

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

PROFESSIONAL CENTER

3015 w. 163RD STREET

MARKHAM, IL 60428

FEBRUARY 16, 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, and Dr. Becky Adams Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Barbara Nettles and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

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

President Davis commented on the Chateaux Bulletin Board. She stated that it was very nice and colorful.

D. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Barbara Nettles, Dr. Becky Adams, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Work Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the

following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson (with corrections) and Sharron Davis. Abstain: Dr. Becky Adams. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

E. Presidents Report

President Davis stated that she attended the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity Conference and that she thoroughly enjoyed it.

Ms. Davis asked the board if they should invite potential candidates to a New Board Member Briefing sponsored by the IASB South Cook Division at their meeting on March 31, 2015. If the candidates want to remain for dinner then they would be responsible for the additional cost.

Mrs. Jordan talked about the 1:1 iPad initiative in district 146. She stated that it was wonderful and that she would like to see our district initiate the program. She also stated that she attended a service for Shannise Heady a former student who died in a car crash. Shannise's Jersey number was retired. Ms. Jordan informed the Board that she read a resolution from the district at the memorial service.

Dr. Jackson stated the he wanted our students to be more tech savvy. He stated that the future demand will be so large that our country will have to recruit from other countries.

A brief discussion regarding technology followed.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson stated that when she wrote the million dollar technology grant she decided to go with laptop's because they were more versatile. She stated that our students are able to use a dual platform; they are able to use both Apple and PC's. Dr. Patterson stated that she has been very strategic in making our student's tech savvy and they are ahead of the game.

She stated that our students are in the process of learning to decode in STEM Class. She also informed the Board that our students will be working with Stride Academy on additional STEM Projects.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that on March 26, 2015 the Superintendents' Commission will host its annual Scholarship Dinner.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to place items G2, G3, G6, G7, I1, I3, I4 and I5 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams and Sharron Davis.

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: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis.

Motion Carried

G1. Approval of Policies 4:45, 4:110, 4:120, 4:130, 4:150, 5:10 and 5:185

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve policies 4:45 (with option 2), 4:110, 4:120, 4:130, 4:150, 5:10 and 5:185. On roll call the following members voted aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis.

G2. Approval of Let for Bids Security Door Project

Consent

G3. Approval of Approval Computer Cart (1:1)

Consent

G4. Approval of the Board President Annual of Bi-Annual term limit

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to amend item G4 into two parts A and B. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G4-A. Approval of Board President Annual retention

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

Motion Carried

G4-B. Bi-Annual Term Limit

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve a two year term for Board President. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine

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

Motion Did Not Carry

G5. Approval of the Elimination of the December Work Session

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

Motion Did Not Carry

Dr. Jackson stated that he would like to consider eliminating all work sessions.

G6. Approval of Sick Day Donation

Consent

G7. Approval of 2015/2016 Staffing Plan

Consent

G8. Approval of Pacesetter Contract

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to amend the agenda to add the contract for Pacesetters Home Owners Association to use district facilities. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams and Elaine Walker. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

H. Audience Participation.

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

Motion Carried

Irma Holloway chairman of Community Relation Committee for Hazel Crest thanked the board and administration for allowing the Drumline to participate in their events. She is asking for support for a 5k race that is being planned. Ms. Holloway would like the District to send a representative to the March 5, 2015 meeting at 5:30p.m. that will be held at the Hazel Crest Fire Department. The prizes for the race are \$1500.00 for First Place, \$1000 .00 for 2nd Place and \$500.00 for Third Place. She stated that her goal is to make the community more visible.

Isaac Wiseman of Hazel Crest thanked the board and administration (Mr. Moore, Dr. Evans and Dr. Patterson) for allowing the Pacesetters to use the district facilities. He stated that the process was very professional and ran very smooth. He stated that the goal is to move the village forward.

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

Motion Carried

I. Administration – Action Reports

1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Consent

Motion Carried

2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement

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

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper inquired as to why we needed another nursing company. Mrs. Ablin stated that they are removing services from Maxim Healthcare because of the way they handled a situation involving a family that traveled to Africa.

Motion Carried

3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)

Consent

Motion Carried

4. Approve Invoices
Consent

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02-17-15	Education	\$ 455,991.66
02-17-15	Operation & Maintenance	\$100,216.89
02-17-15	Debt Service	\$3,182.38
02-17-15	Transportation	<u>\$131,272.11</u>
	Total:	<u>\$690,663.04</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-29-14	Education	\$9,210.34
	Total:	<u>\$9,210.34</u>

02-02-15	Education	\$4,950.41
	Total:	<u>\$4,950.41</u>

5. Approve Payroll and Benefits
Consent

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-15-15	Education	\$422,838.43
1-15-15	Liabilities	<u>\$383,534.57</u>

		Total:	<u>\$806,373.00</u>
12-30-14	Education		\$426,440.31
12-30-14	Liabilities		\$385,695.59
		Total:	<u>\$812,135.90</u>
01-30-15	Education		\$239,472.13
		Total:	<u>\$239,472.13</u>

J. Administration – Information Reports

1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

As presented.

Mrs. Nettles stated that she attended the Superintendents Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity. She went to a session presented by one of our teachers. She stated that it was very good and that she was glad to see our young teachers taking on leadership roles.

Dr. Jackson inquired about the differences in registration numbers. Mrs. Veazey stated that she reports actual bodies and Mrs. Ablin reports the actual number of people that have gone through the registration process.

2. Business Affairs and Human Resources

Dr. Evans stated that report was as presented except that she wanted to bring attention to the Continuing Disclosure Report report.

Dr. Jackson inquired if the district still has D.A.R.E. Dr. Patterson stated that they have it at Fieldcrest in Oak Forest and it just restarted in Hazel Crest.

Dr. Jackson stated that he would like to know when money is moved around in accounts.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she is not ever stating she will not provide requested information to the Board, however giving a report every

time money is moved between accounts will become a cumbersome task for Dr. Evans. She stated that Dr. Evans can give a synopsis.

There was a lengthy discussion about balancing accounts. Dr. Jackson stated that there was a TIF meeting held in Hazel Crest regarding money to be distributed to school districts. Dr. Evans stated that she had not heard of it but she would check into it.

There was a brief conversation regarding TIF Districts

Mrs. Jordan inquired about life safety issues. Dr. Evans informed her that the door and window projects are a part of the life safety issues. She informed the Board that she would give a report at the Work Session.

3. Student Services

As Presented.

Mrs. Ablin stated that the Junior High's numbers have gone down considerably. She stated that the 7th grade Dean has been more visible and Mr. Smith has worked with the teachers and clarified the difference between classroom issues and office issues.

She stated that they are being proactive with their discipline.

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, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: one.

Motion Carried 8:14 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: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 8:24 p.m.

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the executive minutes of the December 1, 2014, Work Session Meeting, December 15, 2014, Special Board Meeting, December 15, 2014 Regular Board Meeting, January 5, 2015, Special Board Meeting, January 5, 2014, Special Board Meeting and the January 5, 2015, Work Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-

Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None.
Absent: Elaine Walker.

Motion Carried

L. New Business

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the addition of a Deans position was included in the staffing plan.

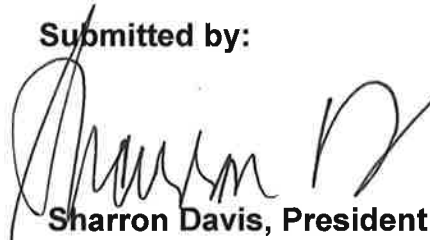
She inquired if the board would like to move the next work session to Chateaux. The consensus was that they will have the June 15th board meeting at Chateaux.

M. Adjournment

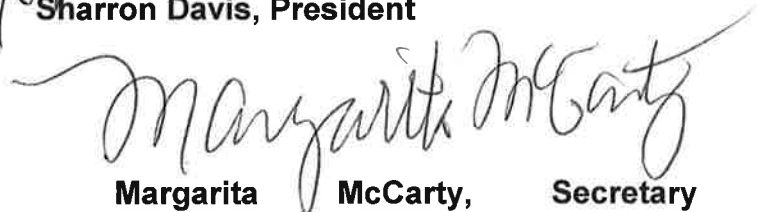
Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Elaine Walker.

MOTION CARRIED 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharron Davis, President



Margarita McCarty, Secretary