

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting
SPEED Operating Committee
Zoom Teleconference
9:00 a.m.

January 21, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:02 a.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Ms. Hardmon, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Harris, 227; Dr. Mansfield, 233 (arrived at 9:05 a.m.) and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. White, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172 and Dr. Navarre, 206.

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, Mr. Joseph Kekelik, Buildings and Grounds Director; Principals: Ms. April Brown, Ms. Linda Wilson, and Ms. Nicole Taylor.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Jane Cornelius, Union President was in attendance.

PRESENTATION: Legacy Professionals, LLP

Presenter: Mr. Colin Thompson

Dr. Halliman introduced Mr. Colin Thompson from Legacy who will be reviewing the FY20 Audit results. Mr. Thompson stated that he would review the audited financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Thompson stated that he would hit the highlights from the three documents that were included in the packet.

1. Audit Opinion Statement
2. Joint Agreement Balance Sheet
3. Annual Financial Statement

Audit Opinion Statement - Financial statements, etc. are fairly stated on all materials respects under the regulatory basis of accounting provided by the ISBE.

Joint Agreement Balance Sheet – Total Assets as of June 30, 2020 were listed as \$5,666,000 which was offset by an accurate prepaid payroll withholding of \$2,127. The Joint Agreement's Unreserved Fund Balance is \$5,668,926 as of June 30, 2020. Mr. Thompson further reviewed items on the Balance Sheet.

cabinet member provided an in-depth discussion of the outcomes associated with each goal from their areas of responsibility. Dr. Halliman ended the presentation with the new partnerships that have been acquired as well as those that have been maintained.

Dr. Leak stated that she wanted to commend the team on a great report. The breakdown in terms of HR, Finance and each department overall sharing where we are. It was very appreciated. Mr. Bean also saw that the 3 staff members are new to the district have done a very good job of integrating themselves into the district and assuming their responsibilities. He commended the 3 presenters and Dr. Halliman on behalf of the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Murillo reported that as of November 30, 2020, we have received 36% of our budgeted revenues and expended 37% of our budgeted expenses. As of December 31, 2020, we expended 44% of the budget and revenues received was at 38%. We were out for half of the month and a lot of checks were waiting to be processed when we returned.

So far this school year, we have expended \$33,259 on PPE alone. This does not include custodial overtime, cleaning supplies, materials or outside services. We received COVID relief funding in the amount of \$25,934. \$10,000 of this money is strictly for our FEP Program. \$7,292 is from the ESSER; \$7,664 is from FEMA.

IDEA Carryover

All IDEA Carryover amounts have been reported to the SPED Directors for each district. Also, the FY20 Investment Report provided by Bloom Township Treasurers Office is included in the board packet.

Food Service

The bidding process for food service will begin soon and will be completed in April. The vendors that have been identified are Preferred Meals, Sodexo, Aramark, Arbor Management and Quest.

External Auditor Search

Ms. Murillo provided a list of the financial firms which responded to the informal request for proposal. Ms. Murillo shared that each firm has provided a detailed scope of services for the proposed fee submitted.

Dr. Halliman shared that this is not a formal bid process because it's not a contract that is over the \$25 threshold. We solicited names from our Member Districts and solicited quotes from those entities. This is only an information item and no action required. We will bring forward a recommendation per the Board's direction for our February Operating Committee meeting.

Ms. Lindsay asked if we could clearly state (to be consistent among competitors) the single audit provision for all competitors. Dr. Halliman stated that will absolutely make this change.

CLOSED SESSION

At 10:03 a.m., Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak 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 appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; the placement of individual students in

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Nays:

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. White, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172 and Dr. Navarre, 206.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Jackson that the Operating Committee approves the New Business Agenda Item A as presented.

A. Press Policy Updates

Dr. Halliman shared that this is the final bundle of policies to be reviewed due to the transition of Ms. Curry to Ms. Duffin.

On roll call vote: Ms. Hardmon, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Harris, 227; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. White, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172 and Dr. Navarre, 206.

Dr. Mansfield moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approves the New Business Agenda Item B as presented.

B. Extended School Year Dates

On roll call vote: Ms. Hardmon, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Harris, 227; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. White, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Sutton, 172 and Dr. Navarre, 206.

Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Smith that the Operating Committee approves the New Business Agenda Item C as presented.

C. FY20 Audit Report Approval

On roll call vote: Ms. Hardmon, 144; Dr. Smith, 161; Ms. Dusky, 162; Ms. Lindsay, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Coglianese, 201U; Dr. Harris, 227; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

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Nays: None

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Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Smith that the Operating Committee approves the Old Business Agenda Item C as presented.

C. Reopening Plan for Hybrid Learning

Dr. Halliman and her team reviewed the Hybrid Learning Plan for the remainder of the FY20/21 school year.

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Nays: None

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INFORMATION

- Student Enrollment Report

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.



Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary
Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Operating Committee

Date: 1/21/2021



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board