

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

## **GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting  
SPEED Governing Board Meeting  
SPEED Building  
7:00 PM

July 23, 2015

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

### **Roll Call**

On a roll call the following answered present: Mrs. Havighorst, 153; Mrs. Huckabee, 161; Mrs. Jones, 168; Mrs. Sanders, 170; Mr. Cunningham, 201U; Mr. Aprati, 206; Mr. Alexander, 227; Dr. Mayer, 233; and Mr. Bean.

Mr. Dixon, 167 arrived after the roll call.

Mr. Cunningham, 201U was present for Mrs. Sanders and Mr. Alexander, 227 was present for Dr. Woods.

### **Absent**

Ms. Jordan, 144; Ms. Braxton, 163; Mr. Sherman, 169; Mr. Walstra, 172; Ms. Edwards, 194; and Mrs. Sanders, 201U; and Dr. Woods, 227.

### **Recognition of Visitors**

Ms. Rossiter, Superintendent, was present, as well as the following SPEED staff; Keven Slattery, Director of Business/Finance; Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources; Linda Wilson, PAL Program Principal; Allison Cirone, ELC Program Principal; Otis Taylor, IND Program Principal; Andrea Paterala, IND Program Principal; and Kellie Clark, ELC Program Assistant Principal.

## **Superintendents Report**

Ms. Rossiter presented SPEED's progress and accomplishments of the initiatives and focus for the upcoming school year. She described the success of the iPad Pilot Program and its positive effect on students' learning. Students have demonstrated an increased amount of time on task and their level of independence and self-determination has improved. Paper usage has decreased by about 80% and SPEED is looking into expanding the program.

The renovation of the transition program is on schedule and SPEED is continuing to move forward with this initiative of Dr. Walters'. There has been a savings of almost one million dollars from earlier plans of the renovation project. The building should be ready by August 20 when staff returns to begin the new school year.

SPEED has partnered with GSU to get staff certified with a special ed endorsement using professional development funds from the grant. This will allow the District to collect more personnel reimbursement each year.

A new program specifically aimed at servicing autistic students will begin the 2015-16 school year and is called the Connections Program and will consist of four classrooms with a team of teachers and paraprofessionals.

SPEED had twelve gold medal winners from the Special Olympics. Ms. Rossiter would like to honor the winners at their Districts' Board Meeting.

Opening Day for staff is August 20, students return August 24. The focus for 2015-16 is to improve collaboration through Professional Learning Communities (PLC), job-embedded professional development with teacher leaders and expansion of life skills curriculum and digital learning.

## **Financial Report**

Mr. Slattery reviewed the financial statements from May and June. He is working closely with the Treasurer's Office to organize our accounts for the new budget.

## **Personnel Report**

Mrs. Jones moved, seconded by Mr. Aprati that the Governing Board ratifies item (A). Personnel Report (B). Non-renewal of the contract for an Itinerant Coordinator and (C). Cancellation and reissue of the contract between Lucy Bridges and SPEED.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 161, 167, 168, 201U, 206, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Abstain: 153, 170, and 227

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Dixon moved, seconded by Mr. Aprati that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda as follows:

Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes of April 1, 2015.

Approval of Governing Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2015.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes of April 1, 2015.

Approval of Imprest Fund and Activity Fund from February, March, and April 2015.

Ratification of Non-Recurring Bills from May 15, 2015 in the amount of \$135,340.96.

Ratification of Recurring Bills from May 15, 2015 in the amount of \$94,303.24.

Approval of Recurring Bills from June 15, 2015 in the amount of \$134,027.70.

## **Administrative Contracts**

**Calendar Adjustment for the 2014-2015 School Year** - SPEED Programs will operate through June 11, 2015 and that the proposed emergency days of

June 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2015 be declared attendance days.

### **Prevailing Rate of Wages Resolution adoption**

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 161, 167, 168, 201U, 206, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Abstain: 153, 170, and 227

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Policy Revisions**

Dr. Mayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Governing Board approves the revisions to maintain legal compliance as outlined by the IASB Press Plus Policy Subscription Service.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### **Internet Access, Equipment, Wiring Agreements**

Mrs. Havighorst moved, seconded by Dr. Mayer that the Governing Board ratifies the agreement with Comcast and Call One to provide district local, distant, and internet access at a monthly cost of \$1,088.42 after the Erate discount and with Marcor IT Solutions for wireless equipment at a cost of \$95,173.98 after the Erate discount.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 153, 161, 167, 168, 201U, 206, 227, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Abstain: 170

Nays: None

Motion carried.

## **Summer School (ESY) - 2015**

Mr. Dixon moved, seconded by Mrs. Huckabee that the Governing Board ratifies the 2015 SPEED summer school (ESY) plans (June 22 through July 22, 2015 for a total of 19 days) with the following tuition costs.

Program for Adaptive Learning (PAL) \$826

Birth - 8 Program (ELC) \$837

Independence Elementary (IES) \$995

Independence High School (IHS) \$996

Motion carried by voice vote.

## **Transportation**

Dr. Mayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Huckabee that the Governing Board ratifies the contract with American School Bus Company for transportation services for the 2015-2016 school year at an increase of 3%. T the final year of the contract, SPEED will go out to bid next year.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 153, 161, 167, 168, 170, 201U, 206, 233, 227,  
and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried

## **Medical Insurance Renewal**

Mr. Edwards moved, seconded by Mrs. Huckabee that the Governing Board ratifies the renewal rates with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois at an increase of 7.7% for HMO and an increase of .07% for PPO.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 153, 161, 167, 168, 170, 201U, 206, 227, 233,  
and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Election of Officer** – Tabled, Mrs. Sanders, 201U will remain the secretary of the SPEED Governing Board.

**CLOSED SESSION**

AT 7:50 p.m. Dr. Mayer moved, seconded by Mrs. Huckabee that the Governing Board goes into closed session to discuss employment, compensation, and/or performance of a specific employee of SPEED, negotiations, pending, probable, and/or imminent litigation.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Havighorst moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Governing Board returns to Open Session.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Edwards moved, seconded by Mrs. Havighorst that the Governing Board meeting be adjourned.

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Mrs. Kimberly Sanders, Secretary  
Mary Keenan, Recording Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Ron Bean, Board President  
SPEED Governing Board