

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
SPEED Operating Committee
1125 Division Street
Chicago Heights, IL
9:00 a.m.

October 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:08 a.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163 (arrived at 9:10); Ms. Hatzel, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 (arrived at 9:11) and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Dr. Halliman, Superintendent was present as well as the following SPEED Staff: Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance; Ms. Vanessa Duffin, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Maureen White, Director of District Services; Ms. Sue Janacek, Programs and Services; Mr. Gregory Furgason, Director of Technology and Principals: Ms. April Brown and Ms. Amina Payne.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy, Union President was in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Vaccination Mandate Update

Dr. Halliman stated that that our weekly testing of staff is well underway. On September 20, we were initially scheduled to begin weekly testing. We had a total of 56 staff members not fully vaccinated. Currently we have a total of 49 staff members who require weekly testing. We are in the process of working with Shield to get this program up and running. The Board did approve the agreement at a previous board meeting.

Pop-Up Vaccination Clinic

We have two dates that were scheduled. On October 14, we joined forces with the IDPH to offer 1st, 2nd and Booster shots. The next date will be November 4 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at our offsite location on Ashland Avenue. Dr. Halliman stated that everyone was welcome to participate and if the board had anyone in their districts that needed a vaccination, they should send them over. Dr. Jackson asked if we are using Binax testing while waiting to be fully approved for Shield testing? Dr. Halliman confirmed that this is the process for diagnostic

testing if someone got sick. Dr. Halliman stated that we ran out of Binax test but look forward to getting the Shield testing up and running so we can maintain our Binax testing for diagnostic purposes as well as for those students who are not physically able to do the saliva test for Shield.

Institute Day

October 8 was our full day Institute day. Some of the trainings that took place were Smart Board training, Data Presentation, SEL for adults as well as understanding childhood adversity. Our secretaries, some security staff and some of our administrators who had not participated in the DiSC training were trained in this area.

Parent Academy

Dr. Halliman stated that we are excited to launch our Parent Academy this year. We have 4 parent workshops scheduled. Our focus this year is on Social Emotional Learning in addition to the 4 parent workshops. Additionally, our administrators are going to identify 20 of our students who are really struggling with SEL and our presenter will offer some mini parental coaching lessons specifically with those parents that will be identified. Dr. Halliman thanked Dr. White for finalizing this contract.

Principal Appreciation Week

In honor of Principal Appreciation week, Dr. Halliman acknowledged all of our administrators for all of their dedicated work to our SPEED students and families.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Ms. Murillo reported that at the end of September we've received 13% of our revenues and have expended 15% of our budget.
- September invoices were emailed on Monday, October 18th. Payments are due November 12th.
- The Buildings & Ground Director has identified the needed cosmetic upgrades to help improve our rental spaces. Mr. Kekelik will be subcontracting these upgrades and the proposal for these services is pending. Some of the upgrades will be to paint walls, replace lights with LED, replace ceiling tiles, remove carpet and old flooring, and change locks.
- Miller Cooper will be on site next week.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:14 a.m., Dr. Frusher moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(10) and Section 2(c)(11) the Operating Committee goes into closed session to discuss the employment, compensation, and/or performance of a specific employee of SPEED and or matters regarding students. Any items needing approval will be voted on during open session.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Hatczel, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianesse, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda items A through E as presented.

- A. Personnel Report**
- B. Approval of September 16, 2021 Open Session Minutes**
- C. Approval of September 16, 2021 Closed Session Minutes**
- D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills**
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds for September 2021**

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Janicke, 161; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. Nottke, 163; Ms. Hatzel, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Sutton, 172; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

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Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

Transportation Update

Dr. Halliman stated that at the beginning of the year we received letters from Cook-Illinois at the beginning of the year stating that they may not be able to service us when school started. We then began meeting with Cook-Illinois and they assured us that they would be able to manage our routes. So far, they have been successful however over the last few weeks they have lost employees and have a driver shortage. They have reached out to us to propose some changes in the current routes, but nothing has been provided in writing. This is just a heads up. Dr. Halliman further stated that she engaged Atty. Hauser and he is aware of the situation so that he can review any proposed changes and be ready to bring back to the board if necessary.

Mr. Bean asked Dr. Halliman if she was taking the lead on the discussions with the bus company? Dr. Halliman stated that Dr. White was handling this issue. Dr. Halliman stated that Dr. White is doing a phenomenal job.

Mr. Bean further stated that this issue is consistent with what is happening with all of the School Districts. This is an ongoing problem and they too are losing personnel.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

INFORMATION ITEMS

Student Enrollment Report – Dr. Halliman stated that our numbers are slowly increasing with our enrollment now reaching 289. We have also included the list of itinerants, those that we send out to our member district buildings as well.

Dr. Halliman stated the next Operating Committee Meeting will be January 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

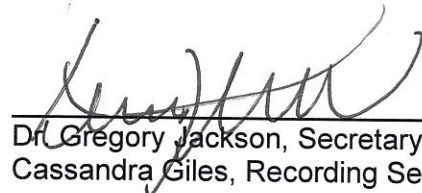
Mr. Bean wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season!

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

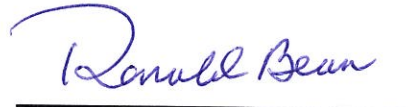
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.



Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 1-31-22



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee