

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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

February 9, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

At 9:00 a.m. Mr. Ron Bean called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153 (arrived at 9:20); Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lena Ayala-Martinez, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Ms. Joy Bacino, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

Absent: Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Amado, 170 and Dr. Nalls, 172

Dr. Halliman, Superintendent was present as well as the following SPEED Staff: Ms. Brenda Murillo, Director of Business and Finance; Ms. Sonya Douglas, Director of Human Resources; Dr. Antonia Hill, Director of District Services; Programs and Services Supervisors, Ms. Sue Janacek and Ms. Amina Payne; Principals: Ms. Ka'jai Moreland and Mr. Kevin Johns.

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

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ms. Renada Hardy, SEA Union President

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Opening Classroom in ELC

We will open a new classroom in ELC. This is a K-2 grade classroom, cross-categorical. Room number A-107. We currently 6 students in this room.

Career Fairs

Dr. Halliman shared that our HR Director, Ms. Douglas would be very busy during the month of March participating in several career fairs. She is typically joined by one of our Administrators. The upcoming career fairs are:

- South Suburban HR Administrators, HF High School
- Illinois Educator Virtual Job Fair, IASPA
- EIU/UIUC Spring Education Job Fair, Eastern IL University
- Internship and Career Fair, Olivet Nazarene University
- Career Connections Expo, University of Illinois, Springfield

PD in January SEL

Dr. Halliman reported on the unique Institute Day that was held on January 9. The institute was entitled: "A New Year, A New You". We engaged our staff with a day of wellness and care. We

intentionally engaged the staff in activities that focused on self-care and wellness. Our keynote speaker for the morning was Ms. Felicia Houston. She presented on “Stress-less for Educators”. We also focused on instruction. We had rounds of instructional focus for our OT/PT, SLP and social workers. We offered CPR classes and a session on creating and reviving SMART goals and IEPs for our certified staff and using data to form instruction for our Type 39. As mentioned in our State of the District, we are really focusing on providing supports to our Types 39 employees which are our paraprofessionals that are stepping into those substitute teacher roles to ensure that our students are getting what they need.

Dr. Halliman stated that the last half of the day was focused on fitness. Our staff did circuits of workouts. We had a trainer in one room, then rotated to pound fitness, then on to yoga and meditation. One of our sessions included painting, making bath salts and aroma therapy.

We received feedback from staff, and it was overwhelmingly successful. Staff has asked if we have another one before the end of the year and if we could start out the incoming school year with another wellness day. Dr. Halliman shared that this really falls inline with our goal of SEL for our adults as well.

Special Olympics

Dr. Halliman stated that we are up and running with the Special Olympics this year. Our new Program Supervisor, Kijai Moreland, is heading up our Special Olympics. Dr. Halliman stated that this is exciting because it kind of slowed down and became virtually non-existent on the heels of Covid. There was a parent meeting on February 8 where approximately 35 parents showed interest in their child participating. Our Independence program students do not get to participate in Special Olympics per their rules. There is another program called the CAEL program, which is the Chicago Area Alternative Education League. Our Independence students are participating in this league. We are in 1st place in Basketball. Some our satellite students are participating as well.

Legal Seminar

We are hosting a Special Education Legal Update. Darcy Kriha and another attorney here on February 24 in the CEO Center at 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. All District Reps. are invited. Also, all superintendents are invited as well. There is a flyer in the Board packet but will sent out electronically as well. The topics to be covered include Restraints and Timeouts, current “Hot Topics” and new laws governing SPED.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Summary

At the end of January 2023, we have received 50% of our budget and expended 45% of the budget. Reminders of the past due invoices were mailed the week of January 30 and January tuition billing will be released by the end of next week. Since our last board meeting in January to today’s meeting, we have collected \$1.5 million in billing.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:08 a.m., Dr. Wakeley 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; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lena Ayala-Martinez, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Ms. Joy Bacino, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

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Nays: None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 8A. Personnel Report
- 8B. Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2023
- 8C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of January 19, 2023
- 8D. Approval of Non-Recurring and Recurring Bills
- 8E. Imprest and Activity Funds

On roll call vote: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Jon Gibson 153; Ms. Duskey, 162; Dr. White, 163; Ms. Lena Ayala-Martinez, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Frusher, 194; Ms. Janice Van Kuiken, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Ms. Joy Bacino, 227; Dr. Wakeley, 233 and Mr. Bean

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Nays: None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

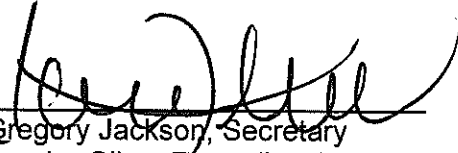
Student Enrollment – Numbers going up
Job Fair
Sped Workshop at Speed

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.



Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary
Cassandra Giles, Recording Secretary

Date: 3/16/23



Mr. Bean, President
SPEED Operating Committee