

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
SPEED Governing Board
SPEED Building
7:00 PM

October 24, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Havighorst called the meeting to order at 7:21 P.M.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following answered present: Ms. Taylor, District 144; Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Mrs. Jones, District 168; Ms. Sanders, District 170; Ms. King, District 206; Dr. Woods, District 227 and Ms. Bannon, District 233

Absent: Ms. Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Bean, District 162; Mr. Sherman, District 169; Mr. Sons, District 172; Ms. Edwards, District 194; and Ms. Roop, District 201U

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Halliman, Superintendent was present as well as the following SPEED Staff: Dr. Maureen White, Director of Programs and Services, Kevin Slattery, Director of Business and Finance; April Brown, Principal at PAL; Amina Payne, Principal at IND; Akiva Carson, Assistant Principal at IND; Linda Wilson, Principal at ELC; Greg Furgason, Director of Technology; Sue Janacek, Program Supervisor.

Ms. Havighorst apologized to the Board for being tardy and indicated that there would not be a presentation as scheduled at the meeting. Dr. Halliman further explained that the presentation scheduled included an overview and student demonstration of a new interactive curriculum that we have for our transition program and also for our older children in the PAL at Independence. The student was unable to attend tonight's meeting so we will plan to share at the January Governing Board Meeting.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

➤ **Special Education Monitoring Workgroup**

Dr. Halliman reported that some years ago, ISBE had a monitoring component called "Focus Monitoring". If your Special Education department did not meet certain indicators or didn't have accurate IEPs over a certain period of time, they would be "Focus Monitored". This was a very reactionary, somewhat punitive and definitely cumbersome process. ISBE has eliminated this process because it did not meet the standards for the Federal Government. ISBE has now started a Special Education Monitoring Workgroup with Special Education Directors across the state to construct a new monitoring system for the State of IL. Dr. Halliman reported that she has been selected to be a part of this workgroup. These meetings will be hosted in various platforms, via telephone, web-based, and some in Springfield.

The workgroup has been divided into three subcommittees which are: District Selection and Tracking, Service Model and Tier Support and Systems Support Plans. Dr. Halliman requested to work on the District Selection and Tracking committee because this is an area of particular concern. The concern is with the process. More specifically, ISBE would monitor district data over the course of three years however when trends were heading in a negative direction, districts were not notified until the third year.

to help complete their MOE. One district is almost complete; we are just waiting on an audit letter. The other district is still outstanding. This process is a bit challenging for the Business Managers and Special Ed. Reps so we are trying to help them. We've reached out to staff at ISBE to provide some assistance to the districts. We hope to have this cleared within the next two weeks.

Mr. Slattery reported that per the Collective Bargaining Agreement, we are required to have an Insurance Committee, which he chairs. This committee is comprised of teachers, paraprofessionals and a couple of administrators. The committee meets normally in September, November, January and February. This committee is looking to see if we are getting the best insurance plan options for our employees or if there are better options that would allow us to reduce cost, etc.

Mr. Slattery informed the Board that he reached out to the parent company of our ABC Bus, Cook Illinois, and invited them to meet to discuss any possible increases for the 2020/2021 school year. We will bring information to the January meeting.

Mr. Slattery reported that the policy on our website has now been updated. The Policy Update previously in question was 560, under Expenses. This policy was actually updated March 25, 2019. Our website was incorrect in that it did not reflect the most recent update but is now fully up-to-date.

The 410 S. Ashland building has a vacancy. Our former tenants, Bestitched Embroidery, decided not to renew their lease. Currently we are working to lease the space. Our head custodian, Mr. Joe Kekelik is working to clean the space and prepare for rental. We will post vacancy in the Chicago Patch at the recommendation of one the superintendents. One of our attorneys recommended that we place a large vacancy sign and see what we get. These options will be put in place once the clean out is complete.

Q.: Ms. Bannon: Did we have student programs in this space? Why did we have this space?

A.: Dr. Halliman indicated that we have not had any programs on that side of the building. We have only used ½ of the building. The remaining space has been a great revenue builder. Per Mr. Slattery, the portion of the building SPEED uses is not taxed but we do have property taxes for the businesses that are still there namely, Hair Designs by Ro and Olympic Printing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Jones, District 168 requested Item D to be pulled from the consent agenda. Ms. Taylor, District 144 moved, seconded by Mr. Dixon, District 167 that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda items **A, C, E** as presented and item **B as amended**.

- A. Approval of Personnel Report**
- B. Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2019**
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of August 29, 2019**
- D. Approval of Non-recurring and Recurring Bills**
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds from August, 2019**

On a roll call vote:

Ms. Taylor, District 144; Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Mrs. Jones, District 168; Ms. Sanders, District 170; Ms. King, District 206; Dr. Woods, District 227 and Ms. Bannon, District 233

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Motion carries.

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Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS

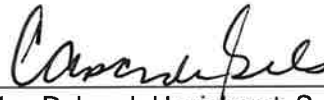
NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Taylor, District 144 moved, seconded by Ms. Dupee, District 163 that the Governing Board meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried by voice vote.

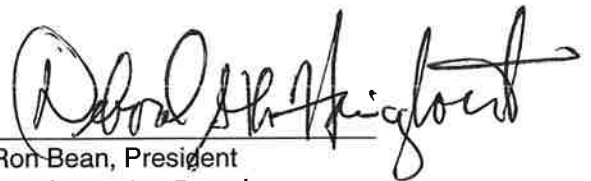
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Mrs. Deborah Havighorst, Secretary
Mrs. Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: _____

11/23/2020



Mr. Ron Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board