

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
SPEED Governing Board
Zoom Teleconference
7:00 p.m.

May 26, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bean called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following answered present: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 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; Mr. Gregory Furgason, Director of Technology; Supervisor, Ms. Sue Janacek. Principals: Ms. April Spencer, Ms. Linda Wilson

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

No visitors present.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Halliman reported that approximately 1 year ago, we began our partnership with Hartgrove Behavioral Health Systems. The goal was to eventually have an office onsite. They began teletherapy with a number of our students as well as seeing some of the students in member districts as well that are not SPEED students per se. Dr. Halliman shared that she was happy to announce that they have secured a therapist to start providing in-person services to the students and families in need. They will have an office located in our Independence school.

Dr. Halliman shared that we are well under way for our Extended School Year (ESY) Program. Our final day for the regular school year was yesterday, May 25. We will begin our ESY on June 2 and will run through July 7th. This year's theme is, "Gardening, It's Not Easy Being Green." Last week our enrollment was about two hundred, which has exceeded last year's enrollment. The ESY program will include ELA and Math lessons from our McGraw-Hill and Unique Learning System curriculum as well as themed activities. This ESY will continue to have a STEM component. Some of the activities will include homemade Chia Pets and a rain cloud in a jar science experiments.

Dr. Halliman reported that we hosted our Retiree and 20+ years of service celebration last evening (5/18/22). It was well organized and well attended and she stated that she was happy that some of the board members could attend. The event was held at the Idlewild Country Club. Our retirees are L. Donaldson, M. Dominiak, C. Edwards, K. Kurth, T. Miller, M. Townsend and I. Yberg.

Dr. Halliman congratulated our Health Services Department (HSD) which includes our nurses and nurse aids on being named as recipients of an Award of Excellence in the team category as part of the 2022 Distinguished Service Awards sponsored by the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association (INSPRA). Ms. Duffin, Director of Human Resources, nominated our Health Services Department for all of their hard work in helping to navigate COVID and ensure that our students and staff were safe. They were invited to attend an award luncheon held on May 13, 2022. Kudos to the HSD which includes A. Bennett-Davis, B. Martin, C. Reeves, D. Fields-Bates, J. Weathington, K. Burton, L. Brown, R. Tyms and A. Calhoun. Huge kudos to Ms. Calhoun who stepped up in a supervisory role with our nurses and was the liaison to our administrators.

FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of March, we have received 49% of our revenues and have expended 53%. At the end of April, we've 57% of our revenues and have expended 59% of the budget.

We currently have \$2 million outstanding. \$1 MIL is currently due. The invoices were sent May 11th. \$698,453 is between 1 to 30 days past due, \$133,177 is between 31 to 60 days past due, \$163,842 is between 61-90 days past due and \$38,168 is over 90 days past due. Past due notices were sent April 27, 2022.

In April, we hosted a Biometric Screening on site and had a 31% participation. That is an increase of 11% from the 2018-2019 school year participation.

Ms. Murillo reported that Open Enrollment using the self-serve portal has begun this month and thus far it has been a smooth, paperless process.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:15 Ms. Vlietstra, District 161 moved, seconded by Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168 that the Governing Board That pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(10) and Section 2(c)(11) the Governing Board 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.

On roll call vote: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168 moved, seconded by Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D and E as approved by the Operating Committee at its January meeting.

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2022
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of March 24, 2022
- D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds for March and April 2022

On roll call vote: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

8A. FY22 Classroom Lease

Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168 moved, seconded by Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 that the Governing Board ratify the following classroom leases for the 2022-2023 school year at \$12,000 per classroom, as approved by the Operating Committee at its May 19, 2022 meeting.

- ELC - SD 144/Fieldcrest (1 classroom); SD 144/Nob Hill (1 classroom) and SD 201U (1 classroom)
- IND – SD 153/James Hart (1 Classroom)
- PAL – SD 144/PHJH (1 classroom); SD 227/RCHS (1 classroom)

On roll call vote: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Nays: None

8B. FY22-23 Tentative School Calendar

Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161 moved, seconded by Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 that the Governing Board ratify the tentative school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year as approved by the Operating Committee at its May 19, 2022 meeting.

On roll call vote: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Nays: None

8C. Administrative Contract Renewals

Mr. John Dixon, District 167 moved, seconded by Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District that the Governing Board ratifies the contracts with the following administrative personnel for the 2022-2023 School Year with a 3.0% salary increase, in line with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, as approved by the Operating Committee at its May 19, 2022 meeting.

- Gregory Ferguson, Director of Technology
- David Hook, Program for Adaptive Learning Assistant Principal
- Sue Janacek, Program Supervisor - District Programs and Services
- Joe Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds
- Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance
- Amina Payne, Academy for Life Long Learning Principal
- April Spencer, Program for Adaptive Learning Principal
- Linda Wilson, Early Learning Center Principal

On roll call vote: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

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Nays: None

8D. Employment of Director of Human Resources

Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168 moved, seconded by Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170 that the Governing Board ratify the employment of the selected candidate for the position of Director of Human as approved by the Operating Committee at its May 19, 2022.

On roll call vote Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

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Nays: None

8E. Employment of Director of District Services and Programs

Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 moved, seconded by Ms. Christina Vlietstra that the Governing Board ratify the employment of the selected candidate for the position of Director of District Services and Programs as approved by the Operating Committee at its May 19, 2022.

On roll call vote: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

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Nays: None

8F. Resolutions

Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 moved, seconded by Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170 that the Governing Board ratify the adoption of the resolutions to suspend five employees without pay as approved by the Operating Committee at its May 19, 2022 meeting.

On roll call vote: Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227

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Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS

9A. Transportation Updates

Transportation Update

Dr. Halliman stated that we have concerns with our Independence program. We did help Cook-Illinois secure a security company that they have been utilizing to ride the buses. We did successfully end the school year.

We were seeking direction from to the Board whether we should go out for bid or engage with Cook-Illinois for a one-year extension. The advice we were given was to possibly entertain both because a lot of districts who have gone out to bid have not received any bidders and if they have it has been their current company. When this happens, they tend to come in much higher. Dr. Halliman stated that she also informed the board to anticipate that we may have double digit increases due to bus shortages, fuel cost, etc.

Dr. Halliman shared that the process to engage with Cook-Illinois has begun. They have given us a proposal starting at 15%. We are going to counter. We spoke with our attorneys and discussed some leverages we could use. Dr. Halliman stated that one thing she noticed in the proposal is that there is an increase in the attendant for the Independent buses as opposed to

any other buses because they had to incur the security services. We are also looking at some internal things and will report back to you.

INFORMATION

- **Student Enrollment Report** – We ended the school year at 322 students which is an improvement.
- **Operating Committee and Governing Board Meeting Dates 22-23**

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None


ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168 moved, seconded by Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161 that the Governing Board meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Deborah Havighorst, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: _____



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board