



## SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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### Minutes from the Special Meeting of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors August 3, 2022

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at the SEDOM Educational Center, 1200 Claussen Drive, Woodstock, IL.

In accordance with recent Executive Orders, Board President Dr. 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 four Governing Board members were physically present during the meeting at the SEDOM Administrative Offices in Woodstock, IL while three board members participated remotely from their homes.

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.

**Call to Order:** Dr. Lea Damisch, President of the Executive Board, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A=Absent    P=Present    IP=In Person    V=Virtual Attendance

District	Number	B.O.E. Member	Attendance
Nippersink	2	Mr. Ryan Andrus	P-IP
Johnsburg (Unit)	12	*Ms. Cathy Neiss	A
McHenry Elem.	15	Mr. Patrick DeGeorge	P-VA
Riley Elem.	18	*Mr. Bryan Millard	P-IP
Alden-Hebron (Unit)	19	Mr. Andy Madsen	A
Harrison Elem.	36	*Ms. Karen Parks	P-VA
Harvard (Unit)	50	Mr. Roger Wilhoit	P-IP
Marengo H.S.	154	*Dr. Linda Dujmovich	P-VA
McHenry H.S.	156	Mr. Timothy Hying	A
Richmond Burton H.S.	157	Ms. Jennifer Read	A
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Mr. Greg Wright	P-IP

\*Denotes Current Executive Board Member

Seven of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call. Those present included Districts 2, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, and 165.

**Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff:**

Following roll call, Dr. Damisch introduced the Executive Board members present including, Dr. Linda Dujmovich and Mr. Bryan Millard, and Ms. Karen Parks. Also present were the Executive Director, Dr. Tim Burns and Business-Finance Assistant, Ms. Kimberly Egerstaffer and Dr. Corey Tafoya the Superintendent of Harvard District 50.

**Approval of March 2, 2022 Governing Board Meeting Minutes:**

District 50 moved; District 15 seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Presentation and Public Hearing of the FY23 Budget:**

District 18 moved; District 50 seconded to open the public hearing at 7:09pm on the adoption of the FY22 budget. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:7 (2, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 165)

Nays:0

Motion Carried

Dr. Burns presented information that included a summary of the budgetary process, sources of revenues and FY23 Budget highlights. Dr. Burns discussed the changes from the tentative budget to the final budget and explained variables that could affect the budget. Dr. Burns discussed the short term and long-term variables that could influence this and future budgets paying specific focus to the state of the SEDOM Center building and the impact of the continuation of a deficit by design model. Dr. Burns discussed the future need for additional revenue and how the sale of the SEDOM Center Building could impact future revenue growth.

\*\*\*\*A technical event occurred and we lost contact with the GO-TO meeting server and could not restore contact with the three board members participating remotely. It became necessary to “end” the GO-TO Meeting and restart it in order to ensure the participating of the three board members. We were able to re start the GOTO Meeting and regained contact with Board Members Ms. Parks and Dr. Dujmovich but then were not able to regain contact with Board Member DeGeorge from District 15.

**Closing of the Budget Hearing:**

District 50 moved; District 165 seconded to close budget hearing on the adoption of the FY22 budget at 7:56pm. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes:6 (2, 18, 36, 50, 154, 165)

Nays:0

Absence due to technical loss of remote GO-TO Meeting service: 1 (15)

Motion Carries

**Approval of the FY23 Budget:**

The Governing Board of Directors adopts the annual budget. District 18 moved; District 50 seconded to adopt the FY23 budget as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes :6 (2, 18, 36, 50, 154, 165)

Nays: 0

Absence -due to technical loss of remote GO-TO Meeting service: 1 (15)

Abstentions:0

Motion Carries

**Amendment to Article 2, Section 1, A, 2 of the Articles of Joint Agreement.**

District 50 motioned and District 18 seconded the motion to amend the Articles of Joint Agreement as to allow the Executive Board to formally vote to approve the future budget and transition the Governing Board to a role in which it advises and offers consent to the Executive Board on the passage of the budget.. A discussion emerged. On a roll call vote the motion failed.

Ayes :1 (36)

Nays: 5 (1, 18, 50, 154. 165)

Absence -due to technical loss of remote GO-TO Meeting service: 1 (15)

Abstentions:0

Motion Fails

**Amendment to Article 2, Section 2, E, 1 of the Articles of Joint Agreement.**

With the consideration of the failure of the previous motion and recognizing that the previous motion was a prerequisite and necessary part of the current motion, the board president made the decision to table the amendment and it was not brought up for a vote. No objections to this plan of action were observed.

**Designation of the March 2023 Governing Board of Directors Meeting:**

District 36 moved, and District 165 seconded that the Governing Board Meeting in August which primarily focuses on the budget be held on Wednesday March 1, 2023. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

**Appointment of Nominating Committee:**

Dr. Lea Damisch presented information on the procedures outlined in the Articles of Joint Agreement regarding the filling of vacant Executive Board seats. She asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee and bring recommendations for filling the three seats on the Executive Board that will become vacant in July of 2023. These seats include those of Dr. Damisch, Dr. Dujmovich, and Dr. Elswick.

Districts 50 and 165 representatives volunteered to serve on this nominating committee and were so appointed by Dr. Damisch. The district 165 representative stated that the district 165 board may choose to appoint a different member of the board than himself to serve on the committee, but that district 165 would assist. The committee will be charged with providing three potential candidate by February 1, 2023.

**Other Business:** No other business.

Adjournment:

District 50 moved; District 18 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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**President, Executive Board**

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**Secretary, Executive Board**