

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Special Meeting
SPEED Operating Committee
SPEED Building
9:00 AM

December 10, 2019

Mr. Bean called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

ROLL CALL

On roll call vote the following answered present: Dr. Patterson, District 144 (arrived at 9:22 a.m.); Ms. Latman, District 161; Ms. Duskey, District 162; Dr. White, District 163; Ms. Lindsay, District 167; Dr. Leak, District 168; Dr. Jackson, District 169; Dr. Kuzniewski, District 172; Dr. Coglianese, District 201U; Mr. Bean, District 162.. Dr. Mansfield, 233 arrived at 9:19 am and Dr. Patterson, District 144, arrived at 9:22 am.

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, District 153; Mr. Amadio, District 170; Dr. Frusher, District 194; Dr. Navarre, District 206; Dr. Thomas, District 227

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Halliman, Superintendent and Kevin Slattery, Director of Business and Finance.

Also present were Mr. Ray Hauser, Attorney from Hauser, Izzo, Petrarca, Gleason & Stillman, LLC., Ms. Yasmine Dada, Consultant and Mr. Craig Englert, District 162.

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE - IDEA GRANT FUND DISTRIBUTION

The Finance Committee presented the recommended Agreement and Appendices in compliance with ISBE IDEA procedural changes.

Dr. Halliman started the meeting explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to review information in regards to SPEED's Finance Committee as it relates to the IDEA Grant Fund Distribution.

Ms. Yasmine Dada gave a brief summary of SPEED's Finance Committee. Ms. Dada explained that the initial meetings with Dr. Halliman in January were to discuss changes that would be occurring as a result of the state deciding that IDEA money will flow back to the school districts and not the co-ops. The purpose of the Finance Committee meetings was to provide the Operating Committee with beneficial information so they could help guide what the future of SPEED would look like. The Finance Committee wanted to provide information as to how would SPEED be funded, how would SPEED manage all the goals of the co-op and what else was needed to make sure SPEED was operating in a financially stable manner. A timeline was established in order to have the transition plan in place. Ms. Dada stated there are informational documents that will be provided to the Operating Committee to go back and share with their Boards and then get approved. Mr. Hauser was present at the meetings for legal guidance.

Mr. Slattery and Ms. Dada met with Business Managers from other cooperatives in addition to Dr. Halliman collecting information from other Executive Directors and Superintendents of other cooperatives to learn what changes they were putting in place. A survey was sent out to every member district (which can be found in Google docs) in regards to what services they need and what programs they would like in the future.

Dr. Halliman explained to the Operating Committee that after reviewing the Intergovernmental Agreement Draft, there will be a special meeting of the Operating Committee on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 to vote on the Intergovernmental Agreement. The Intergovernmental Agreement Draft will be presented to the Governing Board at their regularly scheduled meeting in January. A special meeting for the Governing Board will take place in February for a final vote on the Intergovernmental Agreement. Dr. Jackson suggested that action take place at the member districts scheduled Board meetings in January. Dr. Leaks followed up explaining the need for discussions to take place in January due to staffing needs that will possibly need to be put in place.

Mr. Hauser explained that after the announcement of the IDEA Grant funds going directly to the school districts and not SPEED, some members mentioned that they might want to purchase programs on an "ala carte" basis. For purposes of budget planning, SPEED needs some reliance on how much money they would receive from member districts. Additionally, each district has to reach Maintenance of Effort with regards to Special Education funds. It was decided to have a hybrid structure where there would be a membership fee paid to SPEED at 12.5%. There would be certain services that would be included in that fee. There will also be ala carte services available for purchase. As a result of a recommendation from The State Board of Education, Mr. Hauser took the Articles of Agreement and made them into an Intergovernmental Agreement.

The recommended changes were highlighted in the copies of the drafts that were distributed to the Operating Committee. **Item V.5., Involuntary Withdrawal**, of the Intergovernmental Agreement, will be altered to state... the only way you will be involuntarily withdrawn is if you do not pay your membership fee.

Mr. Hauser suggested adding a provision to Article IX – Delegation of Authority to state... if you are using one of the ala carte services, you have to notify the Superintendent by March 15th of your intent to use those services.

Dr. Halliman explained that in Appendix B, which is not an all-inclusive list, are services and programs included within the membership fee. It was suggested to consider delineating membership as opposed to services available only to those students located at SPEED.

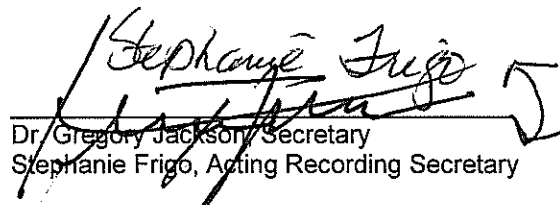
Kevin Slattery discussed Appendix C. The grant change will affect how SPEED bills the member districts and non-member districts. Daily and yearly rates along with flat fees were discussed. Direct and consultation minutes for services along with evaluations were explained. Mr. Slattery suggested and explained increasing the non-member fee.

Mr. Bean suggested making a recommendation to the Governing Board to require eight board members for approval as opposed to ten.

Dr. Halliman will have the "final draft" with the two revisions on Google Docs by December 11, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.


Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Stephanie Frigo, Acting Recording Secretary

Date: 12-10-2019

Mr. Ron Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee