

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING PROFESSIONAL CENTER
3015 w. 163RD STREET MARKHAM, IL 60428
JANUARY 20, 2015

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. She then led the Board and audience in the pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

The following members were present: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Barbara Nettles and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Kimako Patterson, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Julia A. Veazey, Chief School Business Official & Human Resources, Dr. Alicia Evans, and Director of Student Services, Mrs. Carrie Ablin.

C. Presentations

Mrs. Miller 1st grade teacher at Markham Park with Aniayah Weatherall and Abby McDonald demonstrated Starfall. Mrs. Miller stated that technology is used every day in the classroom. The students complete an activity on every lesson learned.

She presented a reading lesson on starfall.com. She stated that at the beginning of the year there were only three students in her class reading and now the entire class is reading. Many of the scores in her classroom have doubled.

Dr. Patterson presented to the Board the Annual Administrative Survey results. She stated that this is an anonymous survey completed in the district by all district employees.

D. Approval of Minutes

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Absent: Dr. Becky Adams and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014 Work Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Becky Adams and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

E. Presidents Report

No Report.

Ms. Walker stated that she would like presidential terms limits discussed at the Work Session. She also stated that she would like discuss eliminating either the December or January work session.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson reminded the Board to attend the IASA 20/20 Vision Meeting on February 10, 2015. She also congratulated Lolita Jennings on being nominated for the Golden Apple Award.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to place items 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the items placed on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried**G1. Junior High Cheerleading Trip (Discussion)**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that Ms. Audrey Smith would like to take the cheerleaders to Peoria, Illinois for a cheerleading competition. She is proposing a lock-in at the Junior High Gym. Dr. Patterson stated that they have rearranged the scheduled times for the custodians. She stated that Ms. Montgomery will be the administrator in the building and she will also travel with the cheerleaders. Dr. Jackson indicated that he was not in agreement.

G2. Approval of Policies 4:160, 4:170, 2:20, 6:150, 4:60, 4:90, 5:280, 4:175 and 5:30

Consent

G3. Approval to Post Policies

Consent

G4. 2015/2016 Restructuring Plan (Discussion)

Table

G5. Superintendent Evaluation

Table

G6. Approval of Nob Hill Fundraiser

Consent

G7. Approval of Weatherbug

Consent

G8. Approval of Laptop Program

Consent

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to table items G4 and G5. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Dr. Becky Adams and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried**H. Audience Participation**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to open the floor for audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine

Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

Mrs. Java Rodgers thanked the board and administration for allowing the Drumline to perform at the Youth Commission on December 28, 2014.

Curtis John Baptiste stated that he is a business owner in the community. He wanted to commend the junior high. He stated that he has a student at the junior high and that he was happy with the direction it was taking.

He stated that he has left messages with the business office and that no one has returned his calls. He wanted to know the process for doing business with the district. He stated that his company supplies everything from pencils to janitorial supplies.

Mr. Issac Wiseman, Executive Director of the Pacesetter Homeowner Association, he stated that he wants to hold an accountability forum for candidates. He is requesting a fee waiver for the use of Highlands School and Mae Jemison School.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of waiving the fee.

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to close the floor for audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Becky Adams and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

I. Administration – Action Reports

1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve personnel recommendations. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement

none

Motion Carried

3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve Professional Assignment Request. On roll call the following members voted

aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

4. Approve Invoices

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the January invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
01-20-15	Education	\$ 284,907.66
01-20-15	Operation & Maintenance	\$49,965.56
01-20-15	Debt Service	\$3,182.38
01-20-15	Transportation	<u>\$155,471.98</u>
	Total:	<u>\$493,527.58</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-23-14	Education	\$1,120.71
	Total:	<u>\$1,120.71</u>
12-24-14	Municipal Retirement	\$28,488.32
	Total:	<u>\$28,488.32</u>
01-12-15	Education	\$2,397.92
	Total:	<u>\$2,397.92</u>

5. Approve Payroll and Benefits

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the December payroll and benefits. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Barbara Nettles, Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-15-14	Education	\$430,892.63
12-15-14	Liabilities	<u>\$411,715.73</u>
	Total:	<u>\$842,608.36</u>
12-30-14	Education	\$440,624.85
12-30-14	Liabilities	\$409,936.08
	Total:	<u>\$850,560.93</u>
01-02-15	Education	\$240,558.62
	Total:	<u>\$240,558.62</u>

J. Administration – Information Reports**1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

Mrs. Veazey highlighted that the STEM students are building an underwater robot. She stated that Ms. Birgans-Wright and Ms. Ledesma are in charge of the project.

She also informed the Board that the District Literacy Conference was presented and designed by our teachers. She stated that she is proud of them and their efforts.

Dr. Jackson inquired about Mrs. Gacek and we we are able to ascertain if the program is working. Mrs. Veazey stated that the teachers are required to model the lesson previously taught by Mrs. Gacek.

Dr. Jackson asked about the temp technicians and how long they will be needed. Mrs. Veazey informed him that they will be in district as needed, she will review the need within two months.

2. Business Affairs and Human Resources

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the W-2's were delivered and mailed last week. She also stated that we also have electronic versions.

She informed the Board that the District will have possible recognition status for our finances. The District is currently has a profile score of 3.6. She stated that the annual disclosure was done on December 15, 2015 available at the treasurer's office.

Mrs. Davis commented on the report from the maintenance department. She stated that the report needs to have more detail.

3. Student Services

As presented except that Mrs. Ablin highlighted that she is having talks about registration and the positive happenings at Markham Park.

Dr. Jackson inquired about the SWIS data and the big five report. He stated that the junior high had 156 incidents for the 8 days. Dr. Patterson informed him that this number was a cumulative number from the beginning of the year. He also inquired about how many students were in the tier 2 check in and check out? Mrs. Ablin informed him that there were 5 students.

K. Executive Session

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to go into executive session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Becky Adams and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried 8:09 p.m.

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to return to open session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Becky Adams and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried 9:00 p.m.

L. New Business

Dr. Patterson inquired if the Board would be willing to hold the Board Meeting on February 16, 2015 a holiday. The Board gave consensus to have the meeting on February 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m..

M. Adjournment

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to adjourn the meeting. On roll call all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

MOTION CARRIED 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:


Sharron Davis, President


Margarita McCarty, Secretary

