

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

March 11, 2016

At 9:10 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; Ms. Oatman, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Smyth, 172; Dr. Hahto, 194; Mr. Cunningham, 201U; Mr. Wright, 227; Dr. Mansfield, 233; and Mr. Bean.

Dr. Jackson, 169 arrived after the roll call.

Ms. Duskey, 162 was present for Dr. Davis; Ms. Oatman, 167 was present for Dr. Moore; and Dr. Hahto, 194 was present for Dr. Thieman.

Absent

Dr. Doster, 161; Mr. Amadio, 170; and Dr. Navarre, 227.

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; Allison Cirone, ELC Program Principal; Linda Wilson, PAL Program Principal; Jessica Chen, Transition Program Principal; Bill Thoman, IND Program Interim Principal; Otis Taylor, Director of Educational Services; Tim Jonke, Director of Technology; and Janet Nozar, SEA President.

Also present was Janet Zitzer, IEA/NEA Representative; Darcell Ross, SPEED Intervention Specialist ; and Jane Li, Attorney for SPEED and Mr. Charles Dieringer, Chicago Heights resident.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:15 a.m. Mr. Smyth moved, seconded by Dr. Mitchell that the Operating Committee 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 11:00 Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Mansfield that the Operating Committee returns to Open Session.

Grievance

Mr. Bean made a motion authorizing the Board President to sign a letter consistent with the discussion in Closed Session related to the grievance.

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approves the grievance response letter as drafted and discussed in Closed Session related to the grievance.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Superintendent's Report

Ms. Rossiter will email her Superintendent's Report due to time constraints.

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

Financial Report

The financial report was distributed.

At 10:45 Dr. Carmine and Dr. Hahto left the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda as presented:

CONSENT AGENDA - continued

Personnel Report

Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2016

Approval 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.

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

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

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

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 162, 167, 168, 169, 172, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Dr. Mansfield moved, seconded by Dr. Mitchell that the Operating Committee approves the following resolutions, as amended from honorable, related to the dismissal and non-renewal of certain certified personnel.

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, 162, 167, 168, 169, 172, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation

Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Smyth that the Operating Committee approves 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.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 162, 167, 168, 169, 172, 201U, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Mr. Cunningham, 201U left the meeting.

Calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year

Ms. Rossiter stated that the calendar was developed in collaboration with the SEA. Concerns were raised as to the number of half-day school improvement days; Mrs. Rossiter stated that it followed the traditional SPEED school calendar. Some of the days release at 1:10 pm.

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approves the 2016-2017 school calendar for submission to ISBE.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 162, 167, 168, 169, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: 172

Motion carried.

Election of Operating Committee Secretary

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Mr. Smyth that Dr. Jackson serves as the Secretary to the Operating Committee for the 2016-2017 school year.

Motion carried by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

DHH Program

Ms. Rossiter stated that ECHO is no longer providing the program that our students attended at Rich South. ECHO has also been charging SPEED member districts a non-district administrative fee. The program will remain the same with approximately eleven high school students in this program, looking at staffing with two teachers covering 4 grade levels and all the high school subjects, a half time social worker with a DHH specialty, a half time speech pathologist, two classroom interpreters, and the rent for the classrooms, expenses for community based instruction. Based on eleven students there is a projected rate of \$187.66 per day per student. One-on-One aides and interpreters will be billed to those students requiring them. Currently this is only for high school districts. As requested, Ms. Rossiter will gather information to consider opening elementary DHH programs in the future.

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Jackson that the Operating Committee approves the development of a SPEED Deaf and Hard of Hearing Satellite Program effective August 2016.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 162, 167, 168, 169, 172, 227, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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 11:32 a.m. Mr. Bean adjourned the Operating Committee meeting.

Dr. Gregory Jackson, Interim Secretary
Mary Keenan, Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Mr. Ron Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee