

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

May 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bean called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following answered present: Ms. Taylor, District 144 (arrived at 7:06 p.m.); Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Vlietstra, District 161; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Ms. King, District 206; Ms. Bannon, District 233; Mr. Bean

Absent: Mr. Sherman, District 169; Ms. Sanders, District 170; Mr. Sons, District 172; Ms. Edwards, District 194; Ms. Preston, District 227

Dr. Halliman, Superintendent was present as well as the following SPEED Staff: Mr. Kevin Slattery, Director of Business and Finance; Ms. Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Maureen White, Director of District Services; Mr. Joe Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Ms. Sue Janacek, Program Supervisor; Ms. April Brown, Principal at PAL; Ms. Amina Payne, Principal at IND; and Ms. Nicole Taylor, Principal at ALL.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

End of School Year Activities

Dr. Halliman reported that the last day of instruction for our students was today, May 21, 2020. Initially, the regular calendar had an end date of May 28, 2020. The State allowed districts 5 Remote Planning Learning Days, which are similar to Teacher Institute days. We had only used 1 of those days so we tacked the remaining 4 onto the end of our school year calendar. Friday, May 22, will be Records Day for our teachers. Teachers use this time to finalize grades and complete progress reports. Monday, May 25 is the Memorial Day Holiday and Tuesday, May 26 all staff will be with their respective programs for end of the year cleanup items. Wednesday, May 27 is a big day as the virtual Kindergarten Graduation will be held at 10:00 a.m. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. we will hold a virtual Retirement and Years of Service Recognition Program. The day will culminate at 5:00 p.m. with a virtual Graduation celebration for our PAL and Independence students.

Dr. Halliman further shared that we provided all of our graduates, Kindergartners, 8th Graders and seniors with a Graduation Kit containing a Cap and Gown, Diploma Cover, Memory Book, T-shirt and a yard sign. The Kindergartners did not receive a cap and gown. The Kits were delivered to each student via a "Congratulatory Parade" so that all of the students could have their caps and gowns prior to graduation next week. The staff also took pictures of the students so that we can incorporate them into our virtual ceremony.

Extended School Year (ESY- Summer School)

Dr. Halliman explained that ESY is not the same as Summer School held in the respective districts represented but for SPEED students is something that is indicated on a child's IEP that is mandated. So if a child's IEP states that they need it, then we must offer it. We will have ESY for our students (Remote Learning). The remote ESY program will run from June 8 – July 9 on Monday – Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Annually, the ESY program has been theme based. In 2017/2018, the theme was Robotics. In 2018/2019 the theme was STEAM, where we incorporated the Arts. This summer's curriculum theme is "The Great Outdoors" primarily because our students are going to learning from home (remote learning).

We have 2 students this year, David Boyd, Homewood-Flossmoor SD 233 and Bryce Kelly, Crete-Monee SD 201 that are recipients of the Annual Infinitec South West Assistive Technology Award. In lieu of the large banquet celebration traditionally held, Infinitec has also provided a congratulatory kit for each recipient. Each kit contained the submitted DVD of them using their Assistive Technology device, an Infinitec Bear, yard sign and a \$100 gift card. Infinitec joined in on our congratulatory parade. They filmed the event and took pictures. It was a great event.

PRESENTATION – FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kevin Slattery reported that as of March 31, we had a fund balance of \$5.11M. We expended \$17.3M and realized about 16.1M.

As of April 30, we had a fund balance of \$5.8M and we realized about \$18.1M

Amendment to FY20 Transportation Contract

As a result of the mandated school closures, we were only running the bus routes for food distribution and the distribution of remote learning packages to our students. As a result, the amendment will say that we will pay 80% of the total cost for Special Education Transportation that began March 17 through April 30. During the month of May we negotiated a further reduction to 37% of the total cost of Special Education Transportation. Please note: the transportation agreement that we have with Cook Illinois does not include all of our districts, it only includes Districts 144, 153, 161, 162, 163, 167, 168, 227 and 201U.

We will continue food and homework packet distribution through May 28 which is the original last day of student attendance. There is no school on Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) so we will distribute food on Tuesday, May 26 for the remainder of the week.

We distribute food during the Summer Remote Learning program each Monday, one day per week. This distribution will be for Monday-Thursday as there is no school on Friday.

During ESY, we will only do one bus route per week, each Monday, for the 5 weeks of ESY.

Classroom Leases

Mr. Slattery informed the Board that we are still maintaining a \$12,000 rental fee for the 20/21 school year. The only difference we have is that we are decreasing from 2 classrooms to 1 classroom at SD #227.

HUB International Annual Consulting

Mr. Slattery indicated that the renewal agreement between SPEED and HUB International Midwest is being presented for approval for the FY21 school year at a rate of \$4,000. These are the consultants that work with our Delta Dental vendor. There has been no increase in the fee over the years.

Imprest Account Update

Mr. Slattery reported that he has been working with First Midwest Bank to reduce or even eliminate any of their banking fees that are being charged. They are unwilling to accommodate our request even though we are a public school/non-profit entity. As a result, I have reached out to Old Second Bank and we are planning to open a no fee business checking account. There will be no fees assessed unless we have bounced checks. Mr. Slattery plans to present the recommendation to open this account in July, 2020.

CLOSED SESSION

At 7:15 p.m. Ms Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Taylor that the Governing Board 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.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Taylor, District 144; Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Vlietstra, District 161; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Ms. King, District 206; Ms. Bannon, District 233; Mr. Bean

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Sherman, District 169; Ms. Sanders, District 170; Mr. Sons, District 172; Ms. Edwards, District 194; Ms. Preston, District 227

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Jones that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda items A through E as approved by the Operating Committee at their May 15, 2020 meeting.

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2020 as presented
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of March 26, 2020 as presented
- D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills for March, April and May 2020
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds for March 2020

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Taylor, District 144; Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Vlietstra, District 161; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Ms. King, District 206; Ms. Bannon, District 233; Mr. Bean

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Sherman, District 169; Ms. Sanders, District 170; Mr. Sons, District 172; Ms. Edwards, District 194; Ms. Preston, District 227

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Vlietstra that the Governing Board ratifies the New Business Agenda items A through C as approved by the Operating Committee at their May 15, 2020 meeting.

- A. FY21 Classroom Lease Agreements**
- B. United Cerebral Palsy/Infinitic Agreement FY21 Renewal**
- C. HUB International Annual Consulting Fee**

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Taylor, District 144; Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Vlietstra, District 161; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Ms. King, District 206; Ms. Bannon, District 233; Mr. Bean

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Sherman, District 169; Ms. Sanders, District 170; Mr. Sons, District 172; Ms. Edwards, District 194; Ms. Preston, District 227

Motion carried.

Ms. Jones moved, seconded by Ms. Havighorst that the Governing Board ratifies the New Business Agenda items D through F as approved by the Operating Committee at their May 15, 2020 meeting.

- D. Administrative Contract Renewals**
- E. Cook Illinois Amendment to FY20 contract**
- F. FY21 Tentative School Calendar**

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Taylor, District 144; Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Vlietstra, District 161; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Ms. King, District 206; Ms. Bannon, District 233; Mr. Bean

Nays: None

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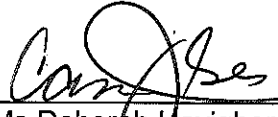
Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Dr. Halliman reviewed the information items attached to the packet including the Student Enrollment report as well as a copy of the SPEED Remote Learning Plan. The Board Meeting Dates for FY20/21 were also attached. Dr. Halliman asked the Board to review the dates so that if there were any conflicts we could resolve early but noted that the dates had been adjusted as in previous years to avoid conflicts with any conferences.


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 7: 55 p.m.



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

Date: 7/22/2020



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board

Ms. Taylor moved, seconded by Ms. Jones that the Governing Board ratifies the employment of Ms. Vanessa Duffin for the position of Director of Human Resources as directed by the Operating Committee at their May15, 2020 meeting.

G. Employment of Director of Human Resources

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Ms. Taylor, District 144; Mrs. Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Vlietstra, District 161; Ms. Dupee, District 163; Mr. Dixon, District 167; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Roop, District 201U; Ms. King, District 206; Ms. Bannon, District 233; Mr. Bean

Nays: None

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Motion carried.

Ms. Taylor questioned if there are plans in place in students are not able to physically return full time in the Fall?

Dr. Halliman responded that all superintendents and other cooperative directors are planning for 3 scenarios.

1. Students return full time with safety precautions in place
2. Students stay completely on remote learning with more rigorous guidelines
3. Hybrid of both of these

Mr. Bean indicated that some of these decisions may necessitate changes with employee contracts. Based on the directives we receive, we may need to ask for additional funds from the State to amend those contracts or follow the directives coming from the Governor and ISBE.

OLD BUSINESS

SPEED 802 – HARTGROVE BASED COUNSELING

Dr. Halliman shared that upon her arrival, there were three top concerns that the Board wanted addressed. The first initiative was to work on improving our climate and culture. We are on target with this and efforts are ongoing. Secondly, we needed onsite therapeutic services for our students here because we have students that are on psychotropic medications and lastly, looking into a transition house which has not been explored at this point. However, Dr. Halliman reported that we have finalized a partnership with Hartgrove Based Counseling which will provide onsite therapeutic services. We will open up Mental Health counseling for our district that will also be offered to all member districts and their families. There is no cost to us. We only need to provide space. The program will begin this summer.

AUDIENCE

None