

# Minutes of SPEED Governing Board

## The Board of Trustees SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

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A SPEED Governing Board of the Board of Trustees of SPEED S.E.J.A. #802 was held Thursday, September 24, 2015, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Transition Site 410 S. Ashland Avenue.

At 7:04 p.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

### **Roll Call**

On a roll call the following answered present: Ms. Jordan, 144; Mr. Schmidt, 153; Mr. Dixon, 167; Mrs. Jones, 168; Mr. Sherman, 169; Ms. Nicole Sanders, 170; Ms. Edwards, 194; Dr. Woods, 227; and Mr. Bean.

Mrs. Huckabee, 161; Mrs. Kim Sanders, 201U; and Mrs. Scariano, 233 arrived after the roll call.

### **Absent**

Ms. Braxton, 163; Mr. Walstra, 172;

### **Public Hearing**

Mr. Bean declared the Public Hearing Open. No public present.

The purpose of the proposed calendar waiver is to allow student attendance, parent-teacher conference, school improvement session, teacher in-service or institute day to be held on a commemorative holiday in lieu of the use of emergency days at the end of the school year and/or on a Monday or Friday to alleviate disruption in the schedule of special education students. The holidays included are: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Casimir Pulaski Day, Columbus Day, and Veterans Day.

Mr. Bean declared the Public Hearing Closed.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 167, 168, 169, 170, 194, 227, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Slattery reviewed the final budget for FY16. He noted that it is a balanced budget. The total budget is 7% lower than FY15 primarily because of a decline in enrollment and a subsequent reduction of staff.

### **Superintendents Report**

Ms. Rossiter informed the Board that Mr. Slattery has been working very closely with the Treasurer's Office to reorganize our accounts in an effort to provide more clarity. Mr. Grossi and his staff have been extremely helpful and have provided training to SPEED employees. Billing for tuition and services for this year will be at actual costs, adjusted throughout the school year with any overpayments returned to districts.

Ms. Rossiter explained that the individual iPad pilot was so successful it's being expanded in PAL and ELC. Independence students will be working on individual Chromebooks with a new interactive, digital science curriculum this year. Additionally, the Brigance Assessment will be used district wide to benchmark academic and functional independent living skills.

She mentioned that enrollment is lower than last year particularly at Independence High School but is increasing daily. All schools have hosted an open house for parents, and attendance was good.

Negotiations are ongoing with SEA and are expected to be completed soon.

### **Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Jones moved, seconded by Mrs. Scariano that the Governing Board ratifies the Consent Agenda as follows:

Personnel Report

Approval of Minutes of August 27, 2015

Approval of Closed Session Minutes of August 27, 2015

Ratification of Recurring Bills from August 27, 2015 in the amount of \$1,232.00.

Ratification of Non-Recurring Bills from August 17, 2015 in the amount of \$2,236,869.84, August 26, 2015 in the amount of \$227,576.65, and August 31, 2015 in the amount of \$26,168.52.

Ratification of Non-Recurring Bills of September 18, 2015 in the amount of \$122,639.16.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 167, 168, 169, 170, 194, 201U, 227, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **END CONSENT AGENDA**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Mentoring Services

Mrs. Scariano moved, seconded on Mr. Sherman that the Governing Board ratifies the agreement with Governors State University's MILE Program to provide mentoring services for four SPEED school leaders for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$9,220.00.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 167, 168, 169, 170, 194, 201U, 227, 233, and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

#### Classroom Leases

Mrs. Jordan moved, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Governing Board ratifies the classroom leases for \$12,000 each for the 2015-2016 school year.

District 144	2 classrooms	Prairie Hills	PAL Program
	1 classroom	Fieldcrest	ELC Program
	1 classroom	Nob Hill	ELC Program

Motion carried by voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Illinois State Budget Form 50-30 for the 2015-2016 School Year

Mrs. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Dixon that the Governing Board approves the Resolution to adopt the 2015-16 SPEED Budget per State Form 50-30.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 167, 168, 169, 170, 194, 201U, 227, 233, and  
Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Amended Articles of Agreement

Mr. Bean explained the reasons behind the amendments to the Articles of Agreement and stated that the amendments need to be presented to each individual member district board of education for final ratification, at their next regular board meeting.

Mr. Sherman moved, seconded by Mrs. Scariano that the Governing Board approves the revisions make to the SPEED Articles of Agreement, specifically Article III Section 6 and Article V Sections 4 and 5 as noted below and as recommended by the Superintendent.

Article III Agreements "shall provide that any full-time professional worker who is employed by a joint agreement program and spends over 50% of his or her time in one school district shall not be required to work a different teaching schedule than the other professional worker in that district."

Article V Agreements cannot require member districts to forfeit unspent IDEA funds at the time of dissolution or withdrawal.

On a roll call vote: Ayes: 144, 153, 161, 167, 168, 169, 170, 194, 201U, 227, 233, and  
Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:39 p.m. Mrs. Jordan moved, seconded by Mrs. Scariano that the Governing Board goes into closed session to discuss the status of negotiations.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:17 p.m. Mrs. Jordan moved, seconded by Mr. Dixon that the Governing Board returns to open session.

No action needed for items discussed in closed session.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

SPEED Fall 2015 CEO Academy brochure

SPEED 3-day Devereux Training brochure

Medicaid Fee for Service Distribution Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:17 p.m. Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting.

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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