

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

July 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bean called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following answered present: Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U, Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Sonja Jenkins-Brown, District 172; Ms. Karen Turner, District 194; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227.

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 Programs and Services, Mr. Joe Kekelik, Director of Building and Grounds; Mr. Greg Furgason, Technology Director and Program Supervisors, Ms. Sue Janacek and Ms. Amina Payne.

Also present: Mr. Eric Grodsky, Attorney from Petrarca, Gleason Boyle & Izzo, LLC – attended virtually.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Renada Hardy, Union President; Bridget Reed, DHH itinerant and Union Grievance Chair, Laura Zomparelli and Steve Zomparelli

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Halliman reported that she and her cabinet (Dr. Hill, Ms. Douglas and Ms. Murillo) to a trip to Washington, DC mid-July. There are two major organizations that go to Capitol Hill, one is the superintendents which she did not attend but decided to go with the Special Education Administrators this year. She shared that they met with Senator Durbin's staff members on Capital Hill. The three messages/focus this year was:

- Educator shortages
- Appropriations for IDEA
- Mental Health

She stated that she spoke to Senator Durbin's office in regard to something that has plagued many of our districts, educator shortages. She further stated that it is more than being competitive and attracting staff members. It is also a lack of people in the pipeline. There were three major things that she asked of the senator's office to continue his support as he is an ally of public education. One of those items in particular was \$300M for Part D of the IDEA Grant (Personnel

Preparation programs). We found that we have 158 staff members who provide direct services to students and at the close of 2022-2023 school year, we still have 20% of those positions still vacant. We did have contractual staff members in place along with some subs. The fact of the matter is that we still did not have full time FTE employees.

The next area was to support \$300M for the Hawkins Center for Excellence. This is center that specializes in creating a diverse educator workforce pool. This ranges from minorities to LGBTQ to native Americans. We were advocating for \$300 million of the educational budget to support this center. Lastly, we asked for \$1 billion for teacher quality partnerships. Dr. Halliman stated that she has presented to the Governing Board several partnerships that we are trying to create the Illinois State University and other universities to acquire educators.

Dr. Halliman noted that she did not say teacher shortage but purposefully said educator shortage in particular for Special Education. It is important to have those type of employee. DHH is a specialty along with Occupational and Physical Therapy, Mental Health professionals as well as vocational. She stated that she was clear to make the distinction not just for teacher preparation programs but educator preparation programs.

Finally, Dr. Halliman shared that there approximately 20 reps. from the State of Illinois and three hundred or more across the states.

Ms. Jones stated that in September, COSSBA is going to Capital Hill. It would be amazing if anyone is participating could follow up with Dick Durbin's office in regard to what Dr. Halliman and her group did.

Dr. Halliman stated that she would be willing to share the documents that they were provided. She explained that they were training and prepped to be effective as a state. They reached out to all of the elected officials across the state of Illinois. Many had responded and sent thank you cards immediately. There are documents on the three areas...Educator Shortages, Appropriation and Mental Health in particular for Special Education.

Ms. Jones further clarified that COSSBA is a new branch of IASB. They had a day on the Hill coming in September. It would be a good idea to keep it fresh on their minds if we reminded them. Dr. Halliman stated that she would send the documents to the Board.

Mr. Bean stated that over the years he has always found it helpful to go to those conferences. Not necessarily to meet with all of the officials but you learn so much from other members of other states to see what they are doing. You get new and fresh ideas. He encouraged them to participate.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Summary

Ms. Murillo reported that at the end of June 2023, we have received 95% of our revenues and expended 87% of the budget. We have \$621k currently due. \$91,200 that is 31 or more days past due. July 21, we will send out the membership dues and administrative cost invoices.

Finally, we applied for and was awarded the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program for the ELC and Independence Program.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:20 p.m., Ms. Vlietstra, District 161 moved, seconded by Ms. King, District 206 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 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 the open session. Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

On roll call vote: Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U, Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Sonja Jenkins-Brown, District 172; Ms. Karen Turner, District 194; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227.

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163 moved, seconded by Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U that the Governing Board approve the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D and E as presented.

7A. Personnel Reports

7B. Approval of Minutes of June 22, 2023

7C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of June 22, 2023

7D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills for June 2023

7E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds – June 2023

On roll call vote: Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U, Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

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Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

8A. Election of Officers

Ms. Karen King, District 206 moved, seconded by Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161 that Ms. Christina Vlietstra move into the position of Secretary of the Speed Governing Board.

On roll call vote: Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U, Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

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Nays: None

8B. Press Policy Updates

Mr. Ale Gallegos, District 201U moved, seconded by Ms. Karen King, District 206 that the Governing Board approve the policy revisions to maintain legal compliance as outlined by the IASB PRESS Plus Policy Subscription Service as presented.

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Nays: None

8C. Intergovernmental Agreement for Instructional Coaches with South Cook Intermediate Service Center

Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161 moved, seconded by Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153 that the Governing Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement that will provide Instructional Coaches who are trained to provide support for teachers in instructional practices, socio-emotional learning and trauma-informed practices as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U, Ms. Karen King, District 206 and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

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OLD BUSINESS

NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS


- Student Enrollment Report – Dr. Halliman stated for the information of the new board members that at the conclusion of every meeting the Student Enrollment document is added to the Board packet to share our enrollment numbers and Itinerant services stats.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

NONE


ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Bean adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.



Ms. Christina Vlietstra, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 8-24-2023



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board

