



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

6-18-2025

The meeting was called to order on 6-18-25 at 8:00 a.m.

All members were present.

No comments from the public were made.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Neiss motioned to approve the minutes of May 18, 2025; it was seconded by Board Member Elswick. The motion carried.

- A revision was noted regarding the closed session minutes for 5-18-25 as it stated that Board Member Millard was present. The minutes would be revised to reflect that Board Member Millard was not present.

Old Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the Treasurer's Bond and that the cost had come down in recent years due to the reduced size of the budget.
- Dr. Burns recognized the service of Board Member Corey Tafoya who had accepted the opportunity to serve as superintendent in a new district and to which he would be no longer eligible to serve as a SEDOM Board Member.

NEW Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the preparation for the August Governing Board of Directors Meeting and that the packets had been sent out earlier in the week. Dr. Burns also discussed that the budget was fully prepared and would be put on display on 7-1-25 per board action later in the day. Dr. Burns discussed an increase in travel costs due to uncertainty with regard to potential changes at the federal government level and how this might impact special education services in Illinois.
- Dr. Burns discussed that due to the size of SEDOM that it could no longer offer an employee dental and life insurance benefit and that this would be contrary to the current employment contracts in effect. Dr. Burns was directed to prepare a potential annuity benefit plan to offer in exchange.
- Dr. Burns discussed that due to his children's dorm move in schedule he could not attend the August Meeting. The board discussed options and agreed that Dr. Ehlenburg would facilitate a very "limited" meeting consisting of only the Consent Agenda.
- Dr. Burns discussed the presence of "hodge podge" office furniture that is no longer needed. The board directed Dr. Burns to donate the furniture to any interested parties and to consider the use of "scraper" services provided that their presence did not interrupt the operations of the current tenants of the building.
- Dr. Burns reviewed a 9th Circuit Court decision regarding the eligibility of religious schools for student disability placement in California. Dr. Burns noted that this was only for states within the 9th Circuit but that it was likely that this would soon be observed within Illinois.
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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 8:29a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.