

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

January 25, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Vlietstra called the meeting to order at 7: 07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following answered present: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144 (arrived at 7:23 p.m.); Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Brandi Jackson-Williams, District 168 (arrived at 7:16 p.m.); Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Karen Turner, District 194; Ms. Karen King, District 206; Ms. Sonja Jenkins-Brown, District 172; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233

Absent: Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 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 Programs and Services, Mr. Joe Kekelik, Director of Building and Grounds; Mr. Greg Furgason, Technology Director; Principals, Ms. Nicole Johnson, Ms. April Spencer, Dr. Casandra Holliday and Assistant Principals, Mr. Kevin Johns, Ms. Antoinette Williams and Ms. Stacy and Program Supervisors, Ms. Sue Janacek, Ms. Amina Payne, Ms. Kijai Moreland, Ms. Marketta Green

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy, SEA Union President and Ms. Bridget Reed, SEA Union Grievance Chair

PRESENTATION – AUDIT REPORT

Presenter: Ms. Betsy Allen, Miller Cooper & Company, Ltd.

Dr. Halliman introduced the auditor, Ms. Betsy Allen. Ms. Allen reviewed the financial statements and the required communications to the Board. The Financial report and the deliverables that were submitted were the state AFR including the independent

auditors report and the footnotes which was filed with the Illinois State Board of Education and the Intermediate Service Center. They also issued the Government Auditing Standard opinion and the required communication to the Board letter as well as the single audit package.

Ms. Allen stated that they did issue an unmodified clean opinion on the regulatory basis of accounting. The district does report on a regulatory basis so there was an adverse opinion that is issued because it is on the regulatory basis.

Ms. Allen stated the required communication to the Board also referred to as the Staff 114 letter, where we report significant matters related to the audit. She pointed out that there were no control deficiencies, so they did not issue a management letter this year. They only issued a management advice in regard to Technology being a risk security. This is put in all of their clients' letters just as a reminder that technology is ever changing, and they should be aware of those changes. She closed by saying she wanted to reiterate that there is nothing that they are reporting that is wrong with the technology.

Ms. Allen stated that there no issues in dealing with management during the audit. She thanked Ms. Murillo and her entire staff for their assistance during the audit. They received information timely and were able to file everything timely with ISBE.

PRESENTATION SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Halliman thanked Ms. Murillo and her team for their hard work in the business office. This is our 3rd year with no deficiencies.

Dr. Halliman reported that the State of the District presentation will be provided in lieu of her normal report to the board so the meeting will be just a little longer this year.

Dr. Halliman and her cabinet (Dr. Antonia Hill, Director of District Programs and Services; Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance and Ms. Sonya Douglas, Director of Human Resources, Mr. Gregory Furgason, Director of Technology and Mr. Joseph Kekelik, Director of Building and Grounds) provided a detailed review of the districts performance as aligned with the Goals for the District and corresponding Outcomes.

Ms. Vlietstra stated that Ms. Douglas spoke to Remote Options for Student Services and for the contract employees. She wanted to know if she could share what that looks like? Dr. Halliman interjected and shared when COVID hit, education started to use remote learning and things of this nature. Our related services staff just as with Special Education teachers, it has been difficult to get certified staff. Even when we do work with an agency to get certified staff, they want to provide remote learning. To avoid being out of compliance with an IEP, we want to make sure that we are providing something for those students.

Ms. Jackson-Williams asked if we would use all of the funds? Dr. Halliman responded that we absolutely would.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Murillo reported that for the October Budget Summary report, we have expended and collected 20% of the budget. In November, the revenues received were at 24% and our expenditures were at 25%. At the end of December, we collected 32% of our revenues and expended 32%.

Ms. Murillo also reported that the Business Office emailed past due and current invoice earlier this week. Additionally, she shared that it is that time of year for SPEED to participate in the Annual Health Life and Safety Inspection which is scheduled for February 7, 2024.

Ms. Murillo acknowledged our donors for their contributions towards our staff holiday party stating that their commitment to SPEED is genuinely appreciated and we are honored to have them as partners in creating a positive business environment for our staff.

The donors acknowledged were Petrarca, Gleason, Boyle & Izzo, LLC Attorneys At Law, Cook-Illinois Transportation, Calumet City Plumbing, Expert Chemical and Supply, Delta Dental, Kathy Salinas from Alliance and Miller-Cooper for their kindness and support.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Gallegos, District 201U moved, seconded by Ms. King, District 206 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. Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

On a roll call vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Brandi Jackson-Williams, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Karen Turner, District 194; Ms. Karen King, District 206; Ms. Sonja Jenkins-Brown, District 172; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233

Absent: Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227.

Nays: None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Matthews, District 144 moved, seconded by Mr. Gallegos, District 201-U that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D and E as approved by the Operating Committee at its January 18, 2024 meeting.

- A. Personnel Reports
- B. Approval of Minutes of October 26, 2023
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of October 26, 2023
- D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills for Oct., Nov., Dec. 2023 and Jan. 2024
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds for October, November and December 2023

On roll call vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Ms. Brandi Jackson-Williams, District 168; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Ms. Karen Turner, District 194; Ms. Karen King, District 206; Ms. Sonja Jenkins-Brown, District 172; Mr. Alejandro Gallegos, District 201U and Mr. Christopher Riedel, District 233

Absent: Mr. Jim Schmidt, District 153; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Dr. Christina Dupee, District 163; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; and Dr. Kristine Rucker-Morrow, District 227.

Nays: None

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. SPEED Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ms. King, District 206 moved, seconded by Ms. Jackson-Williams, District 206 that the Governing Board ratify the four-year Collective Bargaining Agreement between SPEED S.E.J.A. District 802 and SPEED Education Association effective the first employee workday of the 2023-2024 school year through August 31, 2027.

B. FY23 Audit Report Approval

Ms. Gallegos, District 201U moved, seconded by Ms. Jackson-Williams, District 168 that the Governing Board ratify the Audit Report as presented by Miller Cooper & Company, Ltd. for the FY23 Audit as approved by the Operating Committee at its January 18, 2024, meeting.

C. Press Policy Updates

Ms. Matthews, District 144 moved, seconded by Ms. King, District 206 that the Governing Board ratify the policy revisions to maintain legal compliance as outlined by the IASB PRESS Plus Policy Subscription Service as approved by the Operating Committee at its January 18, 2024 meeting.

D. Termination - M. Findley

Mr. Gallegos, District 201U moved, seconded by Ms. King, District 206 that the Governing Board ratify the termination of support staff member, Manuel Findley,

effective January 25, 2024 as approved by the Operating Committee at its January 18, 2024 meeting.

10. OLD BUSINESS

A. Amendment to the Articles of Agreement

Ms. Jackson-Williams, District 168 moved, seconded by Ms. Jenkins-Brown, District 172 that the Governing Board ratify the amendments to the Articles of Agreement as approved by the Operating Committee at its October 19, 2023 meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Student Enrollment Report

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Ms. Hardy and Ms. Reed thanked the Governing Board for ratifying the agreement between SPEED and the SEA Union.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Vlietstra adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Ms. Christina Vlietstra, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: _____

Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board