

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

January 27, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bean called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following answered present: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Absent: Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Karen King, District 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; Mr. Gregory Furgason, Director of Technology; Mr. Joe Kekelik, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Principals: Ms. Amina Payne, Ms. Linda Wilson. Ms. April Brown.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy, SEA Union President and Ms. Latonya Donaldson were in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentation: State of the District

Dr. Halliman reported that the State of the District presentation will be provided in lieu of her normal report to the board.

Dr. Halliman and her cabinet (Dr. Maureen White, Director of District Services; Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance and Ms. Vanessa Duffin, Director of Human Resources) provided a detailed review of the districts performance as aligned with the Goals for the District.

Dr. Halliman reviewed the Vision, Mission, and cascading goals for the district. Dr. Halliman stated that for the past 4 years, we have always begun the school year with a theme. Previous themes were: Transformation Begins with You, Level Up and Level Up 2.0. This year our theme is "Pivot with Purpose: Cultivating Growth Mindsets". Dr. Halliman shared that as she was the keynote speaker for our opening day institute, the messaging provided was two-fold. She reviewed the goals for the district but also to create synergy with our staff around our theme.

Following Dr. Halliman's opening review, each cabinet member provided an in-depth discussion of the outcomes associated with each goal from their areas of responsibility. Dr. Halliman ended the presentation highlighting the new partnerships that have been acquired as well as those that have been maintained. She further noted that the administrators have done a phenomenal job in garnering new partnerships even in the midst of this current pandemic.

Ms. Vlietstra stated that the entire presentation was amazing noting the various topics discussed i.e., lesson plans, parent outreach, PD and mentorship. Ms. Vlietstra asked how we are mentoring our principals? Dr. Halliman shared that the state requires brand new principals to go through a mentoring process. Typically, at SPEED, we have done this through partnership with Governor State University or IL Principal Association. This requirement from the state is for one year. The way that she includes consistent mentoring and learning for our principals is through that specific leadership Professional Development Academy which was reviewed during Dr. White's presentation. Also, each cabinet member picks a liaison program to be the point person for them. Additionally, we have an Open-Door policy and have leadership meetings with the entire team every other Wednesday of the month. Dr. White does principal collaborative meetings one of the meetings and then both principal and assistant principal collaboration the other Wednesday. Dr. Halliman further stated that there is a multiplicity of ways that we provide support for our veteran principals.

Mr. Bean shared that he was amazed at the depth of everything that is going on in addition to the normal administrative work that the district does.

Dr. Halliman closed by saying this presentation only encompasses work that is related to our goals and outcomes but there is a lot of great work that goes on. She stated that she wanted to give a shout out to our Buildings and Grounds department as they work excessively keeping up the facilities while adhering to COVID guidelines.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Ms. Murillo reported that at the end of December we collected 29% of our revenue and we expended 36% of our budget. Ms. Murillo reminded the board that December was a short month, so most checks were received in January. At the end of the month, we had \$980k of uncollected tuition bills. We did however receive payments in January of approximately, \$500k. We have also spent \$185k of the ESSER grant that has not been reimbursed.
- Ms. Murillo reported that the School Maintenance Project Grant is a dollar-per-dollar match grant of up to \$50k to use toward maintenance/upkeep of the building or structure for educational purposes. The application requires authorization and confirmation that local funds will be used to match this grant. If awarded, SPEED plans to use this grant in areas of pavement, roof, masonry, HVAC and removal of asbestos. She further reviewed a detail list of all repairs that need to be completed. The total estimated cost of the project would be \$100k with \$50k being provided by the grant.

CLOSED SESSION

At 8:04 p.m. Ms. Vlietstra, District 161 moved, seconded by Ms. Jones, District 168 that the Governing Board That pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(10) and Section 2(c)(11) the Governing Board 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 special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and pending, probable and/or imminent litigation matters.

Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Absent: Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Karen King, District 206.

Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Coleman, District 227 moved, seconded by Ms. Jones, District 168 that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda items A, B, C, D and E as approved by the Operating Committee at its January meeting.

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of October 28, 2021
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of October 28, 2021
- D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills for November and December 2021 and January 2022
- E. Approval of Imprest and Activity Funds for October, November and December 2021

On roll call vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Absent: Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Karen King, District 206.

Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

A. SMPG Application Submission

Ms. Coleman, District 227 moved, seconded by Ms. Havighorst, District 153 that the Governing Board ratifies the decision for the submission of the SMPG application as approved by the Operating Committee at its January meeting.

On roll call vote: Ms. Carlene Matthews, District 144; Ms. Deborah Havighorst, District 153; Ms. Christina Vlietstra, District 161; Mr. Ron Bean, District 162; Ms. Tammy Jones, District 168; Ms. Katherine Kelly, District 170; Ms. Cheryl Coleman, District 227 and Ms. Michelle Hoereth, District 233.

Absent: Mr. Randall White, District 163; Mr. John Dixon, District 167; Mr. Samuel Lawrence, District 169; Mr. Roger Sons, District 172; Ms. Susan Edwards, District 194; Dr. Todd Hall, 201U and Ms. Karen King, District 206.

Nays: None

OLD BUSINESS

Transportation Update

Dr. Halliman shared that at the October meeting we were entertaining proposals from Cook-Illinois because we were having massive transportation problems with our students not being transported and the length of time on the buses. We asked them to put something in writing and had a face-to-face meeting with them. Our attorneys were present. Cook-Illinois decided not to put anything in writing. All of our children are being picked up at this point. It did not happen on a whim we had massive discussions, emails, meetings and phone calls. The only concern we had and have rectified is the length of time our students are on the bus. That is simply due to the shortage of bus drivers that all bus companies are experiencing. There is no specific rule surrounding bus times, but the regulations do say we should make every attempt to make them as short as possible. One of the compromises that we made is to identify our medically fragile students and they have rearranged routes to make sure they are on the bus the shortest amount of time. Dr. Halliman stated that the second issue is surrounding our students in the Independence Program. The bus company inquired if our security officers would be interested in being employed after their work time at SPEED as bus monitors. They would be paid by Cook-Illinois. A couple of our security officers have taken these positions.

Dr. Halliman stated that looking forward we are approaching the time of entertaining a 1-year extension with Cook-Illinois. She stated that we will more than likely not get a low percentage on our renewal just based on the shortages they are experiencing.

INFORMATION

- **Student Enrollment Report** – Dr. Halliman briefly shared that the enrollment numbers are slightly going up. We are finally over 300. Dr. Halliman explained that the additional column added to the report represents the number of students receiving itinerant services within their respective districts.
- **Bloom Township Annual Investment Report** – Dr. Halliman shared that this is the annual report of investments that are being made at the Township.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

The next meeting of the Governing Board will be May


ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.



Deborah Havighorst, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: _____



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Governing Board

