



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on 7-23-25 at 8:00 a.m.

Board Member Millard was absent and excused.

No comments from the public were made.

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

NEW Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the forthcoming re-organization of the board that would occur during the Executive Board Meeting. Ms. Elswick noted an error in which a former board member was listed as being on the current board. The error will be revised.
- Dr. Burns mentioned that all the steps had been followed regarding the act of appointing an interim board member and that the board was able to appoint Dr. White if it wished during the Executive Board meeting. Due to an error in scheduling, Dr. White was not formally invited to the meeting, however Dr. Burns would contact him after the meeting.
- Dr. Burns discussed the August Board meeting and said that he would not be present due to his children moving into college. The board reaffirmed that Dr. Ehlenburg would facilitate the meeting in Dr. Burns' absence.
- Dr. Burns discussed the upcoming Governing Board of Directors Meeting and that the Articles of Joint Agreement supported that Dr. White's appointment would remain an interim appointment until the next set of Directors were approved at the March 2027 Governing Board of Directors Meeting. The board was in concurrence with this.
- Dr. Burns mentioned that SEDOM, like most other districts received more in the Cost Settlement Process than anticipated and explained some of the reasons for this.
- Dr. Burns began a discussion regarding employee benefits and mentioned that the board could wait to discuss this in closed session fully, however it could also have an open discussion as well. The board directed Dr. Burns to move forward with the revisions to the dental plan that will be formally voted on in August and implemented potentially on 9-1-25. The board also told Dr. Burns to prepare a suggested remedy for the issue of the life insurance policy issue.
- Dr. Burns mentioned that due to the current situation with the federal government and looming cuts that it was very possible that traveling to a national conference may be necessary and described the April 2026 LRP conference in New Orleans may be necessary to attend as the nation has never experienced what is currently occurring at the federal government level.

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 8:15a.m.

The Next meeting of the Committee of the Whole will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the SEDOM Board Room.