

# **SPEED S.E.J.A. #802**

## **OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

May 19, 2022

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 9:09 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. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168 (arrived at 9:16 a.m.); Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; 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, Mr. Joseph Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Principals: Ms. Amina Payne, Ms. April Spencer, Ms. Nicole Taylor and Ms. Linda Wilson.

Also present was Mr. Eric Grodsky, Attorney from Petrarca, Gleason & Boyle and Izzo, LLC.

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mr. Scott Wakely, Superintendent for SD 233 replacing Dr. Von Mansfield and Ms. Renada Hardy, SEA President.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Halliman reported that our partnership is still ongoing. More recently, Hartgrove has recently hired a full-time person to be on site. The goal was to have an office located at SPEED versus all telehealth. Also, our member districts have caseloads in your member districts. Crete Elementary has a couple students that are taking advantage of these mental health resources that are not here at SPEED. We are looking for this program to grow as we continue in-person instruction.

Dr. Halliman shared that we are in full swing for our Extended School Year (ESY) Program. This year's theme is, "Gardening, It's Not Easy Being Green". The ESY will include ELA and Math lesson from our McGraw-Hill and Unique Learning System curriculum as well as themed activities. This ESY will continue to have a STEM component. Some of the activities will include home made Chia Pets and a rain cloud in a jar. We currently have 200 students enrolled which exceeds our ESY enrollment for last year. Kudos to our team and member districts.

Dr. Halliman invited the Board to our 2022 Graduation for our PAL and Independence programs scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. The graduation will be held onsite in the Independence Gym.

Lastly, Dr. Halliman reported that we hosted our Retiree and 20+ years of service celebration last evening (5/18/22). It was well organized and well attended. It was held at the Idlewild Country Club. Our retirees are: L. Donaldson, M. Dominiak, C. Edwards, K. Kurth, T. Miller, M. Townsend and I. Yberg.

Dr. Halliman stated that Dr. Mansfield is also retiring at the end of the school year and thanked him for his years of service with SPEED. We also welcome Dr. Scott Wakeley, who is succeeding Dr. Mansfield.

Mr. Bean also thanked Dr. Mansfield for his service to SPEED and Homewood-Flossmoor as well as his service at Rich Central. We appreciate all that you've done for all the students that have crossed his path. It is tremendous the work that he has done and the lives that he has impacted.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Murillo reported that at the end of March, we've received 49% of our revenues and have expended 53% of them. Also, at the end of April, we've received 57% of our revenues and have expended 59%.

We currently have \$2M outstanding in uncollected revenues. \$1M is currently due. Invoices were mailed on May 11, 2022. \$698,453 is between 1 to 30 days past due, \$133,177 is between 31 to 60 days past due, \$163,842 is between 61-90 days past due and \$38,168 is over 90 days past due. Past due notices were mailed April 27, 2022.

Ms. Murillo further shared that in April, we hosted a Biometric Screening on site and had a 31% participation rate which shows an 11% increase in participation from the 2018-2019 school year.

Ms. Murillo reported that Open Enrollment using the self-serve portal has begun this month and thus far it has been a smooth, paperless process.

Dr. Patterson asked if the superintendent is aware that the notices are being sent? Ms. Murillo stated that the notices are sent to the District Reps. Ms. Murillo stated that she would copy the Superintendents going forward. Dr. Halliman stated that the we could also sent them to the CSBO as well.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:18 a.m., Dr. Jackson 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. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227.

Nays: None

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2022
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of March 17, 2022
- D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills
- E. Imprest and Activity Funds

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227.

Nays: None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. FY21 Classroom Lease Agreements**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. McAlister that the Operating Committee approves that the following classroom leases for the 2022-2023 school year at \$12,000 per classroom, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- ELC - SD 144/Fieldcrest (1 classroom); SD 144/Nob Hill (1 classroom) and SD 201U (1 classroom)
- IND – SD 153/James Hart (1 Classroom)
- PAL – SD 144/PHJH (1 classroom); SD 227/RCHS (1 classroom)

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

#### **B. FY22-23 Tentative School Calendar**

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Ms. Hatzel that the Operating Committee approves the tentative school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatzel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **C. Administrative Contract Renewals**

Dr. Leak moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee approves the contracts with the following administrative personnel for the 2022-2023 School Year with a 3.0% salary increase, in line with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, as recommended by the Superintendent.

- Gregory Ferguson, Director of Technology
- David Hook, Program for Adaptive Learning Assistant Principal
- Sue Janacek, Program Supervisor - District Programs and Services
- Joe Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds
- Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance
- Amina Payne, Academy for Life Long Learning Principal
- April Spencer, Program for Adaptive Learning Principal
- Linda Wilson, Early Learning Center Principal

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **D. Employment of Director of Human Resources**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. McAlister that the Operating Committee approve the employment of the selected candidate for the position of Director of Human as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

### **E. Employment of the Director of District Programs and Services**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee that the Operating Committee approve the employment of the selected candidate for the position of Director of District Programs and Services as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

#### **F. 2022-2023 Operating Committee Meeting Dates**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approve the draft 2022-2023 Operating Committee Meeting that includes the Thursday dates.

Motion Carried: Voice Vote

Nays: None

#### **Resolutions**

Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. McAlister that the Operating Committee approve the adoption of the resolutions to suspend five employees without pay as recommended by the Superintendent.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **A. Transportation Update**

Dr. Halliman stated that things have been going pretty smooth. She stated that she queried the board on whether we should go out for bid or engaging in conversation with Cook/Illinois for the 1-year extension that we've been doing since she began in the role. She was advised that it may not be beneficial to go out for bid so taking that into consideration she pursued the 1-year extension.

Ms. Murillo has been in contact with Cook-Illinois. They have extended the one-year contract and we are at the beginning stages. As anticipated, there were in the double digits. We are starting the negotiations at 15%.

Dr. Halliman stated that she will discuss the electric school bus options and will share information with the board as she receives it.

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Student Enrollment Report – Dr. Halliman reported that student enrollment is up by one student and we are trending upward.

#### **AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

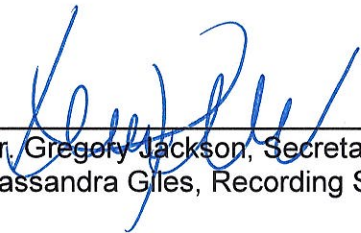
Dr. Patterson moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the meeting be adjourned.

On a roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. McAlister 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Ms. Hatczel, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Ms. DeBruin, 172; Ms. Belotti, 201U; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean.


Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. White, 163; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Frusher, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206 and Dr. Thomas, 227

Nays: None

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

  
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Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary  
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 10/20/22

  
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Mr. Bean, President  
SPEED Operating Committee