of the possible ROE Referendum - potential restructuring of the department and how it will impact SEDOM funding. SEDOM is fiscal agent for the RSSP Regional Safe Schools Program which Grant Funding flows through the McHenry ROE to SEDOM to run the Safe Schools Program.

**Pro-Republica Report:** Dr. Burns discussed the controversial Pro-Republica investigation on seclusion and restraint. The report is to be released within the next 30 days. Numerous reports of inquiries made by "Pro-Republica" to video tape "restraint drills or simulations" by school staff, as well as requests to take photos of "time-out" rooms in addition to requests for floor plans of timeout rooms". A recent death of a student involved in a restraint in California which charged three staff members with involuntary including two administrators is expected to have an impact on the dialogue regarding restraint within the public-school system.

**Illinois School Board Member Appreciation day 11-15-19 Salute to the SEDOM Board:** Dr. Burns presented 0certificates to the current School Board Members regarding Illinois School Board Member Appreciation Day. A resolution will be passed at the Executive Board Meeting declaring School Board Member Appreciation Day.

**Learning Environment Coordinator Update presented by Ms. Melissa Galan:** Melissa Galan, SEDOM's Learning Environment Coordinator updated the Board on her activities to date. Ms. Galan has a partnership with the McHenry County Truancy Officer, Tim Dempsey. She assists with counseling services to improve attendance, connect families with community resources, and helps them avoid truancy court. She has helped at Harrison District 36, Marengo District 154 and McHenry High School District 156 with Social & Emotional Education and Multi-Tiered System Support. She has also attended may trainings including Trauma Informed Practices and Happy Teacher Revolution.

**Finance:**

**October Financial Reports:** Financial Statements for October were reviewed noting the percentages of revenue and expenses compared to the budget for each fund. As of October 31, 2019, 33.3% of the FY20 fiscal year is complete. Revenues were received at 38.2 % and expenditures were received at 37.72%. In the Education Fund revenues are received 38.5% while expenditures are at 38.31%. Excluding Member District transfers, State TRS and the Regional Safe Schools Program. SEDOM revenues are at 40.63% of the budget and expenditures are at 39.75%. Outstanding receivables are at \$2,194.60. In the Transportation Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are at 0% of budget. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2019 are \$0. In the Operations and Maintenance Fund revenues are received at 32.81% of budget while expenditures were at 24.12%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2019 are \$12,461.41 and in the Debt Service Fund revenues are received at 0% of the budget while expenditures are 0%. Outstanding receivables as of October 31, 2019 are \$0.

**November Bill List:** The November bills totaled \$24,829.03. Of this total, 0% of the total bills were payments back to member districts for a total of \$0.00. Administration is recommending the approval of the November Bills and reasonable and customary bills through November 30, 2019.

**FY 19 IDEA Grant Carry over and FY 20 IDEA Grant Final Calculations:** Dr. Burns let the Board know that the FY 19 IDEA Grant Carry Over and FY 20 IDEA Grant Final Calculations are complete. Member Districts can now go out and write for their addition.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.

Adjournment: 2:13 p.m.