

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

September 19, 2014

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On a roll call vote the following answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Mitchell, 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Dr. Moore, 167; Mr. Johnson, 168; Dr. Navarre, 206; Ms. Martin, 227; and Mr. Bean.

Ms. Duskey, 162 was present for Dr. Davis and Mr. Johnson, 168 was present for Dr. Leak.

Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Cunningham, 201U; and Dr. Mansfield, 233 arrived after the roll call.

Absent

Mr. Doster, 161; Mr. Amadio, 170; Mr. Smyth, 172; and Mr. Thieman, 194.

Recognition of Visitors

Sharon Rossiter, Superintendent, was present as well as the following SPEED staff; Terri Sharpp, Director of Business/Finance; Kristin Elliott, Director of Professional Development and District Services; Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources; Terri Sharpp, Director of Business and Finance; Dan Dannenberg, Technology Supervisor; Linda Wilson, PAL Program Principal; Felice Hybert, ELC Program Principal; Janet Nozar, SEA President, and Adele Carpenter, SPO President.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Rossiter updated the Board on the parent open house held September 18 which over 100 parents attended. The transition program had a garage sale over the weekend and raised \$1,400. The SPEED Parent Organization met and 23 parents attended. Bring your parents to school day will take place on October 6, 2014 for students interested in bringing their parents to school.

Ms. Rossiter reported that she visited with most of the District Representatives during the past few weeks. She shared topics discussed at the Northern Illinois Round Table meetings including information on the Maintenance of Effort (MOE). The State is profiling the excess cost of special education which will impact IDEA funds that are available to the districts. The IDEA grant is a supplemental fund for students and requires that we demonstrate how the funds are used, and why, and prove by description and the budget for the expenses or the funds could disappear.

Ms. Rossiter stated that she met with the Architects, the Attorney, and the Project Manager at the 420 Ashland Avenue property, she has not received any information from them, when she does, she will report back to the Boards the rationale for continuing with the purchase of the property.

Ms. Rossiter stated that negotiations will begin in January between the SEA and SPEED.

WCSIT – Ms. Rossiter spoke with the attorneys and it was recommended that SPEED pay the supplemental shortage invoice. WCSIT is a Cooperative and is self-insured, and the charges are legitimate. Districts refusing to pay may experience a law suit. There will most likely be a joint defense law suit in the process, formed by districts refusing to pay. Ms. Rossiter will send a memo regarding the discussion she had with regards to WCSIT and the impact it will have on the SPEED budget.

Financial Report

Ms. Sharpp stated that the bill list provided for approval covers the period of September 16 – 30, 2014, totals \$71,982.66 and included both recurring and non recurring bills. If approved by the Operating Committee, payment will be made within three working days. Ms. Sharpp also informed the Board that the auditors have been at SPEED all week and have been assisting with the Maintenance of Effort (MOE).

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bean updated the Board on the issue raised at a previous Operating Committee meeting of paying bills, specifically how and when to report to the Board for approval.

Ms. Rossiter referred to her memo in the board packet and a proposal under New Business. The proposal is that SPEED Policy 4:50, which provides authorization to pay payroll expenses, utilities, and other recurring bills without further Board approval will remain as is and paid on the 15th and 30th of each month. Approval of non-recurring bills will be presented to the Operating Committee for approval and paid within three business days of the Operating Committee meeting. In months when no meeting is held, the Board provides authorization for the Superintendent to approve non-recurring bills up to \$5,000 to be paid, provided such payment does not exceed the budget for the fiscal year. Mr. Bean requested that Ms. Rossiter draft a policy for the Board to review at the October meeting.

Dr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes of August 15, 2014

Approval of Closed Session Minutes of August 15, 2014

Approval of non-recurring bills as presented from September 16 through September 30 in the amount of \$71,982.66.

Personnel as follows:

RETIREMENT			
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	PROGRAM
Carlson, Judy	Paraprofessional	Jun-18	ELC
Creveling, Ann	Cafeteria Manager	Jun-15	District
Diewald, Karen	Secretary	10/10/2014	CO
Neff, Debra	Paraprofessional	18-Jun	PAL / ELC
Timmons, Denise	Paraprofessional	18-Jun	IND

LEAVES			
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	PROGRAM
Maurek, John	Teacher	8/19/14 - 9/14/14	IND
Prete-Stewart, Kristina	DHH Itinerant Teacher	12/19/14 - 3/30/2014	District

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ABANDONMENT			
Ridley, Candis	Paraprofessional	6/11/2014	IND

REASSIGNMENTS					
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	PROGRAM	PREVIOUS	REPLACING
Smiley, Monica	Behavior Interventionist	8/21/2014	ELC	Social Worker	Jen Herring

RESIGNATIONS			
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	PROGRAM
Battle, Marlene	Paraprofessional	8/19/2014	ELC
Calhoun, Bridgett	Paraprofessional	8/22/2014	PAL
Cobb, Donna	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	PAL
Dominiak-Hering, Jennifer	Behavior Interventionist	8/21/2014	District
Goodwin, Sarah	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND
Gordan, Gerri	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND
Koster, Jori	Teacher	8/21/2014	PAL
Moore, Carol	Staff Accountant	8/29/2014	CO
Morgan, Michael	Social Worker	8/21/2014	Transition
Ortman, Nathan	Behavior Interventionist	8/21/2014	District
Piquion, Pia	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	PAL
Rayburn, Antoinette	Transition Counselor	8/21/2014	IND
Rowland, Cheryl	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND
Thomas, Tanya	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	ELC
Vondrak, Linda	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND

CONSENT AGENDA – continued

NEW HIRES					
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE	PROGRAM	SALARY	REPLACING
Austin, Dorothy	Media Paraprofessional	9/11/2014	PAL	\$ 15,330	herself, working <599 hours
Bruckner, Rebecca	Teacher	8/21/2014	PAL	\$ 54,786	Beth Kulberg
Cameron, Marisha	Cook	8/21/2014	PAL	\$ 14,044	Debra Bennett
Danielian, Karen	Social Worker	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 60,036	Myrna Cavazos
Davi, Lisa	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 42,720	Kelly Flynn
Davies, Emmanuel	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 48,274	Katie Kwiatkowski
Davis, Kimberly	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 55,297	April Brown
Debose, Regina	Nurse	8/21/2014	ELC	\$ 34,746	Debra Fields-Bates
Feltman, Mollie	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 37,486	Cheryl Rowland
Fudacz, Jeanne	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 36,823	Linda Vondrak
Garner, Rosemarie	Paraprofessional	9/2/2014	PAL	\$ 20,660	1:1 Opening
Gomez, Yesenia	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	PAL	\$ 21,474	Pia Piquion
Hampton, Dallas	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 24,365	David Hale
Hudson, Shavonne	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	PAL	\$ 18,980	1:1 Opening
Johnson, Sammella	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 21,926	Zarief Kendrick
Kattalia, Sarah	Teacher	8/21/2014	PAL	\$ 36,823	Heather Felice
Kinst, Rebecca	Transition Counselor	9/2/2014	ALL	\$ 41,293	Antoinette Rayburn
Knight, Katharine	Teacher	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 45,327	David Kim
Kot, Catherine	Teacher	8/21/2014	PAL	\$ 36,823	Carrie Maloney
McCall, Latisha	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	ELC	\$ 28,591	Open 1:1 Position
Neal, Frankie	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 17,610	Linda Harrison
Robinson, Tommie	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	ALL	\$ 22,394	Renada Harding
Ross, Darcell	Behavior Interventionist	8/21/2014	District	\$ 57,830	Alex Fleiss
Swanson, Belinda	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	IND	\$ 23,353	Open Position
Washington, Scarlett	Paraprofessional	8/21/2014	PAL	\$ 20,297	Tonya Thomas
Wouters, Jennifer	Social Worker	8/21/2014	ALL	\$ 39,745	Michael Morgan

Contract Services

Catherine M. Berry, Speech-Language Pathologist, at a rate of \$63.00 per hour for up to 7 hours per day; at least 2 days per week.

Frederica Douglas, DBA, Other Side of the Rainbow, for a Speech-Language Pathologist, at a rate of \$65.00 per hour for up to 7 hours per day, 5 days per week.

Soliant Health, for two Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants, one at a rate \$56.83 per hour and one at \$60.78 per hour both for 7 hours per day, 5 days per week.

Soliant Health, for a Registered Occupational Therapist at a rate of \$80.00 per hour for 4.5 hours per day, 3 days per week.

Soliant Health, for a Speech-Language Pathologist, at a rate of \$79.88 per hour for 7 hours per day, 5 days per week.

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Turnitta Rayburn, Educational Consultant, for \$350 per day to a maximum of \$20,000 for the 2014-15 school year.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 162, 163, 167, 168, 169, 201U, 206, and Mr. Bean.

Abstain: 233

Nays: None

Motion carried.

END CONSENT AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

Procedures for Approval of Bills – (See discussion above in Consent Agenda)

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Mitchell that the Operating Committee approves the procedure for paying bills as follows:

- a) recurring bills be paid on the 15th and 30th of each month:
- b) non-recurring bills paid within three business days of Operating Committee approval;
- c) non-recurring bills not to exceed \$5,000 each will be paid with approval by SPEED Superintendent when no quorum or meeting is held.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 162, 163, 167, 168, 169, 201U, 206, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – continued

IASBO P-Card Program

Dr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the Resolution Authorizing participation in the IASBO Procurement Card Program.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 162, 163, 167, 168, 201U, 206, 233,
and Mr. Bean.

Abstain: 169

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Donation

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that the Operating Committee approves the donation of chairs from Prairie State College.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CLOSED SESSION - None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Bills from July 1 – 31, 2014 in the amount of \$283,344.08 tentatively approved at the June 12, 2014 Operating Committee meeting and ratified at the July 24, 2014 Governing Board meeting.

Bills from August 1 – 30, 2014 in the amount of \$3,924,371.16 tentatively approved at the June 12, 2014 Operating Committee meeting and ratified at the July 24, 2014 Governing Board meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS - continued

Bills from September 1 -15, 2014 in the amount of \$147,990.23 tentatively approved at the August 15, 2014 Operating Committee meeting and ratified at the August 28, 2014 Governing Board meeting.

Governing Board Minutes from July 24, 2014

SPEED Tuition Rates for 2014-15

Student Enrollment

SPEED Fall CEO Academy Opportunities

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 a.m. Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting seconded by Dr. Jackson.

Dr. Dale Mitchell, Secretary Pro-Temp
Mary Keenan, Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Mr. Ron Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee