

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

May 23, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:15 p.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Absent: Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Brandi Jackson-Williams, District 168; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, District 172; Ms. Karen Turner, District 194.

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; Principals, Ms. April Spencer, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Kevin Johns, and Program Supervisors, Ms. Sue Janacek, Ms. Amina Payne, Ms. Marketta Green.

Also present was Mr. Eric Grodsky, Attorney from Petrarca, Gleason Boyle & Izzo, LLC.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy, SEA Union President

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Teacher Appreciation Week

Dr. Halliman presented the Governing Board with a gift that was provided to our staff for Teacher Appreciation week. There was a week-long celebration from May 1st – May 5th. On Monday we honored our Retirees and Years of Service Recognition. Tuesday, we had an Ice Cream Social. Wednesday, we hosted a Carnival Themed Vendor Fair. On Thursday, building Administrators celebrated their staff. On Friday, the Superintendent's office hosted, "Na-Cho Ordinary Staff" in honor of Cinco de Mayo. Staff received walking tacos and their district gift.

End of Year Celebration

Dr. Halliman stated that we have two retirees this year. Denetta McGuire Young and Laurie Teggelaar. Dr. Halliman spoke about Ms. McGuire Young, who is affectionally called Momma D was a dedicated and hardworking paraprofessional in our PAL program where her motherly wit won over the hearts of PAL students, their families, and colleagues for 20 years.

Dr. Halliman spoke about Laurie Teggelaar who she affectionally calls “Tegs”. She has dedicated 28 years of service to SPEED. Ms. Teggelaar has served in many capacities, including teacher, Dean, and Intervention Specialist. She has supported our PBIS as an internal and external coach. She has trained many if not all the staff in CPI and Devereaux. We wish them both well in the next chapter of their lives.

To end the school year, we are hosting a Totally Awesome End of the Year 80’s Themed party for all staff on May 22, 2024, from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. all are welcome to stop by. The students are off on Monday and ESY will start up next week.

Special Education Directors Conference

Dr. Halliman shared that the Annual 2024 Director’s Conference, which is hosted by ISBE every year, will be hosted in Springfield on June 10-11, 2024, at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Springfield. Dr. Halliman stated that if you have any new Special Education Directors, she stated many Directors of Special Education have signed up and will be in attendance with Dr. Halliman and her other staff.

Congratulatory and Commencement Programs: Tuesday, May 21, 2024

Dr. Halliman shared this week was a busy week. We hosted our graduation Commencement Ceremony this past Tuesday the Kindergarten Graduation was at 10:00 a.m. in this current room. Our joint PAL and Independence Graduation along with our ALL, Aging out Ceremony in the Independence Gym. The program was very nice and Dr. Halliman says thank you too all.

Special Olympics

Dr. Halliman acknowledged our very own SPEED Racers who competed at the Special Olympics Spring Games:

- Koby Campbell-Jones (ELC/District 161)
50M Run- 1st Place Gold Medal, he is going to State for the Summer Games
Softball Throw- 2nd Place
- Julian Walton (ALL/District 227)
Softball Throw- 3rd Place Bronze Medal
- Makajha Slaton (ELC/District 206)
50M Run- 3rd Place Bronze Medal
Softball Throw- 6th Place
- Terese Pipkins (ELC/District 201U)
Softball Throw- 2nd Place

The State Championship will take place in Bloomington-Normal, June 7-9, our very own Koby Campbell-Jones will have a second appearance there.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Murillo reported that Ms. Murillo reported that t the end of March 2024, we have received 59% of revenues and expended 50% of the budget. At the end of April 2024, we have received 63% of the budget and expended 55% of the budget. As of May 15, 2024, we have \$1.7M of billing that is 31 or more days past due of that amount \$1M is 91 or more days past due and \$1.8M in tuition that are open invoices.

Ms. Vlietstra asked about the \$1M that is 91 or more past due. Dr. Halliman responded by sharing she is implementing two things, the District Snapshot, and Admin Cost, which is brand new to the districts. This will give them a picture of the students we service in-house and at your buildings. Due to global issue of teacher shortage Dr. Halliman will also go over the staffing at SPEED and we recruit year-round. Dr. Halliman has stated that she has met with five superintendents and has gone over the billing and most of the larger outstanding balance is from the Administrative Cost. Dr. Halliman has asked Mrs. Murillo to send the past invoices to go along with the current invoice going forward. These measures will help with getting the past due bills paid.

Ms. Vlietstra also asked about the Esser line item and will those budget items need to be reallocated to somewhere else come September. Mrs. Murillo responded that the funds went to supply inventory.

Mrs. Murillo reported on her informational items. SPEED held its annual Open Enrollment Vendor Fair that was a Carnival Theme. Besides treats for staff, carnival themed games were also played. The vendors that were in attendance were EBC, Delta Dental, Illiana Credit Union, Lincoln Investment, IMRF, TRS, Anew, Illinois State University, Great Lakes Credit Union, Corbridge Investments, SSP with TRS, and AFLAC.

Dr. Halliman stated that SPEED has collaborated with Illinois State University called the Post program to Grow Your Own with the paraprofessionals. The day of the vendor fair, we have 14 additional employees that have signed up post programs with ISU. Dr. Halliman stated we are setting up a study area for any staff attending school to provide support to get certificates that will in turn help SPEED.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:26 p.m., Ms. Vlietstra moved, seconded by Mr. Gallegos, 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 roll call to vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Absent: Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Brandi Jackson-Williams, District 168; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Sonja Jenkins Brown, District 172; Ms. Karen Turner, District 194.

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 March 20, 2024
- 7C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of March 20, 2024
- 7D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills for February and March 2024
- 7E. Imprest and Activity Funds for the month of February

On roll call to vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

8.A. FY24 Tentative School Calendar

Ms. Vlietstra moved, seconded by Mr. Gallegos that the Governing Board approve the tentative school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call to vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

8.B. 2024-2025 Governing Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Gallegos moved, seconded by Ms. Vlietstra that the Governing Board approve to the Board Meeting calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call to vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Nays: None

Motion carried

8.C. Administrative Contract Renewals

Mr. Gallegos moved, second by Mr. Riedel that the Governing Board approves the contracts with the following administrative personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year with 5% increase as previously aligned with staff and as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call to vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Nays: None

Motion carried

8.D. United Cerebral Palsy/Infinitec Agreement FY25 Renewal

Ms. Vlietstra, second by Mr. Gallegos that the Governing Board approve the agreement with the United Cerebral Palsy/Infinitec for FY24-25 as recommended by the Superintendent.

On roll call to vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Nays: Dr. Smith

Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

9.A. Extended School Year

Ms. Matthews moved, second by Ms. Schmidt

1. That the Governing Board approve to amend the dates of the Extended School Year Program to May 30, 2024 - July 3, 2024, Monday through Thursday 8:00 -2:15 p.m.
2. That the Governing Board approve the Superintendent to enter into a Letter of Agreement with the SPEED Education Association concerning SPEED's Extended School Year Program under which staff will be permitted to work beyond the 4.5 hours stated in the CBA so long as they are paid at the same hourly rate stated in the CBA.

On roll call to vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U; Ms. Karen King, District 206; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227; and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233.

Nays: None

Motion carried

~~9.B. Amendment of June 2024 Operating Meeting Date~~

~~The June 2024 Governing Board Meeting was moved from June 20th to June 13th due to an annual Leadership Conference that many Board members will attend. It is being requested to move the June 13th meeting to June 27th to coincide with the same day of the Governing Board Meeting.~~

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Halliman shares with the Governing Board the flyers of the events that we have had and activities coming up. Dr. Halliman stated that attached is the Graduation Announcement and the End of the Year Celebration and if anyone can make it over that would be great to stop by and for the staff to see some of the representatives at the party as well. Also attached, are the March and April Student Enrollment numbers. Dr. Halliman stated the May enrollment is what is used to calculate the Administrative Cost. This will be presented in June.

Dr. Rucker-Morrow asked if SPEED would anticipate challenges with enrollment. Dr. Halliman stated the overall enrollment is going down slightly which means the enrollment at SPEED may be going down slightly.

11. AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy shares with the Governing Board that she has been re-elected.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Ms. Christina Vlietstra, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board