

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

## OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

May 18, 2023

### CALL TO ORDER

At 9:06 a.m. Mr. Ron Bean called the meeting to order.

### ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 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 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 Grodsky, Attorney from Petrarca, Gleason & Boyle and Izzo, LLC.

### RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

None

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Dr. Halliman presented the Operating Committee with a gift that was provided to our staff for Teacher Appreciation week. There was a week-long celebration from May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>. On Monday we acknowledged retirees and service award recognition. Tuesday, the Business Office provided frozen treats for all staff from Zarlengo's. Wednesday, District Services hosted, "A Journey Through Candyland" where staff received sweet treats. On Thursday, we had building acknowledgments. On Friday, the Superintendent's office hosted, "Na-Cho Ordinary Staff" in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Staff received walking tacos and the gift which was given to the Operating Committee which is a symbolism of our theme for the year, "Blooming with Grace, the Seeds You Plant Matter!"

#### **End of Year Celebration**

Dr. Halliman stated that we were unaware of two retirees until 2-3 weeks prior. We did end up with two retirees, Julie Brulloths and Stephanie Stevens. Also Dr. Halliman acknowledged the following long service employees.

Cheryl Rhodes and Denetta McGuire have 20 years of service; Liz Gebbia, Alicia Perkins and Stacy Keri. Ms. Devona Tolbert has 35 years of service and works as a secretary in PAL. We also acknowledged all milestone service awards i.e., 15-, 10- and 5-year service awardees. Dr. Halliman stated that she also achieved her 5-year milestone of service with Speed.

### **ESY Revised Dates**

Dr. Halliman stated that we voted on this the at the last Board meeting. It is on the board packet to amend those dates from June 5 – July 20 to May 31 – June 30. This change allows us to host more ESY days than last year and it will also allow our staff to have the entire month of July off which is important to them. We were not receiving a lot of applications for ESY

### **Nutritional Grant**

Dr. Halliman stated Students from PAL's Rich STEM satellite classroom were excited to be invited to the ISBE Nutrition Grant Tasting event at Joliet Junior College on April 21st. Two of their recipes were selected to be featured in the event: The *Hearty Bean and Vegetable Soup* and *Pork Tacos with Roasted Corn and Cucumber Salsa*. Students tasted various nutritious recipes from the eight schools participating in the event. There is also a chance that one of the recipes will be selected to be added to the National School Lunch Program. We will keep the board informed.

### **SPED Directors Conference**

Dr. Halliman reported that she sent out information to the Special Ed Directors informing them that the 2023 Director's Conference registration is open. It will be hosted in Springfield on May 24, 2023. A few of the amazing speakers include our very own Dr. Tony Sanders and national special education expert Dr. Zephine Smith-Dixon. I have forward this information to your Special Education Directors

### **Graduating and Aging Out**

Dr. Halliman stated that our Graduation for the Independence program will take place today at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Also, on Friday at noon, we will celebration our students who will be aging out of the ALL Program.

### **Special Olympics**

Dr. Halliman acknowledged students from the following member districts:

- Koby Campbell-Jones (ELC/District 161)
  - 50M Run- 1st Place Gold Medal
  - Softball Throw- 1st Place Gold Medal
- Talisha Graham (ALL/District 206)
  - 50MRun- 2nd Place Silver Medal
- Ethan LeSure (ELC/District 167)
  - 50M Run- 6th Place
  - Softball Throw- 3rd Place Bronze
- Ava Pesavento (ELC/District 144)
  - 50M Run- 1st Place Gold Medal
- Aubrey Turner (ELC/District 201U)
  - 50M Run- 1st Place Gold Medal
- Donna Witcher (PAL/District 227)
  - 50M Run- 1st Place Gold Medal
  - Softball Throw- 4th Place
- Mathieux Jordan Hollis (PAL/District 163)
  - Participant

Dr. Halliman stated that four of our students will be participating in the State championships which will be held in Bloomington June 9 and 10, 2023. Dr. Halliman congratulated all of our students and a special thank you our Athletic Director, Coaches and Volunteers!

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### Budget Summary

Ms. Murillo reported that t the end of March 2023, we have received 69% of revenues and expended 52% of the budget. At the end of April 2023, we have received 77% of the budget and expended 68% of the budget. As of May 17, 2023, we have \$184,775 of billing that is 1 or more days past due and April's billing of \$1.6 mil. was sent out on Monday, May 15, 2023.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:18 a.m., Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Jackson that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(10) and Section 2(c)(11) the Operating Committee 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 open session.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzcel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean (left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.)

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda items A through E as presented.

- 7A. Personnel Report
- 7B. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2023
- 7C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of March 16, 2023
- 7D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills for March, April and May 2023
- 7E. Imprest and Activity Funds for March and April 2023

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzcel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **8A. FY24 Tentative School Calendar**

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Smith that the Operating Committee approves the tentative school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **8B. 2023-2024 Operating Committee Meeting Dates**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Smith that the Operating Committee approves the Board Meeting calendar for the 2023-2024 school year modifying the June meeting date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month, June 13, 2024 as recommended by the Superintendent.

Dr. Smith indicated that he was more concerned about the first meeting of the year in August. After some discussion, it was determined that the August meeting would remain as recommended.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **8C. FY24 Classroom Lease Agreements**

Dr. Halliman stated that this is these are the yearly classroom lease agreements. We are maintaining the number of classrooms for the 2023/2024 school year.

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Smith to approves the classroom leases for the 2023-2024 school year at \$12,000 per classroom, as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **8D. Administrative Contract Renewals**

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the contracts with the following administrative personnel for the 2023-2024 School Year with a 4.0% increase as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **8E. Transportation**

Dr. Halliman stated that she spoke with Cook/Illinois who originally came in at 13-14%. We were able to negotiate and meet half-way at 10.5%. This is still 2% lower than where we were last year.

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Gibson that the Operating Committee approve the one-year contract extension with Cook Illinois/ABC Bus Company at an increase of 10.5% as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **8F. United Cerebral Palsy/Infinitec Agreement FY24 Renewal**

Dr. Navarre moved, seconded by Dr. Gibson that the Operating Committee approve the agreement with the United Cerebral Palsy/Infinitec for FY23-24 at a price of \$.72 per student, for a total of \$21,178.08 as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **8G. Press Policy Updates**

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approve the policy revisions to maintain legal compliance as outlined by the IASB Press Plus Policy Subscription service as presented by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

#### **8H. Cafeteria Benefits Plan Update**

Dr. Gibson moved, seconded by Dr. Smith that the Operating Committee approve the updated Cafeteria Plan document to reflect the adoption of the Flex Spending and Dependent Care grace period.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

#### **8I. Workers' Compensation Broker Service Renewal**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approve he approval of the Workers' Compensation Broker Service renewal with Alliant/Mesirow, which represents Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust, in the amount of \$92,263.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **9A. Extended School Year**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approve to amend the dates of the Extended School Year Program to May 31, 2023 - June 30, 2023 (*previously approved dates were June 5 - July 20, 2023*) as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

**9B. Operating Committee June 2023 Meeting Date**

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approve amend the date of the June 2023 Operating Committee to June 8, 2023 as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Regina Nottke, 163; Ms. Kathy Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. Jill Raymond, 170; Mr. Joe Kosina, 172; Dr. Coglianesi, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Frusher, 194 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Student Enrollment – Dr. Halliman reported the numbers are increasing.


Graduation/Aging Out Ceremony for ALL Program – Dr. Halliman stated this was the flier that was referenced in her Superintendent's Report.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**


None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Gregory Jackson adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

  
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Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary  
Cassandra Gifes, Recording Secretary

Date: 6/8/2023

  
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Mr. Bean, President  
SPEED Operating Committee

