

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER
3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS
APRIL 6, 2015

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mrs. Sharron Davis, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was completed during the earlier session.

2. Roll Call

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

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.

3. Updated Bullying Policy

Mrs. Ablin informed the board that the word "cyber" needed to be added to the bullying policy at school and at home.

There was a brief discussion regarding the responsibility of the district for the bullying policy.

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper left 7:40 p.m.

4. Responsible Budget Coalition (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson informed the board that the Homewood Flossmoor League of Women Voters presented a document asking for support. She stated that she does not know if our best interest will be represented. As such, she is not recommending that we attach our names to this document. Dr. Patterson stated that she wanted the board to be informed about the document.

5. School Financial Profile (Discussion)

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the district has received recognition status for its financial profile. She stated that the district received a 4 in almost all areas.

Dr. Evans also thanked the board for their support.

6. Affordable care act

Dr. Evans informed the Board that anyone who works 30 or more hours in the district would need to provide health insurance for these employees. She stated that there

needs to be a look back period to review the average number of hours worked. She stated that a longer look back period would be beneficial to the district, therefore she is requesting a 12 month look back period.

7. Update for 2007-2010 Cook County Tax Rate Objections

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the 2007-2008 objection has been withdrawn. She stated that the attorneys are requesting a class action response to the other objections. She stated that if a settlement is reached we will be able to drop the objections.

8. Prevailing Wage

Dr. Evans informed the Board that we must present the prevailing wage every year in April.

9. Bremen township

Dr. Evans informed the Board of the interest allocation from Bremen Township. The total allocation for District 144 is \$32,147.86.

Dr. Patterson, and the Board of Education also discussed Term Limits for the President of Bremen Township.

10. Depositories and signatories

Dr. Evans informed the Board that we must present to the depositories and signatories annually to show signers on our accounts to the financial institutions.

11. Waste Management Renewal

Dr. Evans stated that the rates will remain the same for 2015. There will be a 5% cap on the prices in 2016 and 2017.

The Board discussed the length of the contract and they would prefer a one year limit.

12. Fence for Technology

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that there are currently 5 bids for the Fence Project and two of the companies are minority owned. She stated that one of the companies is owned by the son of Dr. Adams. She stated that he has been trying to do business with the district for several years before Dr. Adams was on the board, and that she wanted the board to be aware of the relationship.

13. Highland Fundraiser

Dr. Evans informed the Board that Highlands would like to add an additional fundraiser the additional funds will be used for their Fun Day. The company is called "Pak It" and they provide green cleaning solution.

14. School Calendar

Mrs. Veazey reviewed the proposed 2015-2016 school calendar with the board.

Dr. Patterson stated that she spoke with the entire NCLB committee regarding the November Parent Teacher Conference to let them know of her expectation that the least disruptive days will be taken.

15. New Business

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that Eagle Ridge has recently sent a quote. She stated that the location will possibly change but everything will remain the same.

16. Adjournment

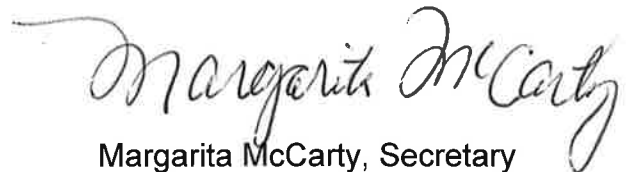
Juanita R. Jordan, moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Gregory Jackson and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharron Davis, President



Margarita McCarty, Secretary