SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF McHENRY COUNTY

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EXECUTIVE BOARD

REGULAR MEETING **August 20, 2025**

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Minutes from the SEDOM Executive Board Meeting
July 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 8:15am.

Board Member Millard was absent and excused.

Recognition and Identification of Visitors and Public Comment: No official visitors were present, and no public comments had been received

Freedom of Information Act Requests: No Freedom of Information Act requests were received and discussed.

Communications: No Communications were discussed

Reorganization of the Board:
The Board reviewed and reconfirmed the current board member terms of office.

Board Member Damisch moved, and Board Member McTague seconded a motion to adjourn Sin Die to elect board officers. The board voted unanimously. The board then adjourned Sin Die at 8:16am to elect officers. Executive Director Burns then facilitated the election process for President of the Board. Board Member McTague nominated Dr. Lea Damisch to continue as Board President. This was seconded by Board Member Neiss. No other nominations were made. All members then voted in favor of this.

The board then returned to session at 8:17am. Board President Damisch then asked for nominations for Vice President. Board Member Elswick motioned to nominate current Vice President Millard. This was seconded by Board Member Parks. No other nominations were made. All members then voted in favor of this.

Board President Damisch then asked for nominations for Board Secretary. Board Member McTague nominated Ms. Karen Parks to continue as Board Secretary. This was seconded by Board Member Elswick. No other nominations were made. All members then voted in favor of this.

The board then voted all in favor to make the following appointments with unanimous approval:
- Law Firm- E.C.B.& S.
- Architect- D.L.A.
- Auditor – Eccezion (Eder & Cassella)

Action Items

Board Member Elswick motioned that Dr. Brandon White, Superintendent of Harvard C.U.S.D. 50 be nominated to serve as an interim member of the Executive Board until an official appointment is made by the Governing Board of Directors at the next nomination session which will occur in the spring of 2027. Board Member McTague seconded the motion.

*Due to a scheduling conflict Dr. White was not able to be present for this meeting.

Ayes: Dr. Damisch, Dr. McTague, Ms. Elswick, Ms. Neiss, Ms. Parks
Nayes:0
Absent: Mr. Millard

Executive Session

The board chose not to go into executive session but discussed the issues associated with the employee benefits plan as discussed within the open meeting. The board directed Dr. Burns to prepare an actionable item for board consideration on this subject for the August Executive Board Meeting. The board additionally gave approval for Dr. Burns to begin preparing the recommended revisions to the Delta-Dental benefit plan as outlined by the SEDOM benefits carrier that would not formally begin until 9-1-25 and after formal board approval in August.

Consent Agenda

Board Member Parks motioned that the following items be approved as part of the consent agenda and Board Member Neiss seconded the motion.

1. **Minutes of the 6-18-2025 Executive Board Meeting**
2. **June Financial Reports**
3. **July Bills**
4. **Disbursement payment of $250.00 to Mary Taylor for Treasurer Services for the month of June.**

Ayes: Dr. Damisch, Dr. McTague, Ms. Elswick, Ms. Neiss, Ms. Parks
Nayes:0
Absent: Mr. Millard, Dr. White

Committee of the Whole:
Dr. Burns discussed the topics of the recently held Committee of the Whole Meeting which included a discussion about upcoming professional development, budgetary timelines and the upcoming Governing Board of Director Meeting.

Executive Director's Report: The Executive Director gave a brief report on the subjects related to the current fiscal audit as well as recent developments at the federal government level.

Board Member Parks, and Board Member Neiss motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21am. On a voice vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

____________________________ President, Executive Board

____________________________ Secretary