

SPEED S.E.J.A. #802

Operating Committee Informational Meeting

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

October 21, 2016

At 9:20 a.m. Mr. Bean stated that since there was not a quorum the meeting will be conducted as an informational only committee meeting and not as an official board meeting. Recommendations will go to the Operating Committee at its next meeting on December 9, 2016.

The following Operating Committee members were present: Dr. Patterson, 144; Ms. Mecozzi, 153 for Dr. Mitchell; Ms. Duski, 162 for Dr. Davis; Dr. Moore, 167; Dr. Jackson, 169; and Mr. Bean.

Absent

Dr. Mitchell, 153; Dr. Doster, 161; Dr. Davis, 162; Dr. Carmine, 163; Dr. Leak, 168; Mr. Amadio, 170; Mr. Smyth, 172; Dr. Hahto, 194; Mr. Cunningham, 201U; Dr. Navarre, 206; Mr. Wright, 227; and Dr. Mansfield, 233.

Recognition of Visitors

Ms. Rossiter, Superintendent, was present, as well as the following SPEED staff; Kevin Slattery, Director of Finance, Sharon Curry, Director of Human Resources, Kristin Elliott, Director of District Services, Tim Jonke, Director of Technology, Jessica Chen, Principal, ELC Program, Linda Wilson, Principal, IND Program, April Brown, Principal, PAL Program, Sandra Brown, Assistant Principal, PAL Program, Joe Kekelik, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, and Janet Nozar, SEA President.

Sophie Taylor, Mentor to April Brown, from the Governors State University Mentor Program (MILE) was also present.

Principal Presentation

Ms. Rossiter introduced April Brown, PAL Principal, who gave an overview to the Superintendents of her vision for the program during her first year as principal. Mrs. Brown stated that previous to her becoming principal she served as an assistant principal at the IND and PAL programs. She went on to explain her vision for the PAL program including team building through trust and collaboration, professional development meetings of various groups within the program, establishing an upgrade in the area of health services focusing on health awareness. Her goal is to use curriculum and academics to build the best student possible while meeting the needs of the students. PAL is seeing an increase in enrollment. Ms. Brown thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve SPEED.

Superintendents Report

Ms. Rossiter reviewed enrollment and staffing patterns stating that there are 359 students enrolled in SPEED programs and 293 district students using itinerant services. Country Club Hills Trade and Tech is SPEED's biggest competitor, the DHH program currently has 10 students resulting in higher than usual costs, enrollment is watched carefully, specifically the IND program where enrollment is less than half from the year before questioning whether or not IND is a viable program going forward. She also stated that Superintendents, Business Managers and/or District Reps will need to come together to discuss funding changes and how will it affect the districts with special services. What's best for districts?

Ms. Rossiter also stated that IAASE is working toward equality in funding with regards toward special education. SPEED had a smooth start at the beginning of the school year. The Leadership Team has made major improvements and is as strong as ever. This week was fire prevention week.

Financial Report

Mr. Slattery stated that 25% of the fiscal year has passed as of September 30, 2016. SPEED has realized 27% of anticipated revenues and expended 27% of anticipated expenditures.

Financial Report - continued

Mr. Slattery stated that billing to the districts will go out this week for August and September. The auditors were at SPEED the past couple weeks conducting the FY16 audit, representatives from Legacy Financial will be present at both the January Operating Committee and Governing Board meetings to discuss the audit.

Transportation

The contract with ABC Bus Company is up for renewal. Since there has been few issues with the service during the past three years, the attending Superintendents expressed no concerns with continuing with ABC Bus Company therefore, SPEED can continue using ABC on a yearly basis without going out to bid. One concern mentioned was not having video tapes available at all times on the buses and since it is stated in the contract, whenever a tape is not provided, SPEED should charge ABC.

The remaining agenda items will be presented at the December 9, 2016 Operating Committee meeting for approval.