

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

## **OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

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

November 2, 2017

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 9:05 a.m. Mr. Bean called the meeting to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

On roll call the following answered present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Carmine, 163; Mr. Moore, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Dr. Jackson, 169; Mr. Smyth, 172; Ms. Mahoney, 194; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Clark, 201U; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Absent: Dr. Davis, 162; Mr. Amadio, 170; Dr. Thomas, 227

The following SPEED staff members were also present. Margie Lenoir, Interim Executive Director and Al Travaglini, Interim Executive Director; Kevin Slattery, Director of Business and Finance; Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources; Linda Wilson, Independence Program Principal; Amina Payne, Independence Program Assistant Principal; Jessica Chen, ELC Program Principal; Nicole Taylor, ALL Program Principal and Janet Nozar, SEA Union President

### **RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Also present was Mr. Ray Hauser, Attorney from Hauser Izzo.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Lenoir welcomed back Nicole Taylor from maternity leave and stated that Dr. Predonna Roberts will remain at SPEED as a consultant for professional development and communication frameworks.

ELC will be participating in a developmental clinical study that is sponsored by WPS Publishing Company. The study will involve twenty of our students and their families. The families have consented to participate in the study. The purpose of the study is to assist WPS Publishing Company with their assessment instrument. There is some level of compensation given to the

families for participating as well as to the ELC program. ELC will use those funds to purchase additional equipment and supplies.

Enrollment is increasing, therefore staffing also needs to be increased.

Independence would like to be able to hire a psychiatrist in the future. The students in Independence do not just have behavior problems. Many of the students have underlying mental health issues that have not adequately been addressed. A psychiatrist would be valuable in helping to support the students as well as their families.

Last week the Independence Program had a "Bring Your Family to School Day". Approximately 25 families attended.

The administration is working diligently on field trip procedures. They are working on planning, proper supervision, and safety.

SPEED continues to search for a vision itinerant in order to continue providing needed services. If we are not able to provide services, a letter will be sent to the parents as well as the districts explaining how SPEED will go about providing these services.

Mr. Travaglini thanked the Operating Committee for their assistance in making sure that MOE has been met. There are pre-school grant carryover funds. ISBE would like for us to request carryover funds quarterly instead of sending in one request at the end of the year. Kristin and Kevin will ensure that this happens and that the Superintendents are kept informed of how it is going.

The goals from the administrators have been submitted and evaluations will begin soon.

SPEED collected \$150 from staff for the Red Cross and will be sending the check out soon.

Mr. Travaglini met with the parents and students at the Academy to discuss Special Olympics. The students as well as the parents are very enthusiastic about the program.

Mr. Travaglini spoke to the Operating Committee regarding the need to raise funds for all of the SPEED programs in order to provide buses for field trips, student incentives, staff incentives and other activities. It was decided that SPEED should try to work with the SPO to raise the funds necessary to fund these activities. The possibility of creating a foundation was also discussed, however, it was noted that foundations are very difficult to organize, run and keep volunteers willing to run the fund-raising events. Mr. Travaglini will reach out to the SPO to discuss fund-raising ideas.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The current Fund Balance as of the end of September is \$4.5M. There are still tuition payments coming in from the districts. A new line item has been added to the budget summary for the State Revenue. Due to a recently passed State budget, Co-ops will start getting general state aid versus the special education personnel reimbursement. We have received one payment for \$300,000 for special education personnel reimbursement and we hopefully will receive the same amount of funds as FY16 and FY17, which is about \$1.2M.

SPEED has approximately \$253,000 of carryover money from the pre-school grant. We have been instructed to spend the money or risk losing it. The carryover money will be distributed to the elementary school districts based on the percentage that the state gives each of those districts. The amount of carryover that will be paid to the districts is \$190,000. SPEED will keep its 12.5%.

Legacy Professionals, our auditor, will be here through next week. They are wrapping up the audit and will present their findings at the January Board Meetings.

The first quarter IDEA expenditure reports are being processed.

Kevin Slattery and Bob Fennema will be giving a presentation on MOE/Excess Costs to the District Business Managers as well as the District Reps. The presentation will take place at SPEED on November 15 in the SPEED CEO Center.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Smyth moved, seconded by Dr. Leak that the Operating Committee approves the Consent Agenda items A through I as presented.

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Approval of Minutes of September 22, 2017
- C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of September 22, 2017
- D. Approval of Recurring and Non-Recurring Bills from September, 2017 and October, 2017

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Dr. Patterson, 144; Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Smith, 161; Dr. Carmine, 163; Dr. Moore, 167; Dr. Leak, 168; Jackson, 169; Mr. Smyth, 172; Ms. Mahoney, 194; Dr. Clark, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Dr. Mansfield, 233 and Mr. Bean.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:53 AM Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Dr. Patterson that the Operating Committee goes into Closed Session to discuss the employment, compensation, and/or performance of a specific employee of SPEED and to discuss pending, probable, and/or imminent litigation, and/or matters regarding students.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**OPEN SESSION**

At 10:10 AM, Dr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Smyth that the Operating Committee returns to Open Session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bean adjourned the meeting at 10:11 AM.

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Dr. Gregory Jackson, Secretary  
Lori Koditek, Recording Secretary

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

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Mr. Ron Bean, President  
SPEED Operating Committee