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BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING MAE JEMISON SCHOOL

APRIL 20, 2015

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The pledge of Allegiance was conducted during the earlier session.

B. Roll Call

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

Mrs. Wasyliw and the students from Mae Jemison School Gifted/Enrichment Program did a presentation on the cultures of Asia, China, India and Israel. They also gave the Board a test on the IPad on the items they discussed during their presentation.

Mrs. Ablin presented a Prezi from the Snowflake Program at the Junior High. The Snowflake program focuses on building student leaders and addresses students who have undergone a loss or trauma in their life. The program is run by Ms. Sweeny and Ms. Gallagher. During the presentation the students talked about the effects that drugs and alcohol can have on their lives and the lives of their families

Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Elaine Walker arrived at 7:07 p.m. Dr. Becky Adams arrived at 7:10 p.m.

D. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Special Board Meeting. 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

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2015 Work Session. 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

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Special Board Meeting. 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.

Motion Carried

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2015 Regular Board Meeting. 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: None.

Motion Carried

E. Presidents Report

None.

Mrs. Jordan inquired if the board would like a resolution presented to IASB. She asked that they let her know by June 24, 2015 for presentation at the November meeting.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson informed the board that a robo call was sent out regarding a suspicious man in a white van talking to children on the way to school.

She informed the Board that the first negotiation meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2015 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Dr. Patterson stated that the first meeting is intended to set preliminary guidelines, and add additional dates for negotiations. The board members who volunteered to serve on the negotiations committee are Dr. Jackson, Ms. Walker and Ms. Jordan.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the Devine 9 Throw Down is scheduled for Friday, April 24, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

She also thanked Mrs. Freeman- Cooper and Dr. Adams for their service on the Board. Dr. Patterson also stated that she will be reaching out to Dr. Adams in the future regarding parent participation.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to place items G1, G3, G4, G6, G7, G8, G9, G11, G12 and G14 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. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the items placed on consent agenda. 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. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G1. Approval of Venue Change for Administrative Retreat Consent

G2. Superintendent Evaluation (Table)

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to table item G2 for executive session. 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 Daviş. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G3. Approval of Vision 20/20 Resolution Consent

G4. Approval of SCOPE Intergovernmental Agreement Consent

G5. Approval of Updated Bullying Policy 7:180 Consent

G6. Approval of Affordable Care Act – Look Back Period

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve item G6. 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

Dr. Evans explained that insurance must be provided to substitute teachers, secretaries and custodians if they work over 30 hours per week. She stated that the look back period of 12 months was selected because it is more advantageous for the district.

- G7. Approve Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Prevailing Wage Consent
- G8. Approve Interest Earning Bremen Township
 Consent
- **G9. Approve Depositories and Signatories**Consent
- G10. Approve Waste management Renewal Consent

G11. Approve Fence for Technology

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the fence for technology. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dionne Freeman-Cooper. Abstain: Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

G12. Approve Highlands School Fundraiser

Consent

G13. Approve 2009-2010 Cook County Tax Rate Objection

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the tax rate objection. 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: None.

Motion Carried

Dr. Evans informed the board and the audience of the tax rate objection between our district and other districts. She is recommending a joint defense with the other districts against the 2009-2010 tax rate objection.

G14. Approve Proposed School Calendar

Consent

G15. Approval of Policies 2:140, 2:140E, 5:220, 6:20, 6:60, 6:110, 6:280, 6:340, 7:50, 7:10 and 7:270.

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the policies. 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

H. Audience Participation.

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to open the floor for Audience Participation. 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. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to close 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

I. Administration - Action Reports

1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the personnel recommendations. 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

2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement None.

3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)

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

Motion Carried

4. Approve Invoices

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04-20-15	Education	\$ 565,121.40
04-20-15	Operation & Maintenance	\$ 98,126.89
04-20-15	Debt Service	\$3,182.38
04-20-15	Transportation	\$40,703.45
04-20-15	Life Safety	\$35,945.10

Total: \$743,079.22

<u>Date</u> <u>Fund</u> <u>Amount</u>

04-06-15	Education	\$11,153.54
		Total: \$11,153.54
03-05-15	Education	\$235,012.22

Total: \$235,012.22

5. Approve Payroll and Benefits

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the Payroll and Benefits. 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>			<u>Amount</u>
3-15-15 3-15-15	Education Liabilities			\$472,330.55 \$412,081.70
			Total:	\$884,412.25
03-31-15 03-31-15	Education Liabilities	±		\$430,620.37 \$387,465.54
			Total:	<u>\$818,085.91</u>
03-31-15	Education	£		\$235,012.22

Total: \$235,012.22

J. Administration – Information Reports

1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Veazey stated that she wanted to highlight Parent Conferences. She stated that Mae Jemison had 93% parent participation and Markham Park had 90% parent participation.

She also stated that ESG will partner with the STEAM Summer Camp and will provide engineers for the summer program. They will teach sustainable energy, coding and waste management. They will also design a video game with the 7th grade students.

Mrs. Veazey also informed the Board that 200 students were taken to Lawry's Restaurant for lunch. She stated that they were well behaved and had a great time.

Mrs. Jordan indicated that district 228 is the only high school district that does not have a STEM Program. Dr. Patterson stated that she has had conversations with the superintendent, his response is that they are working on it.

There was a brief discussion on the Algebra class that our students have taken as junior high students using the book that is used at Hillcrest High School. Our students have passed the course in junior high and they are required to retake it in high school. She stated that the high school does not acknowledge the course taken at Prairie- Hills.

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that the Tech Fair is scheduled for May 5th, The Essay contest, April 30th, Math Bowl, April 30th and May 1st.

There was a brief discussion regarding the improvement with the quality of work produced by the 7th and 8th graders.

2. Business Affairs and Human Resources

As. Presented

Dr. Evans reminded everyone to complete their Statement of Economic Interest...

She also informed the Board that Insurance rates will increase. It will be approximately 7% for HMO Insurance. Dr. Evans also informed the Board that the vendors for the retirement and insurance providers will be at the Institute Day on May 15, 2015.

President Davis inquired about the maintenance report on the lawn equipment. She stated that they were too vague.

3. Student Services

As. Presented.

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that the Pre-K results are back and the teachers did a wonderful job. The District was only sited on three small items (Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Pre-K Home language Survey). She also informed the Board that our current enrollment is 2879 students.

Dr. Patterson Informed the Board that the Pre-K program will be moved to Mae Jemison for next year from Nob Hill. Dr. Patterson also stated that she is keeping a handle on the Districts mobility rate. She stated that 50 students were enrolled in the month of February.

Referrals are down at the Junior High!

Ms. Ablin stated that at Mae Jemison, Markham Park and Highland there was a slight increase in referrals.

There was a brief discussion on the referrals and identifying the students that are repeat offenders.

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

Motion Carried 8:35 p.m.

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to come out of executive session. 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 9:55 p.m.

L. New Business

Dr. Patterson discussed having a retreat for the Board. She also informed the Board that she would like to have a discussion on the D144 Foundation for Excellence in the month of May.

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: None.

MOTION CARRIED 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharron Davis, President

Margarita McCarty, Secretary

Board of Education Regular Business Meeting

Date: April 20, 2015