

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

## **OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

August 17, 2023

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **ROLL CALL**

On roll call the following members answered present: Ms. Fran LaBelle, 161; Dr. Smith, 161 (arrived at 9:12 a.m.); Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nall, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227 (arrived at 9:22 a.m.) and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Dr. Denise Julius, 144, Dr. McAlister, 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese 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; Programs and Services Supervisors, Ms. Sue Janacek, Ms. Ka'jai Moreland and Ms. Amina Payne; Principals: Mr. Kevin Johns and Ms. April Spencer.

Also present was Mr. Eric Bernard, Attorney from Petrarca, Gleason & Boyle and Izzo, LLC. Atty. Bernard arrived at 9:05 a.m.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

None

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Administrative Retreat – July 23-26, 2023**

Dr. Halliman shared with the Board that we began the school year with our Administrative Retreat and as in the past, we kicked off our retreat with a workshop by Garrick Podgorski from ISC4 on Leading with Collective Efficacy. Dr. Halliman shared that it was excellent workshop. She stated that she would be happy to share information with the superintendents if they were interested. She further stated that the workshop focused on garnering collaboration with your staff on one vision.

Dr. Halliman also shared that there were presentations on the recruitment process, preventing data breaches, safety planning and threat assessment exercises and school improvement plans. Dr. Halliman reviewed our district goals, leadership academy topics that we will have this year and our principals and some of our program supervisors present on two initiatives that are going to happen this year. One of those initiatives would be an internal principal mentorship program. We will continue to participate with GSU or IL Principal Association, but we are going to start our own program. She further explained that at AASA, the last session was facilitated by a previously retired superintendent that worked in New York. The school where she worked went from the worse school to the best school in New York. One of the things she presented on was an internal

The theme consisted of core curriculum ELA, Math, SEL in addition to exploration and theme activities based on various categories. New this year was physical exploration. Also, our ESY has a theme of STEM or STEAM to it to give the children a lot of hands-on experiences.

Ms. Janacek gave a wide overview of the summer activities and learning. She stated that supports were in place to ensure that IEP Goals were continuing to be met over the summer. One of the supports was student logs. This was something that was started during the pandemic, but it does enable the classroom teams to collect data rapidly and have it centralized so that when it comes time for report cards and progress notes at the end of the summer, all of the data is available.

Ms. Janacek stated that there were a lot of activities which included classroom kits for the student to raise butterflies. There was a butterfly release day as well. Our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Joe Kekelik worked with the students on dye-tying shirts. There were two different kinds of planting activities which were Hydroponic Gardening made out of 2-liter pop bottles and also little pots where each classroom grew flowers. There were also projects which included coffee filter bouquet art.

The field trips included the Independence students going to Kidzone. The ALL Program did a garden center trip. Everyone had an opportunity to go outside and participate in a scavenger hunt for garden items. Coach Jesse Glover worked one week with each program during the summer for physical fun activities.

This summer we had our first field day at the end and Coach Glover did a lot of activities at the end as well. We also had the very first Juneteenth Celebration at SPEED. We had cellist Kaillie Holliday and a presentation by Independence student Julie Newman.

Finally, Ms. Janacek stated that the children enjoyed the virtual field trip to the Zoo during the pandemic, so we included this activity again this year. The little ones explored seals and the older students got to see sharks. They were able to interact with the zookeepers and talk about the animals.

### **PRESENTATION – Proposed 2023-2024 Budget**

Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance

Ms. Murillo shared a PowerPoint presentation with the board which shared a breakdown of revenue sources which were:

- Local Funds 81%
- State 08%
- Federal Funds 11%.

The Revenue makes up 81% of the Local Funds, 8% is from the State (general state aide, FEP programs). New this year, SPEED was awarded \$8,850 from the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for Independence and ELC. \$3,500 was awarded from the local food for school funding to be shared districtwide. 11% is made up of Federal (National School Lunch and Breakfast programs, Medicaid and Medicaid Fee for Service and Elevating Educators).

Ms. Murillo stated that for our expenditures, this school year's salary and benefits makes up 69% of the budget, purchased services makes up 24%, increase to line item in this area vary from 15% to 20% to existing renewals. The increase also includes a budget for more contractual positions such as SLP, Social Workers, Case Managers and Psych. Our utilities increased by 20% due a spike in price. Our Supplies and Materials make up 5% of the budget.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Dr. Jackson asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda save the Personnel Report stating that we will pull this item and consider the Contract Personnel.**

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda with the removal of just the Personnel Report for 8/24/2023.

- 9B. Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2023
- 9C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of June 15, 2023
- 9D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills for July and August 2023
- 9E. Imprest and Activity Funds for July 2023

On roll call vote: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nall, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Dr. Denise Julius, 144, Dr. McAlister, 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

**Dr. Jackson asked for a motion to not accept the resignation of Sandra Nowak, Julie Nootbaar and Melissa Rulis.**

### **Resignation after the Commencement of School Term**

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Wakeley that the Operating Committee does not accept the resignation of Sandra Nowak, Julie Nootbaar and Melissa Rulis after the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

On roll call vote: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nall, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Dr. Denise Julius, 144, Dr. McAlister, 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

### **9A. Approval of Remaining Personnel Report**


Dr. Thomas moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approve the remaining items on agenda item 9A. of the Personnel Report.

On roll call vote: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Nall, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227 and Dr. Wakeley, 233.

Absent: Dr. Denise Julius, 144, Dr. McAlister, 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Coglianese and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Dr. Jackson adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.



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Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary  
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 9/21/2023



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Mr. Bean, President  
SPEED Operating Committee