

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Executive Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, August 28, 2025

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: SEDOL Administration Office, Bay Room

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

2. OATH OF OFFICE (Ms. McHugh)

Dr. Scott Schwartz, Superintendent of D37, who was reappointed by the Governing Board to serve another 2-year term, was absent from the July Executive Board meeting. He will recite the oath today. Dr. Schwartz was also voted in as the Executive Board Vice-President at the July 24, 2025, meeting.

[Oath of Office.pdf](#) 

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Ms. McHugh)

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

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

5. 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.

5.1 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting of July 24, 2025.

5.2 Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payables:

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

[AP Check Register 07-23-25.pdf](#) 

[AP Check Register 08-28-25 - Invoices Over \\$8,000.pdf](#) 

[AP Check Register 08-28-25.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 07-28-25.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 07-30-25 0001.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 07-31-25 \(2\).pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 07-31-25.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 08-14-25.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 08-15-25 \(2\)-1.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Check Register - Payroll Liabilities 08-15-25 \(2\).pdf](#) 

5.3 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.

[Aug 28, 2025 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf](#) 

6. RECOGNITION (Dr. Hackett)

6.1 Employee of the Year 2024

6.2 New Staff

6.3 Introduction of New Administrators

- Karen Fletcher, Fairhaven School Assistant Principal
- Jennifer Pilcher, John Powers Center Co-Interim Assistant Principal

- Gail Wright, John Powers Center Co-Interim Assistant Principal

7. 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.

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

9. OLD BUSINESS

- 9.1 Summer Project Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
 - Fairhaven School
 - SEDOL campus landscaping
- 9.2 SEDOL Tuition Restructuring Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Thomas)

Dr. Thomas will present on the proposed tuition restructuring model.
- 9.3 Policy Updates 2nd Reading and Approval - ACTION NEEDED

(Dr. Wojcik)

Administration requests approval of the following policies: 04:80 *Accounting and Audit*; 6:235 *Access to Electronic Network*; and 7:250 *Student Support Services 7:255 Students Who Are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence*. These policies were presented for 1st reading at the July meeting.

[*0480 Accounting and Audit Aug 28 2025.pdf](#) 

[*6235 Access to Elec Network rev Aug 28 2025.pdf](#) 

[*7250 Student Support Services Jul 24 2025.pdf](#) 

[*7255 Student Support Services Jul 24 2025- New.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Policy Updates - VOICE VOTE

Move approval of policies: 04:80 *Accounting and Audit*; 6:235 *Access to Electronic Network* and 7:250 *Student Support Services 7:255 Students Who Are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence* as presented.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- 10.1 1st Days of 2025-26 School Year - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Administration will provide an update on the start of the 2025-26 school year.

- 10.2 Annual Student Behavioral Policy Committee - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Crowley)

Mr. Crowley will provide an update on the Annual Student Behavioral Policy Committee meeting held August 26, 2025.

- 10.3 10-Year Life Safety Plan Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Administration will update the Board on the 10-Year Life Safety Plan.

- 10.4 Vehicle Purchase - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)

Administration requests Board approval to purchase a 2026 Ford Transit Full Size Van from Currie Motors Commercial Center through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative for \$51,727.00.

Motion to Approve Vehicle Purchase - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval to purchase a 2026 Ford Transit Full Size Van in the amount of \$51,727.00 as presented.

10.5 FOIA Request - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

1. On July 31, 2025, SEDOL received a FOIA request from Ms. Amna Khan. The request was denied on August 7, 2025, as it sought records that contain personally identifiable information as well as law enforcement records that are not in the possession of the district.
2. On August 18, 2025, SEDOL received a FOIA request from Justin Wenig requesting public records detailing financial transactions (check register, expenditure report, or purchase order history) from January 1, 2022, to the present. Dr. Wojcik responded to this request on August 22, 2025.

10.6 Summer Curriculum Projects Update - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Jimenez-Captain)

Dr. Jimenez-Captain will provide an update on curriculum projects that occurred over the summer.

10.7 Art Therapy Contract - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Jimenez-Captain)

Administration requests Board approval of the art therapy contract with Ms. Laura Luoma in the amount of \$39,057.50. Ms. Luoma will provide art therapy to the John Powers Center DHH Program and the Transition Program for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the contract between Ms. Laura Luoma and SEDOL in the amount of \$39,057.50 for art therapy services for the 2025-26 school year as presented.

10.8 Center for Special Education Contract - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Wojcik)

Administration requests Board approval of the 1-year contract between the Center for Special Education and SEDOL in the amount of \$42,290.00 for fifteen psychology comprehensive evaluations.

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the contract between the Center for Special Education and SEDOL in the amount of \$42,290.00 for fifteen psychology comprehensive evaluations as presented.

11. 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.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 Possible Termination - ACTION NEEDED (Ms. McHugh)

Administration recommends the termination of support staff member employee 08282025-01 for job abandonment as recommended.

Motion to Approve Termination - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move to approve the termination of employee 08282025-01 for job abandonment as recommended.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

14. INFORMATIONAL

14.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- Golf Invitational- September 8
- 5K Run/Walk- September 13
- One Special Night- November 8

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

Curriculum Night

- September 4th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SEDOL Building Tours

- Tuesday, September 23rd (Laremont School, Gages Lake School, and Cyd Lash Academy) 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, September 29th (Fairhaven School & John Powers Center) 9:30 a.m.
- RSVP by September 17th

15. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Ms. McHugh)

16. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)

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

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 23, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, November 13, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, December 18, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 8:30 a.m.
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, December 3, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.