



Special Education District of McHenry County

SEDOM'S SIXTIETH ANNUAL MEETING PART ONE: EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REPORT

SEDOM Education Center
1200 Claussen Drive
Woodstock, Illinois

Wednesday March 4, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Agenda

Presiding: President of the S.E.D.O.M. Executive Board

- **Call to Order**
- **Roll Call of Districts**
- **Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff**
- **Public Comment**
- **Action Items**
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 - Determination of the August 2026 Governing Board of Directors' Meeting Date Page 8
- **For Information**
 - Executive Director's Report and Presentation on Current and Projected Programming
- **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
Dr. Brandon White, Superintendent, Harvard Community Unit School District #50	Un-Expired Term of Dr. Corey Tafoya, 2023-2027
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

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	Ms. Caren MacKenzie
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, MARCH 4, 2026

Action Item

Subject: Minutes of August 6, 2025, Governing Board of Directors' Meeting

On the next three pages, you will find the minutes from August 6, 2025, Governing Board of Directors' Meeting.

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes of August 6, 2025, Governing Board of Directors Meeting, as submitted, for filing in the official records.

Minutes from the Meeting of the SEDOM Governing Board of Directors August 6, 2025

A meeting of the Governing Board of Directors of the Special Education District of McHenry County convened at 7:00pm on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at the SEDOM Educational Center, 1200 Claussen Drive, Woodstock, IL.

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

A=Absent P=Present I

District	Number	B.O.E. Member	Attendance
Nippersink	2	Ms. Mary Shufelt	P
Johnsburg (Unit)	12	*Ms. Cathy Neiss	P
McHenry Elem.	15	Mr. Patrick DeGeorge	P
Riley Elem.	18	*Mr. Bryan Millard	P
Alden-Hebron (Unit)	19	Mr. Andy Madsen	A
Harrison Elem.	36	*Ms. Karen Parks	P
Harvard (Unit)	50	Ms. Caren MacKenzie	P
Marengo H.S.	154	Ms. Farrah Ranzino	P
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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Nine of the eleven-member districts were present at roll call. Those present included Districts 2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 50, 154, 157 and 165.

Introduction of Executive Board and Administrative Staff:

Following the roll call, Dr. Damisch introduced the Executive Board members present including Ms. Cathy Neiss, Mr. Bryan Millard, and Ms. Karen Parks. Also present was the Executive Director, Dr. Tim Burns.

Approval of March 5, 2025, Governing Board Meeting Minutes:

District 12 moved; District 18 seconded the approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2025, meeting of the Governing Board of Directors. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation and Public Hearing of the FY26 Budget:

District 154 moved; District 15 seconded to open the public hearing at 7:07pm on the adoption of the FY26 budget. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: (8) =2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1)=50

Absence: (2) =19, 156

Motion Carried

Dr. Burns presented information that included a summary of the budgetary process, sources of revenues and FY26 Budget highlights. Dr. Burns discussed the changes from the tentative budget to the final budget and explained variables that could affect the budget.

Dr. Burns predominantly focused on the years 2030 and 2034 which will have significant impact on SEDOM operations. In the year 2030 it is projected that the district will need to begin reallocating significant portions of its investment revenue into its checking account to subsidize daily operations. In the year 2034 SEDOM will presumably sell the SEDOM Center to MENTA and will no longer receive rental income. The cessation of rental income will lead SEDOM to have an increased deficit in addition to additional funds that may be needed for daily operations which is dependent on where SEDOM is based and located.

Closing of the Budget Hearing:

District 36 moved; District 154 seconded to close the hearing on the adoption of the FY26 budget at 7:43pm. Roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: (8) =2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1)=50

Absence: (2) =19, 156

Motion Carried

Approval of the FY26 Budget:

The Governing Board of Directors adopts the annual budget. District 36 moved; District 165 seconded to adopt the FY25 budget as presented. Roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes: (8) =2, 12, 15, 18, 36, 154, 157 and 165

Nays: (0)

Abstain: (1)=50

Absence: (2) =19, 156

Motion Carried

Designation of the March 2026 Governing Board of Directors Meeting:

District 12 moved, and District 15 seconded that the Governing Board Meeting in March which primarily focuses on programming will be held on Wednesday March 4, 2026. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Appointment of Nominating Committee:

Dr. Burns confirmed that a nomination committee would not be needed until the fall of 2026 in preparation for the spring 2027 Governing Board of Directors Meeting.

Other Business:

Dr. Burns discussed matters related to special education service delivery and how issues associated with the federal government could potentially change the landscape of special education services. Dr. Burns mentioned that if such changes occur than additional regional and national travel may be needed to understand the scope of such changes.

Adjournment:

District 15 moved; District 36 seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:51pm. 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, MARCH 4, 2026

Action Item

Subject: Appointment of Executive Board Member

The next regular appointment of an Executive Board Member is scheduled to occur in March of 2027. No action is required or recommended for this evening.

ARTICLE 2- Section 2:

When a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board the remaining members shall fill the vacancy by appointment until the next regular appointment of Executive Board Members, at which the Governing Board of Directors will appoint a person to fill the unexpired term.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

Action Item

Subject: Determination of August Governing Board of Directors Meeting Date:

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 budget, and the March meeting is primarily a review of programs and services.

The meeting date recommended for the August Governing Board of Directors is Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Recommendation: Approve Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. as the August Governing Board of Directors' meeting date.