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TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Executive Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: SEDOL Administration Office, Bay Room

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL (Ms. McHugh)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Ms. McHugh)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Accept the Agenda - VOICE VOTE
Move acceptance of the agenda as presented.

4. CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda - ROLL CALL VOTE
Move approval of the consent agenda items and addendum, if included, as presented.

- 4.1 Minutes
Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of December 18, 2025.
- 4.2 Financial Matters
Paid Accounts Payables:

[FY26 JAN Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf](#) 

[12-29-25 AP Check Register Liabilities.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Board Checks - 01-22-26.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Checks 12-12,15,19-25; 01-09,13-26.pdf](#) 

4.3 Personnel Matters

Recommend employment of the following applicants, with work assignment and start date as indicated, subject to completion of the physical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-6 of the School Code, successful completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 10-21.9 of the School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents, and certifications as required by law and/or requested by SEDOL for the position.

[Jan 22, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf](#) 

5. **RECOGNITION (Dr. Hackett)**

5.1 STARS Students

The Board will recognize a student from Ms. Mattea's classroom at Fairhaven School as the January STARS Student.

5.2 Employee of the Month

The Board will recognize Ms. Alexia Svetlecich, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Teacher, as the January Employee of the Month.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT (Ms. McHugh)**

President McHugh will recognize any visitors at the meeting. The Executive Board is always interested in hearing from anyone who has a concern or issue regarding SEDOL programs and services. In order to ensure that everyone is heard and, at the same time, conduct the meeting properly and efficiently, those wishing to address the Board are asked to observe the following guidelines.

1. Sign in at the meeting and complete the Public Comment Information Form.
2. Address the Board at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
3. State your name and address for the record.
4. Comments should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board President may deny a person the opportunity to speak for more than 3 minutes. The President may also deny such opportunity to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.
5. Groups attending Board meetings are requested to appoint a spokesperson, if possible. The spokesperson should identify the group he/she represents

and then briefly explain the concerns shared by the group. The Board President reserves the right to terminate a speaker's comments if they are repetitive or redundant.

6. Comments made during open session should not pertain to individual students or employees. Concerns regarding a specific student or employee should be presented in closed session.
7. The Board President or other presiding officer shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual addressing the Board under public comment and to determine procedural matters regarding public comment not otherwise defined in Board policy.

7. SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) UPDATE (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

A. Ms. Timonen

Goal 1: Deaf and Hard of Hearing Instructional Practices

Goal 3: Safety Measures for Deaf and Hard of Hearing

B. Dr. Thomas

Goal 2: Comparative Data

8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.1 Contract Approval - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Barbini)
Administration requests approval of the contract between SEDOL and Modern Media Tech (MMT) to update the audio and microphone systems in the Gages Lake School Community Room in the amount of \$20,432.

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE
Move approval of the contract between SEDOL and Modern Media Tech in the amount of \$20,432 as presented.
- 8.2 FY24 and FY25 Audit Update - INFORMATIONAL (Ms. Allard)
Mr. Kevin Smith, Eccezion, will present to the Board information on the FY24 and FY25 audits.
- 8.3 Acceptance of FY24 Audit - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. Allard)
Administration recommends the Board accept the FY24 final audit.

Motion to Accept FY24 Audit - ROLL CALL VOTE
Move acceptance of the FY24 final audit as presented.
- 8.4 2026 Summer Project Update - INFORMATIONAL (Ms. Allard)
Ms. Allard will provide an update to the 2026 summer projects.

8.5 FY26 Budget Amendment - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. Allard)

Administration recommends the amended budget for FY26 be presented for Governing Board approval at the March 4, 2026, meeting.

1. The final budget will be based on a cash basis, which includes Evidence-Based Funding and tuition revenues being calculated accordingly;
2. For final budget purposes, total expenditures in the Education Fund for FY26 be set at **\$52,782,408** and that those expenditures be offset by tuition, district contractual and grant revenue, leaving a fund balance of **\$2,931,609**;
3. Total expenditures in the Operations and Maintenance Fund be set at **\$3,718,226**; in the Debt Service Fund at **\$181,800**; in the Transportation Fund at **\$861,536**; in the IMRF Fund at **\$1,200,000**, in the Capital Projects Fund at **\$3,350,000**.

Motion to Accept and Present Amended Budget - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move acceptance of the FY26 amended budget as presented and recommend Governing Board approval at the March 4, 2026 meeting.

8.6 FY27 Budget Timelines and Update - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Allard)

Ms. Allard will provide an update on the FY27 budget timelines.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Skyward Update - INFORMATIONAL (Ms. Allard)

Ms. Allard will update the Board on the Skyward payroll implementation.

9.2 Programming Updates - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Crowley)

9.3 March Governing Board Meeting - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

The Board will review a draft agenda for the March 4, 2026, Governing Board meeting.

9.4 FOIA Requests - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

1. On November 19, 2025, Mr. Max Binnington submitted a FOIA request for *any contracts and/or RFPs related to risk management and/or liability insurance*. Dr. Wojcik replied on December 22, 2025, granting part and denying part of the request.

2. On November 19, 2025, and December 8, 2025, Mr. Max Binnington submitted a total of three voluminous commercial FOIA requests. Dr. Wojcik replied on December 22, 2025, denying these requests.
3. On December 18, 2025, CT Mills requested copies of the most current existing records listing all active employees within our district. To ensure their records remain accurate, they requested the latest version currently on file that includes the following fields: • Full Name • Title/Position • Work Email Address • Work Location. Dr. Wojcik replied on December 23, 2025, and included the information requested.
4. On January 7, 2026, E. Campos requested copies of any purchase orders or invoices for paint made by the school district and contractors performing the projects that exceeded \$1,000 within the past five (5) years. Dr. Wojcik replied with information on January 14, 2026.

10. CLOSED SESSION - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Motion to Enter Into Closed Session - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move the Board enter into closed session to discuss:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Move the Board return to public session.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- Ping Pong- February 1
- Laremont Trivia Night- March 7
- Dinner Dance- April 25
- Pucks for Autism- June 12-14
- Golf Invitational- September 14
- 5K Run/Walk- September 19
- One Special Night- November 7

12.2 SEDOL Events (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Ms. McHugh)

14. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)

2025-26 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Thursday, February 26, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 19, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 2, 2026 – 8:30 a.m. *FY27 Budget Meeting*

Thursday, April 23, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 28, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, June 25, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 23, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.

2025-26 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Community Room*

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.