

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

August 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Ms. Hartman, 144; Ms. Latman, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Dr. Coglianesi, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Carmine, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Hahto, 194; Dr. Thomas, 227; and Dr. Mansfield, 233.

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; Tim Jonke, Director of Technology; and Joe Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds.

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

PRESENTATION – 2018 ESY RECAP

Ms. Amina Payne, Principal of Independence Schools introduced Joseph Williams to the Operating Committee. Joseph is a 3rd grade student at Independence Elementary School and attended SPEED's ESY (Extended School Year) this summer. The theme for ESY this year was STEM.

Joseph explained to the Operating Committee some of the things that he learned at ESY. Joseph told the Operating Committee that ESY was fun and that he liked building MAX, the Robot. MAX the Robot was also in attendance and Joseph demonstrated how MAX works.

Ms. Payne explained that each program was given a robot to build. The classroom teams made a robot center. Through the center each day, the students put MAX together.

Independence students have really responded to the STEM curriculum, so Independence has created a STEM resource center in order to incorporate STEM into the student's everyday curriculum.

PRESENTATION – FY19 BUDGET

SPEED ended FY18 with a fund balance of \$6.1M. This was more than anticipated due to some of our FY17 revenue for personnel reimbursement being collected in FY18. SPEED had budgeted for \$25.5M in expenditures for FY18. Actual spending for FY18 was \$25.525M due to some of our purchased services being a little over budget. SPEED realized \$26.3M in revenue, which is 104% of what was anticipated for FY18. There was an increase in charges for 1:1 paraprofessionals.

The goal for the FY19 budget was to keep tuition for our member districts as flat as possible. SPEED budgeted for salary increases even though we are still in the process of negotiating with the Union. For FY19 there will be no more Special Education Personnel Reimbursement as this will become part of General State Aid. There is a slight increase in the IDEA grant for FY19. There is also an increase in the FEP funding. Initially we were told that we would not be receiving this grant. After Dr. Halliman spoke to the State, we not only received the grant, but we received an 80% increase in funding. This increase will allow SPEED to expand our Family Enrichment Program.

The 12.5% that SPEED retains from the IDEA grant will not increase. Although SPEED is trying to keep the tuition costs as flat as possible there will be a slight increase in services such as OT/PT, Speech, and other services. SPEED will be using \$300,000 of our fund balance to offset the cost of some of our programs that have lower student enrollments. It is SPEED's hope that by the end of the fiscal year, if enrollment grows, we will not have to take as much out of the fund balance as initially projected.

FY19 tuition will increase by 2.5%. Mr. Slattery noted that if enrollment increases in those programs that have lower enrollment, the cost for tuition would decrease for those programs.

The State Budget Form will be presented to the Governing Board for approval at their meeting next Thursday.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Admin Kick Off

In July, SPEED had a two-day Administrative Kick Off. Day one was the Administrator Academy on the DISC Model. This year SPEED will have this training as one of our professional development offerings. The DISC Model delves deep into your interpersonal skills as well as your communication skills as leaders. It also teaches you about how you deal with other personalities. On the second day the administrators did team-building exercises, developed district committees and went over operational procedures.

Our theme for this year is: Transformation Begins with You. We are looking forward to an exciting year.

FEP Grant

In regards to the FEP grant, the grant was written in FY18 and we received a letter earlier this year stating that we did not receive the grant. We were told that we could request the evaluator comments to see why we were denied the grant. After some investigating, Dr. Halliman found out that there were a number of private and charter schools that were awarded this grant over qualified public entities like SPEED. The Governor's office and ISBE then worked together to infuse some additional money into the program. After that, SPEED did receive the notice that we were awarded the grant at an 80% increase. The grant was written with plans of expanding the FEP program and the additional 80% was requested in the initial grant application. Last year there was a Supervisor/Home Visitor and one Home Visitor who also did translation in our district. This year's grant calls for three full-time Home Visitors and a full-time Supervisor. We are looking to fill the positions of Home Visitor as soon as possible. The grant is written for our member districts. If the districts have families that are birth to three, please get in touch with Kathey Chvostal.

ISBE Procedural Changes

ISBE has announced that for FY20 there will be a procedural change that will impact SPEED and its member districts. The biggest change is that the Special Ed Cooperatives will no longer be receiving IDEA funds. We will not be managing the member district's grants anymore. Districts will be responsible for 100% of their grant starting in FY20. ISBE explained the way that Illinois and some other states were distributing their federal grant was not permissible. The federal government can issue a grant to one sub-grantee, which would be the LEA. There cannot be another sub-grantee under the school district. ISBE sought out legal advice on the matter and after the legal opinion was made, they had to make the change. Stand-alone high school districts may possibly experience a decrease in IDEA funds. We are awaiting more guidance on this. Even though we will not have the IDEA Grant, districts still can purchase services from the co-op. If you have more than \$750k in federal grant money, you will be required to do a single audit in addition to your local audit.

If you are looking to hire a Director of Special Education, they will not have State-Approved Director of Special Education licensure. Your cooperative can still serve in this roll.

SPEED will need to embark on a strategic plan that will work with the new procedural changes. Regional Superintendents will be getting together to see how to proceed with this new regulation. ISBE has not yet stated what can and cannot happen at the district and co-op levels. We are working with IAASE as well as ISBE. This change will bring about a change in mindset of how we provide services, how we market ourselves, and possibly where we look to get revenue from.

Opening Day

All of SPEED's staff will be back tomorrow. Our speaker will be Dr. Chike Akua who will speak on Education for Transformation.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:55 AM Dr. Navarre 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.

Motion carried by voice vote.

OPEN SESSION

At 10:27 AM, Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Navarre that the Operating Committee returns to Open Session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Personnel Report**
- B. Minutes of June 7 18, 2018**
- C. Closed Session Minutes of June 7, 2018**
- D. Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills from May 2018**
- E. Imprest and Activity Funds for June, 2018**

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Hartman, 144; Ms. Latman, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Carmine, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Hahto, 194; Dr. Thomas, 227; and Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Navarre moved, Seconded by Dr. Leak to approve New Business item A, as presented.

A. FY19 Budget Approval

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Hartman, 144; Ms. Latman, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Carmine, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Hahto, 194; Dr. Thomas, 227; and Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Leak moved, Seconded by Dr. Navarre to approve Old Business item A and B, as presented.

- A. FY19 Administrator Contracts
- B. Table 12-Month Employee Salaries

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Hartman, 144; Ms. Latman, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; and Mr. Bean.

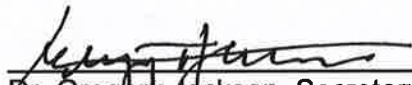
Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Carmine, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Hahto, 194; Dr. Thomas, 227; and Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 10:33 AM.



Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Lori Koditek, Recording Secretary

Date: 9-21-18



Mr. Ron Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee