



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

October 20, 2021

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

Four Board Members participated in person and three participated remotely: The following members attended in person: Dr. Damisch, Dr. Dujmovich, Dr. McTague, and Ms. Parks. Dr. Elswick, Ms. Neiss and Mr. Millard participated remotely. Ms. Kimberly Egerstoffer, Finance-Business Assistant was present also.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Parks moved to approve and Board Member Dr. Dujmovich seconded to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Dr. Burns discussed the recent decision to not apply for the second round of the School Maintenance Project Grant due to the fact that the current HVAC projects that the district was considering would not qualify as an “emergency project” nor that the work needed required a specific vendor skilled in a specific brand of HVAC product. These facts would require the district to put the project out to bid and further require the district to potentially not be able to use its preferred vendor and additionally require the district to have to retain an expert in the area of HVAC or construction manager to oversee the grant activities and work being performed.

New Business:

- Dr. Burns discussed the From Stress to Resilience Program in progress.
- Dr. Burns discussed a recent Administrative Academy and the subsequent low turnout which Dr. Burns attributed to the growth of online academy options. Dr. Burns mentioned that having an “in person” academy in the region was no longer as valuable as a commodity as it once was due to so many opportunities offered online.
- Dr. Burns discussed the current requirements of the Nominating Committee to which Dr. McTague mentioned that one his districts board members (MCH 156) may be able to assist.
- Dr. Burns discussed the current leasing structure with reference to upcoming building maintenance costs including the installation of a new lift gate system and new lights for the parking lot. The board discussed the long-term options with regard to the SEDOM Center and how this relates to a potential future Membership Fee.

Finance:

- Dr. Burns discussed the current disbursements and financial totals.

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

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

Facilities Item:

Dr. Burns discussed the new lift gate system and the exploration of new lights for the parking lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, November 17th, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.