

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

## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting  
SPEED Governing Board  
7:10 p.m.

March 28, 2024

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Ron Bean called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

On roll call the following members answered present: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Mrs. Deborah Havighorst, 153, Ms. Christina Vlietstra, 161, Dr. Christina Dupee, 163, Mr. Samuel Lawrence, 169, Ms. Katherine Kelly, 170, Ms. Karen Turner, 194, Mr. Christopher Riedel, 233.

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; Mr. Greg Furgason, Director of Technology; Mr. Joseph Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Programs and Services Supervisors, Ms. Sue Janacek, Mrs. Marketta Woods-Green, and Ms. Amina Payne; Principals/Assistant Principals: Mrs. April Spencer, Mr. Kevin Johns, Ms. Nicole Johnson and Dr. Casandra Holiday.

Also present was Mr. Eric Grodsky present via Zoom, Attorney from Petrarca, Gleason & Boyle and Izzo, LLC., Jason Stetz, IFMK Law, present via Zoom

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Renada Hardy, SEA Union President, and Ms. Geralyn Johnson, Matt Gast, IEA/NEA

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

#### **Legislative Report**

Dr. Halliman reported on Senate Bill 3606, which addresses funding equity for Special Education placements, scheduled for discussion on the afternoon of March 20, 2024. Dr. Halliman encourages districts to complete the witness slips in support of the bill. The bill impacts school districts with students in public day schools and private special education day schools. While Illinois contributes \$202,732,400.00 at a threshold of two times per capita, it does not currently reimburse for public school placements.

#### **ISTAR Updates**

ISTAR updates, final day to complete December 1st child count March 22, 2024. Emails were sent out to district to certify.

#### **Save The Date**

May 21, 2024, Graduation for SPEED students. This year our aging out students will a ceremony and participate in the graduation. We will have a joint celebration that will consist of our Aging out Program for our students who will be aging out of our ALL Program. Dr. Halliman also stated that the PreK graduation will take place that morning as well.

### Acknowledgments

ALL hosted a career fair on February 29, 2024. It was a huge success. Dr. Halliman would like to acknowledge our guest presenters. The Career Fair was a huge success and when the students had questions they asked tough questions, when they didn't understand what someone does. Thank you to Kijai Moreland and her team for having a very successful Career Day.

- George Brassea, 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Chicago Heights
- Cheryl Roop, Executive Director, Jones Memorial Community Center, former BOE member
- Mary Trust, THF Cleaning Services
- Jessie Glover, Fitness Instructor for ALL Program
- Hobart Human Society, Jane Cornelius

Dr. Halliman congrats Dr. Wakeley for making history with the State Boys Basketball Championship.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Murillo reported that in February we received 51% of our revenue and expended 41%. We currently have \$830K that is 91 days or more past due. \$946k that is between 31-90 past due. We have \$686 that is currently due. February billing will go out by the end of next week. Mr. Bean asked when the billing goes out do copies go to the Superintendent of the district as well. Mrs. Murillo stated that it goes out to the Superintendent, the District Rep, the District Rep Secretary, and whomever else the district requested receive a copy of the tuition. Dr. Halliman added that when she has the District Snapshot meeting, she will go over the tuition with them. The district snapshot will cover your district and your students and what programs your students are in. Dr. Halliman will go over billing for each district that includes a snapshot tuition, administrative, and membership fees. The last piece she will cover will be the SPEED staff status that will be colored coordinated that will indicate positions that we are not filling at this time, filled by contractual candidates and actual openings.

Dr. Halliman added that a year ago it was asked that the billing and the tuition report be sent to the Superintendents, Business Manager, their secretaries, and the District Representative.

Dr. Halliman also shares that she set up a District Snapshot. She will be setting up meetings with each individual Superintendent to review their Districts' Snapshot from now until the end of the school year. The snapshot will include the districts current programming, the district current billing snapshot and SPEED's current Openings Chart.

Mr. Dixon asked why some districts are so behind in payments. Dr. Halliman responded that meet with one district so far and that district Supt stated they will get that processed right away. One district stated they didn't have a quorum at their board meeting and could not get the check processed. Outside of that she does not know why they are behind. Mr. Dixon stated that SPEED covers a very vulnerable student population, his district and he is sure some of the others could not handle the population. How can SPEED nudge them to pay their bills, especially since they have received ESSER funds and don't see a reason why they can't pay their bills since the schools are federally mandated to provide service to the students. Dr. Halliman states that this has been an issue for a while, but since the District Representatives have been added to the

emails that would help the payment coming in. Dr. Halliman asked Mrs. Murillo if it has gotten better, and she stated it has.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:22 p.m., Mr. Gallegos moved, seconded by Ms. Karen King that 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.

On a roll call vote aye: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Mrs. Deborah Havighorst, 153, Ms. Christina Vlietstra, 161, Dr. Christina Dupee, 163, Mr. Samuel Lawrence, 169, Ms. Katherine Kelly, 170, Ms. Karen Turner, 194, Mr. Christopher Riedel, 233.

Nays: None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Ms. Matthews moved, seconded by Mr. Gallegos that the Governing Board approves the Consent Agenda as presented.

- 7A. Approval of the Personnel Report
- 7B. Approval of Minutes of January 25, 2024
- 7C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of January 25, 2024
- 7D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills for February and March 2024
- 7E. Imprest and Activity Funds for the month of February and March 2024

On a roll call vote aye: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

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**8.A.** Mr. Dixon moved, seconded by Ms. Jenkins Brown that the Governing Board suspend without pay rather than the terminate the support staff member employee #JO46039 for a period determined by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**8.B.** Ms. King moved, second by Ms. Matthews that the Governing Board approve to utilize the services of the Bloom Township School Treasurer for FY25 as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**8.C.** Ms. Matthews moved, second by Ms. Jackson Williams that the Governing Board approve that Old Second Bank continues to be used as the depository for SPEED S.E.J.A. #802 Imprest and Activity Funds for FY25 as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**8.D.** Mr. Dixon moved, second by Mr. Gallegos that the Governing Board approve the recommendation of the Personnel Committee regarding the Superintendent's Performance.

Ayes: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried

**8.E.** Ms. Kings moved, second by Mr. Dixon that the Governing Board approve ESY May 30, 2024 – July 3, 2024, for the 2023 – 2024 Extended School Year Program as recommended by the Superintendent.

Ayes: Ms. Carlene Matthews, 144, Mr. John Dixon, 167, Ms. Brandi Jackson Williams, 168, Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, 172, Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, 201U, Ms. Karen King, 206, Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, 227, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Student Enrollment – Our enrollment lists the students per districts in house and the number of students we are serving in your district for itinerant services.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

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Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary  
Lashanda Shumpert, Recording Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Bean, President  
SPEED Governing Board