

# **SPEED S.E.J.A. #802**

## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting  
SPEED Governing Board  
SPEED Building  
7:00 p.m.

November 2, 2017

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Bean called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

On roll call the following answered present: Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Mrs. Huckabee, District 161; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Mr. Drake, District 206; Dr. Woods, District 227; Ms. Bannon, District 233; and Mr. Bean, District 162

Absent: Ms. Taylor, District 144; Ms. Braxton, District 163; Mrs. Jones, District 168; Mr. Sherman, District 169; Mr. Karwowski, District 170; Mr. Walstra, District 172; and Ms. Edwards, District 194.

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Margie Lenoir, Interim Executive Director, Al Travaglini, Interim Executive Director, were present as well as the following SPEED Staff: Kevin Slattery, Director of Business and Finance; Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources; Tim Jonke, Director of Technology; April Brown, Principal at PAL; Linda Wilson, Principal at Independence and Jessica Chen, Principal at ELC and Nicole Taylor, Principal at ALL.

Mr. Bean explained to the Governing Board that the two candidates for Executive Director were originally scheduled to present to the Operating Committee today, however, one of the candidates had to be out of town. The candidate presentation has been re-scheduled for November 27, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Lenoir welcomed back Nicole Taylor from maternity leave and stated that Dr. Predonna Roberts will remain at SPEED as a consultant for professional development and communication frameworks.

ELC will be participating in a developmental clinical study that is sponsored by WPS Publishing Company. The study will involve twenty of our students and their families. The families have

consented to participate in the study. The purpose of the study is to assist WPS Publishing Company with their assessment instrument. There is some level of compensation given to the families for participating as well as to the ELC program. ELC will use those funds to purchase additional equipment and supplies.

Independence would like to be able to hire a psychiatrist in the future. The students in Independence do not just have behavior problems. Many of the students have underlying mental health issues that have not adequately been addressed. A psychiatrist would be valuable in helping to support the students as well as their families.

Last week the Independence Program had a "Bring Your Family to School Day". Approximately 25 families attended.

The administration is working diligently on field trip procedures. They are working on planning, proper supervision, and safety.

SPEED continues to search for a vision itinerant in order to continue providing needed services. If we are not able to provide services, a letter will be sent to the parents as well as the districts explaining how SPEED will go about providing these services.

Mr. Travaglini thanked the Superintendents at the Operating Committee for their assistance in making sure that MOE has been met. There are pre-school grant carryover funds. ISBE would like for us to request carryover funds quarterly instead of sending in one request at the end of the year. Kristin and Kevin will ensure that this happens and that the Superintendents are kept informed of how it is going.

The goals from the administrators have been submitted and evaluations will begin soon.

SPEED collected \$150 from staff for the Red Cross and will be sending the check out soon.

Mr. Travaglini met with the parents and students at the Academy to discuss Special Olympics. The students as well as the parents are very enthusiastic about the program.

Mr. Travaglini spoke to the Governing Board regarding the need to raise funds for all of the SPEED programs in order to provide buses for field trips, student incentives, staff incentives and other activities. The possibility of creating a foundation was discussed. Mr. Travaglini will also reach out to the SPO to discuss fund-raising ideas.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The current Fund Balance as of the end of September is \$4.5M. There are still tuition payments coming in from the districts. A new line item has been added to the budget summary for the State Revenue. Due to a recently passed State budget, Co-ops will start getting general state aid versus the special education personnel reimbursement. We have received one payment for \$300,000 for special education personnel reimbursement and we hopefully will receive the same amount of funds as FY16 and FY17, which is about \$1.2M.

SPEED has approximately \$253,000 of carryover money from the pre-school grant. We have been instructed to spend the money or risk losing it. The carryover money will be distributed to the elementary school districts based on the percentage that the state gives each of those

districts. The amount of carryover that will be paid to the districts is \$190,000. SPEED will keep its 12.5%.

Legacy Professionals, our auditor, will be here through next week. They are wrapping up the audit and will present their findings at the January Board Meetings.

Kevin Slattery and Bob Fennema will be giving a presentation on MOE/Excess Costs to the District Business Managers as well as the District Reps. The presentation will take place at SPEED on November 15 in the SPEED CEO Center.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Huckabee moved, seconded by Mr. Dixon that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda items A through D as presented.

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2017
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of September 22, 2017
- D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills from September, 2017 and October, 2017

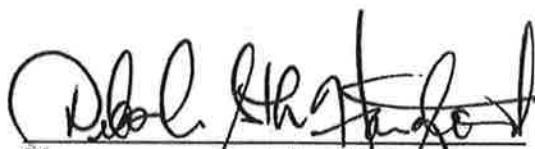
On a roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Mrs. Huckabee, District 161; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Mr. Drake, District 206; Dr. Woods, District 227; Ms. Bannon, District 233; and Mr. Bean, District 162

Nays: None

Motion Carried

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



Ms. Deborah Havighorst, Secretary  
Lori Koditek, Recording Secretary

Date: 1-25-18



Mr. Ron Bean, President  
SPEED Governing Board