

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

## **OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

January 20, 2022

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 9:01 a.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144 (arrived at 9:11); Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163 (arrived at 9:11); Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169 (arrived at 9:30); Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Ms. Lindsay, 167; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Dr. Mansfield, 233

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 and Principals: Ms. April Brown and Ms. Amina Payne.

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

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Ms. Renada Hardy, Union President was in attendance (arrived at 9:30 a.m.)

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Halliman reported that the State of the District presentation will be provided in lieu of her normal report to the board.

Dr. Halliman and her cabinet (Dr. Maureen White, Director of District Services; Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance and Ms. Vanessa Duffin, Director of Human Resources) provided a detailed review of the districts performance as aligned with the Goals for the District.

Dr. Halliman reviewed the Vision, Mission, and cascading goals for the district. Dr. Halliman stated that for the past 4 years, we have always begun the school year with a theme. Previous themes were: Transformation Begins with You, Level Up and Level Up 2.0. This year our theme is "Pivot with Purpose: Cultivating Growth Mindsets". Dr. Halliman shared that as she was the keynote speaker for our opening day institute, the messaging provided was two-fold. She reviewed the goals for the district but also to create synergy with our staff around our theme. Following Dr. Halliman's opening review, each cabinet member provided an in-depth discussion of the outcomes associated with each goal from their areas of responsibility. Dr. Halliman ended the presentation highlighting the new partnerships that have been acquired as well as those that



have been maintained. She further noted that the administrators have done a phenomenal job in garnering new partnerships even in the midst of this current pandemic.

Dr. Leak and Dr. Sutton commended Dr. Halliman and her staff on a job well done even in the midst of Dr. Halliman's medical leave. Dr. Leak stated that the ability to accomplish all that has been reported on speaks volumes to have a plan in place and to have your team keep working that plan. Dr. Sutton stated that he was taking notes although he knew a lot was going on even more so after this presentation.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

- Ms. Murillo reported that at the end of December we collected 29% of our revenue and expended 36% of our budget. At the end of the month, we had \$980k of uncollected tuition bills due to the short work month. We did however receive payments in January of approximately, \$500k. We have also spent \$185k of the ESSER grant that has not been reimbursed. We've received 13% of our revenues and have expended 15% of our budget.
- December invoices for tuition and other services were mailed on January 13.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:50 a.m., Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre 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. McAlister 153; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Ms. Lindsay, 167; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Dr. Mansfield, 233

Nays: None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Personnel Report**
- B. Approval of October 21, 2021 Open Session Minutes**
- C. Approval of October 21, 2021 Closed Session Minutes**
- D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills November and December 2021 and January 2022**
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds for October, November and December 2021**

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Ms. Lindsay, 167; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Dr. Mansfield, 233



Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Halliman stated that there were no New Business items however Ms. Murillo did not go specifically through the SMPG grant application under the Business report, but it is on the Board packet. Ms. Murillo reviewed briefly stating that the School Maintenance Project grant is for maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. The grant is awarded in five priorities: Emergency projects, Health/Life safety projects, State priority projects, Permanent improvement projects and other projects. It is a dollar per dollar match, up to \$50,000. All projects must be expended or obligated within 2 years of disbursement by State. We are requesting authorization to submit the application.

We have identified 4 projects that need immediate need. Repair areas are roof, pavement, masonry repair, HVAC and asbestos removal. Estimated total cost would be \$100k. If the grant is awarded, we will only need to use \$50k of our local funds.

Dr. Halliman stated that we have been in contact with ISBE, and we have been slated for this grant, but we did not have a board meeting in November or December.

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approve the submission of the SMPG application.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianesi, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Ms. Lindsay, 167; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Dr. Mansfield, 233

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Transportation Update** – Dr. Halliman stated that we were experiencing bus driver shortages and asked the bus company to bring some proposals to resolve this issue. They wanted to ask the board for an increase this year, but they steered away from this request. Dr. Halliman stated that she and Atty. Grodsky worked over the break. The first issue is that everyone was not routed on the bus, but this has been resolved. Secondly, we had extremely long riding times due to the staff shortage. We compromised and our staff identified our most medically fragile students and they agreed to reroute those routes, so they are shortened ride times for those students. It seems to be working out but then we went on Adaptive Pause. She further stated that she and Atty. Grodsky reviewed data minute by minute and child by child to ensure these issues were addressed. No proposals have been submitted so far.

Dr. Patterson asked is they requested payment while we are on Adaptive Pause? Dr. Halliman stated that the way this works is that while we hold the contract, the invoices go to the districts. Although they are not picking up our students, they are dropping off work packets and delivering food to our students on the routes.

Dr. Halliman stated that This is the time that we engage in at least a one-year agreement with Cook-Illinois. We should anticipate an increased percentage rate for service however our options are to start negotiations with them or go out to bid.



**February 2022 Operating Committee Date Change**

Dr. Halliman reported that the next Operating Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022 and that most Superintendents will be attending the AASA meeting. The question was asked if they would like to reschedule the meeting or send a representative. The superintendents in attendance agreed to move the next Operating Committee Meeting to February 10 at 9:00 a.m. by voice vote.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Student Enrollment Report – Dr. Halliman reported that we are trending upward and are servicing roughly 500 students which includes itinerant services.

The annual Bloom Township Treasurer Investment report is included in the packet for your review/information.

Dr. Halliman restated that the next Operating Committee Meeting will be February 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**


None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

  
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Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary  
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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Mr. Bean, President  
SPEED Operating Committee

