



SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF MCHENRY COUNTY

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

The meeting was called to order on 12-17-25 at 8:00 a.m.

Board Members White, Millard and Neiss were absent and excused.

Approval of Minutes: Board Member Damisch motioned to approve the minutes of 11-19-2025, it was seconded by Board Member McTague. The motion carried.

Old Business

- Dr. Burns discussed a recent investment associated with P.M.A. and that some school districts expressed concern with due to the participation of a bank that was associated with the government of China. Dr. Burns said that the same protections were in place and that the rate was higher and that he did not see concern about participating in this investment fund. Dr. Burns discussed the plan and agenda for the upcoming Superintendents Conference which follows the same framework as the Governing Board of Directors Meeting and seeks to inform the membership of the current course and framework of the cooperative and the challenges that may lie ahead between 2030 and 2034. Dr. Burns mentioned that the "McAid" Countywide agreement that was approved last month was sent back with minor editing revisions and that the board would be asked to resign the document which was essentially the same document but a "clean version".

NEW Business

- Dr. Burns discussed the current landscape at the federal level with regard to appropriations for spending and how moving portions of the Department of Education became a conflict regarding appropriations efforts.
- Dr. Burns discussed the need for the building to be re-appraised for replacement purposes to maintain compliance with CLIC.
- Dr. Burns discussed the recent 1% Exception Meeting and the notion exceeding 1% was not necessarily something a district could control due to demographics at maintaining efforts at compliance. Dr. Burns also discussed the newly released IEP forms and that as of 1-1-26 a district must notify a parent of their right to bring in "advocates" to any IEP meeting.
- Dr. Burns then discussed the upcoming IAASE Winter Conference.

Financial Reports: Dr. Burns discussed the recent and monthly financial activities and summary of the cooperative and how disbursement report.

Disbursement List: Dr. Burns discussed recent expenditures and the current disbursement report.

Facilities-

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 a.m.