

SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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TO: Executive Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Executive Board Meeting

DATE: Thursday, May 28, 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 Financial Matters

Paid Accounts Payables:

[FY26 MAY26 Executive Board Meeting Summary.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Board Check Register.pdf](#) 

[Paid AP Manual Check Register 04-17,24,27-26.pdf](#) 

4.2 Minutes

Public and closed session minutes of the regular meeting on April 23, 2026.

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.

[May 28, 2026 Personnel Recommendations & Vacancies.pdf](#) 

4.4 Closed Session Minutes/Recordings

Administration recommends the minutes of closed session remain confidential and that all previously reviewed minutes remain closed. In addition, administration recommends the destruction of verbatim recordings for the attached closed session meetings.

[Closed Session Minutes-Recordings Dates DOC.pdf](#) 

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

5.1 STARS Students

The Board will recognize a student from Ms. Valerie Bentley's classroom at Fairhaven School as the May STARS Student.

5.2 2026 Infinetec Outstanding Student Technology Award

Infinetec recognized a District 6 student from a SEDOL Sector Program at a dinner/award celebration on April 23rd. This student will also be recognized at the June 3, 2026 Governing Board meeting.

5.3 Employees of the Month

1. The Board will recognize Sandi Johnson, Behavior Specialist, Cyd Lash Academy, as the May Employee of the Month.
2. The Board will recognize Carly Fishman, Social Worker, John Powers Center, as the May Employee of the Month.

5.4 May Staff Appreciation

- Interpreters (SLI and bilingual)
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- School Communicators Day
- Speech/Language Pathologists
- Teachers

5.5 ROE Educator of the Year Recognition

Ms. Michelle Clark- Classroom Diverse Learner Teacher

Mr. Matthew Crowley- School Administrator

Mr. Chris Howes- Educational Service Personnel

Ms. Erin MacDonald- Student Support Personnel

Ms. Erin Picco- Early Career Educator

5.6 Introduction of New Administrators

Ms. Tracy McMahon, Assistant to the Principal, John Powers Center

Ms. Traci Stieter - Principal, Laremont School

Mr. Matt Zidron - Principal, Gages Lake School

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)**

Administration will present the final 2025–26 CIP Plan, which includes key highlights and progress from the past year.

Goal 1- Provide Exceptional Programs and Services to meet the needs of students throughout SEDOL community

- Laremont Curriculum - Dr. Allison Schmitt
 - MOVE Model Site
 - Pre/Post Benchmark Data
- AT Companion Device - Ms. Erin MacDonald

8. **OLD BUSINESS**

8.1 Policy 2nd Reading Review - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Wojcik)

Administration recommends approval of the changes to PRESS Policy 7:150 *Agency and Law Enforcement Requests*.

[**7150 Agency Law Enforcement Requests May 28 2026.pdf](#) 

Motion to Approve Policy Changes - Voice Vote

Motion to approve the changes to Policy 7:150 *Agency and Law Enforcement Requests* as presented.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 Lake County Sheriff's Office Agreement - ACTION NEEDED (Mr. Crowley)
Administration will request approval of the 1-year reciprocal reporting agreement between the Lake County Sheriff's Office and SEDOL for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to Approve Agreement - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the 1-year 2026-27 reciprocal reporting agreement between the Lake County Sheriff's Office and SEDOL as presented.

- 9.2 Therapets Contract- ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Jimenez-Captain)
Administration will request Board approval of the Therapets contract in the yearly amount of \$10,800 to continue providing services to Laremont School. The SEDOL Foundation has agreed to cover the costs associated with this contract for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to Approve Contract - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the contract between SEDOL and Therapets in the amount of \$10,800 as presented.

- 9.3 D73 School to School Contract - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
Administration recommends approval of the 2026-27 School to School Food Service Contract between SEDOL and Vernon Hills D73 and the amended 2025-26 agreement to include the extended school year.

Motion to Approve Contract- ROLL CALL VOTE

Move to approve the amended 2025-26 and the 2026-27 food service agreements between SEDOL and Vernon Hills D73 as presented.

- 9.4 Appointment of Authorized Agent - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
Administration recommends that David Shepherd, incoming Assistant Superintendent of Business, be appointed as the authorized IMRF agent and TRS representative effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

Motion to Appoint Agent - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move David Shepherd be appointed to serve as SEDOL's IMRF authorized agent and TRS representative effective July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

- 9.5 CLIC Insurance Rates - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Johns/Ms. Allard)
Administration recommends the Board accept the CLIC insurance coverage and rates for workers' compensation and liability coverages.

Motion to Accept Coverage/Rates - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move the Board accept the CLIC insurance coverage and rates for workers' compensation

and liability coverages as presented.

9.6 FOIA - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Wojcik)

On March 26, 2026, Mr. Justin Wenig, Star Bridge, requested access to and copies of all purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors, from January 1, 2025, to the current date.

Dr. Wojcik responded with the requested items on April 23, 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.
2. The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

Motion to Return to Public Session - VOICE VOTE

Move the Board return to public session.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Request for Non-Member District Placement - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Hackett/Dr. Thomas)

Administration recommends approval of the request by Waukegan D60 to continue placement in the SEDOL deaf and hard of hearing (D/HH) program at John Powers Center for the 2026-27 school year. The districts will be billed based on non-member district tuition schedule and will continue to be responsible for transportation costs and for the cost associated with any additional support needed as a result of the

placement.

Motion to Approve Request - ROLL CALL VOTE

Move approval of the request by Waukegan D60 for continuation of placement for one student in the SEDOL D/HH program at John Powers Center for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

12. INFORMATIONAL

12.1 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- Pucks for Autism- June 5-7
- Golf Invitational- September 14
- 5K Run/Walk- September 19
- One Special Night- November 7
- Ping Pong for Kids- February 7, 2027

- Laremont Trivia Night- March 6, 2027

12.2 2025-26 Retirees

[Retirees.pdf](#) 

12.3 SEDOL Events (Dr. Hackett)

[Upcoming Events Around SEDOL 2026.pdf](#) 

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS (Ms. McHugh)

14. ADJOURNMENT (Ms. McHugh)

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

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, June 3, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

2026-27 Governing Board Meeting Dates- Pending approval at the June 3rd meeting.

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Wednesday, March 3, 2027

Wednesday, June 2, 2027