



Special Education District of McHenry County

SEDOM's FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING PART TWO: BUDGET REPORTS

SEDOM Education Center
1200 Claussen Drive
Woodstock, Illinois

Wednesday August 6, 2025
7:00 P.M.

Agenda

Presiding: SEDOM Executive Board President

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call of Districts**
- **Introduction of Executive Board, Governing Board of Directors and Administrative Staff** Pages 2-3
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- **Other Business**
- **Adjournment**

Special Education District of McHenry County

Executive Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dr. Tim Burns, Executive Director

Dr. Lea Damisch, Superintendent, Marengo-Union District #165	2023-2027
Vacant	Vacant
Ms. Tiffany Elswick, Superintendent, Alden- Hebron School District #19	2023-2027
Mr. Bryan Millard, Board Member Riley School District #18	2025-2029
Ms. Karen Parks, Board Member Harrison District #36	2025-2029
Ms. Cathy Neiss, Board Member Johnsburg School District #12	2025-2029
Dr. Ryan McTague, Superintendent, McHenry High School District #156	2025-2029

Special Education District of McHenry County

Governing Board of Directors

Governing Board of Directors

District	Number	B.O.E. Member
Nippersink	2	Ms. Mary Shufelt
Johnsburg (Unit)	12	*Ms. Cathy Neiss
McHenry Elem.	15	Mr. Patrick DeGeorge
Riley Elem.	18	*Mr. Bryan Millard
Alden-Hebron (Unit)	19	Mr. Andy Madsen
Harrison Elem.	36	*Ms. Karen Parks
Harvard (Unit)	50	T.B.D.
Marengo H.S.	154	Ms. Farrah Ranzino
McHenry H.S.	156	Mr. Timothy Hying
Richmond Burton H.S.	157	Mr. Ryan Andrus
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Ms. Nikki Misiura

*Denotes Current Executive Board Member



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

Action Item

Subject: Minutes of the March 5, 2025, Governing Board of Directors' meeting

On the next two pages you will find the minutes from the March 5, 2025, Governing Board of Directors' Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025, Governing Board of Directors' meeting, as submitted, for filing in official records.

Minutes from the Special Meeting of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors March 5, 2025

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at the SEDOM Educational Center, 1200 Claussen Drive, Woodstock, IL.

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

A=Absent P=Present

District	Number	B.O.E. Member	
Nippersink	2	Ms. Mary Shufelt	P
Johnsburg (Unit)	12	*Ms. Cathy Neiss	P
McHenry Elem.	15	Mr. Patrick DeGeorge	A
Riley Elem.	18	*Mr. Bryan Millard	P
Alden-Hebron (Unit)	19	Mr. Andy Madsen	P
Harrison Elem.	36	*Ms. Karen Parks	P
Harvard (Unit)	50	Mr. Roger Wilhoit	P
Marengo H.S.	154	Ms. Farrah Ranzino	A
McHenry H.S.	156	Mr. Timothy Hying	A
Richmond Burton H.S.	157	Mr. Ryan Andrus	P
Marengo-Union Elem.	165	Ms. Nikki Misiura	P

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Eight of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call.

Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff:

Following roll call, Dr. Damisch introduced the Executive Board members present who were also concurrent members of the Governing Board of Directors including Mr. Bryan Millard, Ms. Cathy Neiss and Ms. Karen Parks.

Dr. Damisch also introduced Executive Board Member Dr. Corey Tafoya. Also present was the Executive Director, Dr. Tim Burns.

Approval of August 7, 2024, Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

District 12 moved; District 50 seconded the approval of the minutes of the August 7, 2024, meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Executive Board Members:

Dr. Burns discussed the process and procedures of the Articles of Joint Agreement for the appointment of members to the Executive Board and the term of office for the appointment. District 50 motioned and District 19 seconded the motion for the following appointment to the Executive Board:

Dr. Ryan McTague, Superintendent of McHenry H.S.D. 156 to continue his term through 2029

Mr. Bryan Millard, Board Member of Riley C.S.D. 18 to continue his term through 2029

Ms. Cathy Neiss, Board Member of Johnsburg C.U.S.D. 12 to continue her term through 2029

Ms. Karen Parks, Board Member of Harrison S. D. 36 to continue her term through 2029

On a voice vote the measure passed unanimously.

Designation of the August Governing Board of Directors Meeting:

District 36 moved, and District 12 seconded the motion that the Governing Board Meeting in August which primarily focuses on the budget be held on Wednesday August 6, 2025. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Burns gave an update that focused on emerging trends at both the state and national level and how these trends could impact the operations of local school district special education programs and cooperative activities. Dr. Burns discussed the eventual need to determine the next steps of SEDOM as the building would be sold to MENTA in 2024 as part of the lease to own agreement and that this decision would have to be interwoven with the status of our 6 existing classrooms in Huntley District 158. Dr. Burns then discussed cooperative finances and that the largest variable is where SEDOM will be located and based in 2034 and what these costs might look like and that a more structured plan would not be available until we had a more definitive understanding of what our operational expenses would be. Dr. Burns discussed cooperative services and that the cooperative has continued to express support for greater local control and less utilization of the cooperative which impacts the economy of scale benefits of a cooperative offering additional services. The cooperative continues to express support for the services offered by SEDOM at present. Dr. Burns mentioned that a superintendents summit to focus on SEDOM 2030 will be planned for this fall.

Other Business: Dr. Burns praised and thanked Mr. Wilhoit for his service and support the support to the SEDOM community and who has chosen not to seek re-election to the Harvard 50 School Board and would no longer be eligible to serve as a member of the Governing Board of Directors. Additionally, the board wished him well in his future endeavors.

Adjournment:

District 36 moved; District 18 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. On a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

President, Executive Board

Secretary, Executive Board



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

Action Item

Subject: Presentation, Hearing and Adoption of the FY26 Tentative Budget

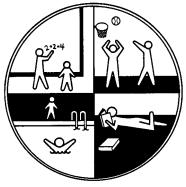
The FY26 Tentative Budget was approved by the Executive Board on June 18, 2025, for display on July 1, 2025, and notice of public hearing on August 5, 2025.

The hearing will be convened and Dr. Tim Burns, Executive Director, will present the proposed FY25 Tentative Budget. Dr. Burns will review the budget assumptions, anticipated revenues and expenditures and respond to any questions. The budget has been on display since July 1, 2025.

The Articles of Joint Agreement specify that it is the duty of the Governing Board of Directors to adopt the annual budget of SEDOM.

Following the hearing, the Governing Board considers adoption of the FY26 budget.

Recommendation: The Executive Board recommends adoption of the FY26 budget as presented.



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

For Action

Subject: Determination of the date for the March 2026 Governing Board of Directors' Meeting

The Governing Board generally meets two times per year.

The Articles of Joint Agreement specify that the August meeting is primarily for the adoption of the FY26 budget, and the March meeting is primarily a review of programs and services.

The meeting date recommended for the March Governing Board of Directors is Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Approve Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. as the March Governing Board of Directors' meeting date.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

For Information

Subject: Executive Director's Annual Report

The Executive Director will present a report on the current state of the Special Education District of McHenry County and engage in a discussion on future trends within the delivery of special education services. The predominant focus of this conversation will be an in-depth discussion on the projected SEDOM of 2035.