

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

June 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:02 a.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 205; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172; and Dr. Coglianese, 201U.

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; Ms. Sue Janacek, Programs and Services; Mr. Gregory Furgason, Director of Technology, Mr. Joseph Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Principals: Ms. Amina Payne, Ms. April Spencer, Ms. Nicole Taylor and Ms. Linda Wilson.

Also present was Mr. Eric Grodsky, Attorney from Petrarca, Gleason & Boyle and Izzo, LLC.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy, SEA Union President, Ms. Timberly Cole and Ms. Jennifer Alexander.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Halliman reported that approximately 2 years ago, the Board approved her to join the Superintendent's Advanced Leadership program entitled, ISAL. She was part of the 6th Co-hort. Dr. Halliman stated she has now graduated from the program on June 17, 2022.

The Capstone Project included that she must create Individual Goals for the advancement of her leadership as well as district goals. She further reviewed the Capstone project with the board in detail.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of May, we have received 63% of our revenues and have expended 66% of the budget. We have approximately \$1M past due and another \$1.3M that is currently due. Past due notices were sent in early June. Mr. Bean stated that when we last met, the request was made to have these notices sent to the Superintendent as well. Mr. Bean then asked is this practice has been incorporated in the process. Mr. Murillo confirmed this practice is now in place.

Workers' Compensation Renewal Options

Ms. Murillo shared that there was an action item on the agenda for the Worker's Comp renewal with Dr. Halliman's recommendation. Ms. Murillo explained the three available options to choose from ICMRT (our current carrier) which came in with a \$91k annual renewal rate. This amount is less than what we currently pay. Our coverage limits remain the same and our self-insured retention per claim is \$300k. The next option is with the State Auto Insurance Company at a cost of \$115k. The coverage limits are set to \$100M and there is no self-insured retention per claim. The last option is with Illinois Public Risk Fund at \$149k. The coverage limits are set at \$3M with no self-insured retention.

Ms. Murillo stated that this information was provided to support a recommendation from the Superintendent that will appear later in the board packet.

Food Service Renewal

Ms. Murillo reported that the Food Service Renewal contract with Elior is coming in at a 6.6% increase in cost. Additionally, not all of our meals will be fully reimbursed by the state so SPEED will have a co-payment of .13 cents per meal, per student.

Dr. Halliman stated that our Preferred Meals, Elior had dropped several school districts in particular the ones that do not have a kitchen. They were also contemplating dropping us as well. She senses that they are thinking of phasing out this part of their business across the state. A number of our Superintendents indicated that their districts had been cut. We have been able to keep just for this year, so we are anticipating going out to bid for another food service contractor.

Dr. Patterson stated that she spoke to Dennis and they are in the process of converting all of the district's kitchens into fresh kitchens. Is this the case? Dr. Halliman stated that what they would like to find a district that may have a full kitchen and then have some of the surrounding satellites to support. Everything would come out of that complete kitchen. We were not approached with this model yet.

Dr. Gibson asked if there was a pre-copy sent to the Board. Ms. Giles clarified that the packet was sent to Dr. McAllister, but she would add him to the Board Book distribution going forward

Dr. Gibson asked if we have been reaching out to other school districts that may have some of the same issues. Mr. Bean stated that they also had some issues with Preferred Meals and in fact were told that they would be getting out of the business. It was recommended that the Superintendent reach out to other districts. Dr. Halliman shared that we were able to secure a contract this year primarily because we have a kitchen, and they assumed our staff so there are not a lot of onsite things they need to do which made it a little easier to maintain our contract at least for one more year.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:22 a.m., Dr. Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Gibson 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 employment, compensation, and/or performance of a specific

employee of SPEED and or matters regarding students. Any items needing approval will be voted on during open session.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 205; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172; and Dr. Coglianese, 201U.

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda items A through E as presented.

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2022
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of May 19, 2022
- D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills
- E. Imprest and Activity Funds

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 205; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172; and Dr. Coglianese, 201U.

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. FY23 Worker's Compensation Broker Renewal

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee approve the Workers' Compensation Broker Service renewal with Alliant/Mesirow that represents IL. Counties Risk Management Trust in the amount of \$91,070 as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 205; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172; and Dr. Coglianese, 201U.

Nays: None

B. Elior North America Food Service Renewal

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the renewal of food services with Elior North America as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 205; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172; and Dr. Coglianese, 201U.

Nays: None

C. Employment of Principal

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee approve the employment of the selected candidate for the position of Principal at the Independence Program.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 205; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172; and Dr. Coglianese, 201U.

Nays: None

D. Employment of Assistant Principal

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee table item 8D, The Employment of the Assistant Principal.

Motion Carried: Voice Vote

Nays: None

E. Press Policy Updates

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee that the Operating Committee approve the policy revisions to maintain legal compliance as outlined by the IASB PRESS Plus Policy Subscription Service as presented by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 205; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172; and Dr. Coglianese, 201U.

Nays: None

F. Retirement Resolution for Dr. Von Mansfield

Dr. Gibson moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee adopt SPEED's Retirement Resolution Honoring Dr. Von Mansfield.

Motion Carried: Voice Vote

Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Cook/Illinois Transportation Agreement

Dr. Halliman stated that we have not settled with the Transportation company as of yet. She further stated that she along with Ms. Murillo and Atty. Grodsky had a face-to-face meeting with Jeff Barnes and Tom O'Sullivan. They submitted a recommendation of 15% and the reasons why they needed this level of increase. She stated that we did counter and provided a plethora of reasons why she felt it should not be higher than 5%. These reasons include free training for their drivers on de-escalation training, we solicited two of our security officers who took on a second job with the, we found a security firm for them to get on the buses, etc. We are scheduled to meet again next week to see what we can produce. They have countered again with double digits, but we are working to get this settled by next month. Also, during the pandemic, our cooperative was one of the few districts that continued to pay them at 80% rate although they did not run the routes daily.

Dr. Nottke stated that they gave them a very large increase for their American School Bus Transportation. They nearly doubled their price. Dr. Nottke will forward the exact amount to Dr. Halliman.

Dr. Gibson stated that they also had the same problem after having a long-standing relationship with them also. They went out to bid to try to get better pricing but only one bidder surfaced which was Kickert. Another bidder came in to tell us they could not bid. Special Ed transportation ended up with 10% and a bid at 7%.

B. Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee table item 8F. Cook/Illinois Transportation Agreement until the next board meeting.

Motion Carried: Voice Vote

Nays: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.



Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 8-18-2022



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee