

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

October 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:15 a.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Kuzniewski, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Hahto, 194

The following SPEED staff members were also present: Dr. Halliman, Executive Director; Kevin Slattery, Director of Business and Finance; Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources; and Margie Lenoir-Davis, Interim Director of District Services.

Also present was Mr. Ray Hauser, Attorney from Hauser, Izzo, Petrarca, Gleason & Stillman, LLC

PRESENTATION: PROGRAM FOR ADAPTIVE LEARNING

Ms. April Brown and Ms. Sandra Brown explained to the Operating Committee that they conducted a survey with the PAL parents last year. Through this survey they discovered that there is a need that was not being met in the PAL program. High school students were missing independent living skills that they need in order to be successful when they transition to the Academy for Lifelong Learning. PAL began working closely with Nicole Taylor, Principal at ALL, as well as working on transforming PAL's transitional program within the building. PAL high school students were given the same baseline test that the Academy uses for their program. ALL's program is a three-tier program and all of the PAL students tested at tier one. Based on these results PAL staff developed a program that closely resembles what the students at ALL are learning. Teachers from PAL are having bi-monthly meetings with teachers from ALL to ensure that PAL students will be successful at ALL.

Ms. April Brown showed a video clip of teachers working with students on completing everyday tasks.

The survey also showed a need for communication techniques for PAL's non-verbal students. Last year PAL rolled out core boards. Core boards allow students to point to words and pictures on a board to express a feeling or thought. Ms. Sandra Brown explained that some students have assistive devices that are electronic and will speak the words that the student has chosen to convey. Ms. Sandra Brown showed a video clip of a speech session where a student was utilizing core boards to communicate.

Ms. April Brown explained that the overall goal at PAL is to provide parents and districts with inspiration for our students who have low cognitive abilities to share with the world that they can do more than we know that they can do if they are given the chance to do it.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SPEEDY Briefs

Dr. Halliman spoke to the Operating Committee about SPEEDY Briefs. SPEEDY Briefs is the communication that Dr. Halliman will be sending to the Operating Committee and Governing Board on a monthly basis.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will examine our current billing structure for programs and services as well as addressing the upcoming ISBE procedural changes to the IDEA Grant. The Finance Committee will serve as the first steps for creating the financial vision for our upcoming strategic planning. There are two components to strategic planning; one being the financial side, the other is the academic side. We are starting the first steps of the financial side with the formation of the Finance Committee. The members of the Finance Committee are Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dr. Donna Leak, Dr. Dale Mitchell, Dr. Lenell Navarre, Dr. Kimako Patterson, Dr. Dana Smith and Dr. Johnny Thomas. Dr. Halliman will work with the members to establish meeting dates.

Partnership with Governors State University

SPEED has partnered with Governors State's Master in Occupational Therapy Program. Students in that program were charged with creating an event to outfit a particular structure at the college to meet the needs of students with disabilities. They chose a sculpture park at the University. They have been meeting with students from our different programs over the last couple of months. Today some of our students will be going over to Governors State for this event. There will be representation from all of our programs at this event today.

Professional Development

Ms. Margie Lenoir has been working on planning professional development for SPEED staff as well as for the staff of all of our member districts. Dr. Halliman distributed a flyer from TRS listing their area workshops. There were not many in the South Suburbs, so Dr. Halliman agreed to be a host site for a TRS workshop. This workshop will take place on Monday, October 30, 2018. Dr. Halliman distributed sign-up information for the workshop.

Ms. Lenoir has divided the professional learning opportunities into strands such as wellness, law, curriculum, etc. Trisha Olson and Darcy Kriha, will be presenting some workshops, and we have a couple of technology workshops coming up as well.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of September 30, 2018 we have a fund balance \$4.3M. We are about 25% through the school year. We expended about \$6.1M. This is due to the August and September tuition bills not being in yet. There is approximately a 5 week turn around for tuition payments to come in.

SPEED's annual audit has begun. Tim Fagen and Dana Wittig from Legacy are in our office this week.

Medicaid Reimbursement for the Administrative Outreach first quarter reimbursements has been completed and we will receive funding back from Medicaid. Mr. Slattery has noticed that some of our member districts have not input their Medicaid information to receive reimbursement. Mr. Slattery will contact the business managers of the districts that have not completed this.

Quarter one IDEA checks will be mailed out early next week.

SPEED would like to continue the leases at 410 Ashland Avenue with the three businesses that have been residing there. These are all good tenants and the leases brought in about \$52,000 in FY18.

Mr. Slattery is working with Dennis Fares, our Cafeteria Supervisor, to obtain a grant from the National School Lunch Program to help offset costs for a new oven.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:41 AM Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee goes into Closed Session to discuss the employment, compensation, and/or performance of a specific employee of SPEED and to discuss pending, probable, and/or imminent litigation, and/or matters regarding students. Any items needing approval will be voted on during open session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

OPEN SESSION

At 10:08 AM, Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Smith that the Operating Committee returns to Open Session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Amadio moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda with one exception to the Personnel Report as listed below.

- A. Personnel Report**
- B. Minutes of September 21, 2018**
- C. Closed Session Minutes of September 21, 2018**
- D. Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills from August, September and October, 2018**
- E. Imprest and Activity Funds for September, 2018**

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Kuzniewski, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Thomas, 227; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Hahto, 194

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

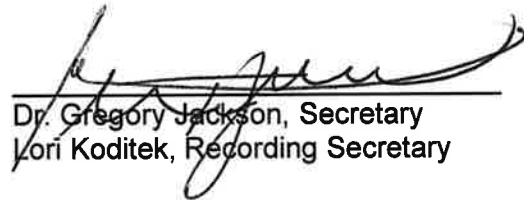
Mr. Slattery and Dr. Halliman engaged in negotiating a one-year contract with Cook-Illinois/ABC Bus Company. In consultation with our attorney, school code permits the District to continue on a year-to-year basis unless the School Board received a timely request from another interested contractor. As of today we have not received any such request. Dr. Halliman and Mr. Slattery met with Mr. Tom O'Sullivan from Cook-Illinois and a couple of representatives from ABC. SPEED was offered an increase of 7.2% for the 2019/2020 school year. SPEED countered at 5% and ultimately was able to negotiate a 5.75% increase.

SPEED is recommending moving forward with solidifying a one-year contract with Cook-Illinois operating as ABC Bus Company at 5.75% increase for the 2019/2020 school year. The last two years the increases were 6% and 5%.

The Operating Committee agreed to move forward with the one-year contract at 5.75% increase.


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 10:12 AM.



Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Lori Koditek, Recording Secretary

Date: 1-18-19



Mr. Ron Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee