

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

October 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:02 a.m. Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nalls, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Mr. Amado, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Mr. Bean

Dr. Halliman, Superintendent was present as well as the following SPEED Staff: Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance; Ms. Sonya Douglas, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Antonia Hill, Director of District Services; Ms. Sue Janacek, Programs and Services; Principals: Ms. April Spencer and Mr. Kevin Johns

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy, SEA Union President

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Halliman sharing the following with the Operating Committee during her report.

- **eLearning Plan** – We have our eLearning Plan for approval to move forward to the Governing Board next week where we will host a hearing. We are currently in the last year of our current plan. The proposed plan will take us from school year 2023-24 through school year 2025-26. The District Services program has worked with the union, and we are ready to go.
- **Institute Day** – We had our 3rd Institute Day on October 7, 2022. The SPEED staff engaged in an awesome PD on Restorative Mindset: The Foundation to Restorative Practices. Mr. A. Alexander, a trainer and master practitioner of neurolinguistic programming, presented to our entire staff on what restorative practice is and what it is not. He engaged the staff in thorough discussions and activities reflective of our current practices with the intent to help our staff understand the difference between punitive vs. restorative discipline. Mr. Alexander will be returning to SPEED on December 2 for part II of this presentation. Dr. Halliman further shared that for those that are interested in Restorative Practices PD, ISC4 will offer a workshop on October 26.
- **Healthy Eating Grant** – Dr. Halliman stated that we have been granted \$7000 for the IL Team Nutrition School Meals Recipe Development Grant. The purpose of the grant is to

increase the participation, engagement, and involvement of high school students and their school community in the School Meal Programs by providing the opportunity for student-driven recipe development and activities. High School students in our PAL program will participate in the grant. More specifically, our PAL students that are over at our Rich Central satellite will come over to the ALL program. The students will participate in at least one community engagement nutritional activity. Some schools will be invited to participate in a state taste testing event in the spring.

- **State of the District Preparation** – Dr. Halliman reminded the Board that our team is currently preparing for our State of the District presentation which will take place in January on the heels of the evaluation season. This is our last meeting until January 19, 2023.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Summary

At the end of September, we have received 10% of our projected revenues and have expended 17% of the budget. In the month of September, we have \$358k of local funds. As a reminder our budget is made up of 81% of local funds.

We currently have \$902k past due. We have \$1.7 million to be billed at the end of the week. Past due notices were sent out on October 14.

On September 28, the Business Office hosted a TRS meeting. There were approximately 50 participants. We anticipate having IMRF out next year.

The next upcoming event will be an onsite Flu Vaccination Clinic which will be held on November 10 for SPEED employees. If any of the districts are interested in hosting a clinic at their school, Ms. Murillo will share the information.

Ms. Murillo presented on the SMPG Grant to the board. She stated that we received this grant last year and are planning to apply again this year. Ms. Murillo shared that the grant is awarded in 5 priority areas and is a dollar for dollar match up to \$50k. SPEED has two years from the date funded to fully expend or obligate the funds. The grant requires board confirmation of local funds match. We can manage this grant concurrently with the FY22 SMPG grant.

Last year's grant award was allocated toward the following projects: paving the parking lot, small roof repairs, masonry work on the exterior structure, replacement of HVAC and automation system and replacement of abated asbestos stair treads. Funding was received in March 2022 with an internal deadline to have projects completed by December 2023.

Ms. Murillo shared with the board that the proposed projects for the FY23 grant falls under the health and life safety category and delineated out the proposed projects to complete with the funding should we receive the grant.

Dr. Jackson questioned if the hardware for the doors will be ADA compliant. Ms. Murillo confirmed that it would be up to date.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:14 a.m., Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson 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. Jon Gibson 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzcel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nalls, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Mr. Amado, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Mr. Bean

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 7A. Personnel Report
- 7B. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2022
- 7C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of September 15, 2022
- 7D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills
- 7E. Imprest and Activity Funds

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzcel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nalls, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Mr. Amado, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Mr. Bean

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

8A. SMPG Approval

Dr. Halliman stated that per Ms. Murillo's presentation, we need approval of the board before finalizing the submission of the grant application.

Dr. Wakeley moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the submission of the SMPG application as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzcel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nalls, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Mr. Amado, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Mr. Bean

Nays: None

8B. Southland Career and Technical Education Center Joint Agreement

Dr. Halliman stated that last month, Dr. Thomas presented on the SCTEC agreement. She stated that as shared with the board last month, the agreement would be presented as an

action item on our agenda today to forward to the Governing Board if approved. Our attorneys have reviewed the agreement and there are no obstacles to prohibit us from participating. Atty. Grodsky shared that we are in a good place. There were negotiations over the last several months. Largely, from SPEED's perspective, focused on the fact that SPEED itself would not be sending children to the cooperative. It would be the member districts so nothing in the bylaws of this agreement focused on SPEED incurring any cost, it would be the member districts. The response to SPEED not incurring any cost was if SPEED would be able to vote. The compromise that was reached is that SPEED would continue to be a part of this agreement however its vote would be limited to things that are nonfinancial in matter. There are things that we will vote on (Dr. Halliman as a representative) and things that we will not be able to vote on as outline in the bylaws.

Dr. Leak asked for clarity if Section 8 only contained definitions as opposed to anything that would be obligatory for us. Atty. Grodsky confirmed that they were all definitional.

Dr. Patterson asked if SPEED was the only Cooperative. Atty. Grodsky stated that we are at this time but there are conversations with ECHO, but they are not onboard as of yet. Dr. Navarre stated that there are conversations with two other districts at this time. Dr. Leak asked for clarification as to whether the signature page would need to be revised as a result of new participants. Dr. Leak further stated she wanted to clarify for her board member that sits on the Governing Board. Dr. Navarre clarified that it only be for additional High School Districts.

Dr. Gibson asked if the Charter HS is a part of the cooperative or a part of the organization. Atty. Grodsky stated that the Charter HS is not part of the cooperative, but they are in support of it. They are not a member district. They are not voting members because of their unique charter aspect.

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the Joint Agreement as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nalls, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Mr. Amado, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Mr. Bean

Nays: None

8C. SPEED eLearning Plan

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the Notice of Public Hearing to be held at the next Governing Board meeting requesting acceptance of the SPEED e-Learning Plan in accordance with Public Act 101-0012 which allows local school districts to establish e-Learning plans to address student learning in a remote environment. We will utilize e-Learning as a part of the plan to execute Distance Learning on emergency days, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nalls, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Mr. Amado, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Mr. Bean

Nays: None

Dr. Leak clarified that this eLearning Plan is not due until 9/30/2023. Dr. Halliman stated that we reached out to Dr. Kinder to inform her we wanted to get done while we could if possible. She was agreeable.

Dr. Leak suggested that we do a reminder to Dr. Kinder's office that we have completed in advance.

OLD BUSINESS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Halliman stated that the TRS Flier was posted as in informational item, but we would like to host something in our area for IMRF. Ms. Murillo is working to get this done perhaps in the spring of 2023.

Dr. Navarre stated that he attended the TRS meeting and Ms. Murillo did an outstanding job.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT


Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Wakeley that the Operating Committee be adjourned.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nalls, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Mr. Amado, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Mr. Bean

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.



Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 11/19/2023



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee

