

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
SPEED Governing Board
SPEED Building
7:00 p.m.

March 24, 2016

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call vote the following answered present: Ms. Jordan, 144; Mrs. Havighorst, 153; Mrs. Huckabee, 161; Mrs. Jones, 168; Mr. Sherman, 169; Ms. Sanders, 170; Dr. Woods, 227; Dr. Mayer, 233; and Mr. Bean.

Mrs. Sanders, 201U, arrived after the roll call.

Absent

Ms. Braxton, 163; Mr. Dixon, 167; Mr. Walstra, 170; Ms. Edwards, 194; and Mr. Aprati, 206.

Recognition of Visitors

Sharon Rossiter, Superintendent, was present as well as the following SPEED staff; Kevin Slattery, Director of Business/Finance; Kristin Elliott, Director of District Services; Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources; Linda Wilson, PAL Program Principal; Bill Thoman, IND Program Interim Principal; Tim Jonke, Director of Technology, Jean Fudacz, Tracey Hornsbruch, Jackie Robinson, and Di'Kobie Berry from SPEED's Independence Program. Also present were Joel DeTella, Attorney for SPEED and Mr. Charles Dieringer, Chicago Heights resident.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:05 p.m. Mrs. Huckabee moved, seconded by Mr. Sherman that the Governing Board goes into closed session to discuss employment, compensation, and/or performance of specific employees of SPEED, pending, probable, and/or imminent litigation, and/or matters relating to students.

At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Huckabee moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Governing Board returns to Open Session.

Action on items as discussed in Closed Session.

Disciplinary Leave

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Governing Board approves the Superintendents recommendation of a four day unpaid suspension with documentation placed in the personnel file for the teacher discussed in Closed Session.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 168, 169, 170, 201U, 227, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Grievance

Dr. Mayer moved, seconded by Ms. Jordan that the Governing Board sustains the finding and denies the appeal made by the Behavior Interventionist as discussed in Closed Session.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 168, 169, 170, 227, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: 161 and 201U

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Rossiter introduced Mr. Bill Thoman, retired Special Ed Director from Country Club Hills. Mr. Thoman is serving as Interim Principal for the Independence Program for the remainder of the school year.

Ms. Rossiter mentioned the following:

- The SPEED Union Reps were consulted on the 16-17 school calendar.
- As requested, the SPEED attorney was consulted regarding a leave from 2007 for an employee that is retiring this year and had a month of no pay in 2007, IMRF suggested we approve the leave for that month and the attorney agreed as a matter of record keeping.
- Three police officers have been hired at Independence and two to three more will be hired which gives them the flexibility of rotating because of their other job duties.
- SPEED is searching for a pool heater at a reasonable price, currently the best price received is approximately \$20k.
- Reminder to complete the Statement of Economic Interest required by all board members.
- The open house held on March 3 to showcase the renovation work done by Planera Architects and Complete Construction Resources at the Academy for Lifelong Learning was a success. Approximately 150 attendees joined in the celebration. Students gave guided tours, served refreshments, and entertained the guests.
- SPEED purchased a table for the Infinitec Awards Assistive Technology awards fund-raising dinner. Several SPEED staff along with Ms. Juanita Jordan attended.

Financial Report

Mr. Slattery reviewed the financial statements stating that as of February 29, 2016 SPEED had received 64% of projected revenue and made 65% of projected expenditures, stating that tuition revenue usually runs a little behind. Billing for individual paraprofessionals is done twice yearly and the second invoices have been issued.

Mr. Slattery recommends extending the existing transportation contract with American School Bus Company at a 3% increase. Since September SPEED has received \$289,575 in Medicaid Fee for Service reimbursements to be distributed to our member districts.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Havighorst moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda as presented:

Personnel Report

Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2016

Ratification of Recurring Bills from January 15, 2016 in the amount of \$131,605.43 and from January 29, 2016 in the amount of \$849,790.79.

Ratification of Recurring Bills from February 12, 2016 in the amount of \$107,143.16.

Ratification of Non-Recurring Bills from February 19, 2016 in the amount of \$1,676,296.55.

Ratification of Recurring Bills from February 29, 2016 in the amount of \$384,079.60.

Approval of Recurring Bills from March 15, 2016 in the amount of \$83,653.34 and from March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$165,233.54.

Approval of Non-Recurring Bills from March 11, 2016 in the amount of \$205,292.00.

Calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year for submission to ISBE

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 168, 169, 170, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Ds. Jordan moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Governing Board ratifies the following resolutions.

Dismissal and non-renewal of Second Year Principal – Otis Taylor

Dismissal and non-renewal of First Year Probationary Teacher – Donald Iosue

Dismissal and non-renewal of Second Year Probationary Teacher – Kimberly Davis

Dismissal and non-renewal of Certain Certified Staff – Tracey Honsbruch and Darcell Ross

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 168, 169, 170, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Medicaid Fee for Service Disbursement

Mrs. Huckabee moved, seconded by Mrs. Havighorst that the Governing Board approves the Medicaid Fee for Service distribution to out member districts for services received October 5, 2015 through March 8, 2016 in the amount of \$298,574.99.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 168, 169, 170, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Transportation

Ms. Jordan moved, seconded by Mrs. Huckabee that the Governing Board ratifies a one year extension to the contract with American School Bus Company to provide transportation services for the 2016-2017 school year at a 3% increase.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 168, 169, 170, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

DHH Program

Mrs. Jones moved, seconded by Mrs. Havighorst that the Governing Board ratifies the development of a SPEED Deaf and Hard of Hearing Satellite Program effective August 2016.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 168, 169, 170, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Donations

Dr. Mayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Huckabee that the Governing Board approves the following donations:

Planera Architects - \$2,000 for the purchase of food for the Academy Open House
DLM Bus Company – Donated bus for field trip
Darlene Wright – Donated \$225 toward the ballet troupe
UltraFoods – Donated food for Black History Celebration valued at \$414
KFC – So. Chicago Heights – Donated food for Black History Celebration valued at \$150
Dozeli, Aurelio's, Bambino's, Little Cesar's, and Domino's donated pizzas

Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS - continued

Appointment of Township Treasurer for SPEED, and Assignment of Banking Facility

Dr. Mayer moved, seconded by Mr. Sherman that the Governing Board approves to use the services of the Bloom Township School Treasurer for the 2016-17 school year and that First Midwest Bank continue to be used as depository for SPEED Imprest and Activity Funds.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 168, 169, 170, 201U, 227, and 233.

Nays: None

Abstain: Mr. Bean

Motion carried

Election of Officers

President

Mrs. Sanders moved, seconded by Dr. Woods that Mr. Bean continues as President of the SPEED Governing Board.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vice- President

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that Ms. Juanita Jordan continues as Vice-President of the SPEED Governing Board.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Secretary

Mrs. Jones moved, seconded by Dr. Woods that Mrs. Kimberly Sanders continue as Secretary of the SPEED Governing Board.

Motion carried by voice vote.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

SPEED Governing Board Minutes from January 28, 2016

SPEED DHH Parent Night

SPEED Health and Safety Report

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ms. Rossiter introduced Mr. Charles Dieringer, a member of the community. He spoke on the environmental impact of recent construction in the area and distributed information.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m. Mr. Bean adjourned the Governing Board meeting.

Mrs. Kimberly Sanders, Secretary
Mary Keenan, Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Mr. Ron Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board