

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
SPEED Operating Committee
Zoom Teleconference
9:00 a.m.

October 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:03 a.m. Dr. Leak called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162 (arrived at 9:32 a.m.); Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Dr. Halliman, Superintendent was present as well as the following SPEED Staff: Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance; Ms. Vanessa Duffin, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Maureen White, Director of District Services; Mr. Gregory Furgason, Director of Technology, Mr. Joseph Kekelik, Buildings and Grounds Director; Principals: Ms. April Brown, Ms. Amina Payne, Ms. Linda Wilson, and Ms. Nicole Taylor.

Also present: Mr. Eric Grodsky, Attorney from Hauser, Izzo, Petrarca, Gleason & Stillman, LLC

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Jane Cornelius, Union President was in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

COVID 19 Educational Taskforce

Dr. Halliman reported that the COVID 19 Educational Taskforce has been meeting over the past three weeks. During the meetings, time was spent time putting together a parent town hall meeting as well as developing questions for an additional parent survey to gather more specific information around the District needs such as, can your child wear a face mask, if so for how long, 0 – 2 hours, 2 - 4 hours, etc. stating this kind of information would be helpful to SPEED as we look toward bringing students back into the building.

Town Hall Meeting

SPEED's first town hall meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. A Google Form was sent to parents the week prior, with a video attached, explaining the expected outcomes. Parents were asked to submit their questions on the Google Form by Monday night at 10:00 p.m. A total of 16 questions were received and there were approximately 48 participants including the 15 members of the Taskforce present at the meeting. At the end of the meeting a few questions were answered that were not submitted in advance.

Dr. Halliman stated that the meeting went very well and is looking forward to doing this again moving forward. Additionally, a more in depth parent survey would be sent out later today which would allow SPEED to garner more information on the students. There is a recommendation on the Board packet today regarding the reassessment of our reopening plan for the 2nd quarter and what our recommendation will be which is to continue with our Remote + Plan which allows us to see students by appointment for related service for evaluation. We have two teachers that bring some students in on an individual basis for tutoring. We are moving into some of those academic pieces of the remote plus plan.

Social Distancing Staff Contest

Our social distancing contest went very well. We have a number of video submissions as well as slogans that were presented. We shared with staff who voted on the best submission in order to determine the winner.

The impetus to doing this contest was to create a fun way to stress the importance of Social Distancing. While working with the union president, we came up with doing this kind of campaign to involve the entire staff. The winning slogans will be showcased.

Dr. Halliman ended her report by sharing that Ms. Murillo would share some big ticket items for us this year concerning auditing and liability insurance. She further informed the board that we currently use IEP Plus which is a subsidiary of Power School for our Special Education IEPs; however, we have been informed that they are discontinuing the product for next year. We have assembled a small team to facilitate a big turnover. This is a huge project for our IEP system. We are looking at Easy IEP and Embrace. A number of our member districts use Easy IEP and others use Embrace. Our Director of Technology, Mr. Furgason, has a team together and we are beginning this process.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Murillo reported that as of September 30, 2020, we have received 32% of our budgeted revenues and expended 24% of our budgeted expenses. We are on target with our expenditures. We have received 8% more in revenues than anticipated for the period. We should be at 25% for the 3rd quarter.

SPEED will no longer use Legacy Auditors, LLC for our financial audits. Inquiries have been sent to our member districts to request information on the firms currently being used. Based on the information received, we have sent RFP's to the following:

- Baker Tilly
- RSM
- Crowe, LLP
- Miller Cooper & Company

The submission deadline for consideration is Friday, November 20, 2020.

Our current insurance cooperative, ISIC is disbanding at the end of December, 2020. We have been in communication SSCIP and CLIC insurance cooperatives from Gallagher. ISIC currently holds our Casualty and General Liability insurance. SPEED will be joining the cooperative that best suits our needs and attention.

The process of completing the required documentation for the food service vendor bidding has begun. The new service will begin July 1, 2021. ISBE is allowing us to engage with preferred meals on an emergency basis.

Questions:

Dr. Navarre questioned why an RFP had not been sent to GWA & Associates for auditing services? It was further noted that several school districts that feed into SPEED use their services and they located in the Chicago Heights area. Ms. Murillo indicated that we did not receive this vendor name but we would seek information and contact them directly. Ms. Murillo asked

Dr. Leak noted that the budget report looks very different now than before since the money is not coming directly into SPEED.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:13 a.m., Dr. Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee That pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(10) and Section 2(c)(11) the Operating Committee goes into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and pending, probable and/or imminent litigation matters.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D and E as presented.

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2020
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of September 18, 2020
- D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills for September and October 2020
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds of September, 2020

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the New Business Agenda item A as presented.

A. Press Policy Updates

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Dr. Frusher moved, seconded by Dr. White that the Operating Committee approves the New Business Agenda item B as presented.

B. eLearning Plan

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Dr. White moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee approves the New Business Agenda item C as presented.

C. MOU Regarding Evaluations

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Dr. White moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee approves the unpaid leave request for T. Kelly as presented.

D. Unpaid Leave – T. Kelly

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee not approve the unpaid leave for employee T. Polanski as presented.

E. Unpaid Leave – T. Polanski

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the Old Business Agenda item A as presented.

A. Reopening Plan for 2nd Quarter 2020/2021 School Year

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233.

INFORMATION

- Student Enrollment Report

Dr. Halliman reported that last month attendance reflected a 20% decrease however enrollment is reflecting an upward growth.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Leak adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Smith to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Leak adjourned the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Cassandra Giles
Dr. Gregory Jackson (for G. Jackson)
Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 1/21/2021

Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee

