

BOARD OF EDUCATION **PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING **PRAIRIE-HILLS JUNIOR HIGH**
16315 RICHMOND AVE. **COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, ILL 60478**

October 21, 2013

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Elaine Walker called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM. The pledge was completed in the earlier board meeting.

B. Roll Call

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

Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Kimako Patterson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology, Mrs. Julia A. Veazey, Director of Business Affairs & Human Resource, Dr. Alicia Evans, and Director of Student Services, Mrs. Carrie Ablin.

C. Presentation

Integrated Technology

Mrs. Watkins –Williams presented to the board Pearson Success and Edmoto.

She stated that Pearson Success is the online software allows student to not have to carry books. Mrs. Watkins-Williams stated that the students can leave their books at home. She stated that Pearson Success has short videos to get the children involved. The program also translates from English to Spanish and vice versa. It allows the students to read at their own pace. She stated that it is teacher friendly and that it allows the teacher to change the level a student is working on without the student knowing it.

Mrs. Watkins-Williams informed the Board that Edmoto is a free website that allows the student to do more electronic work. It also allows the student to communicate with the teacher regarding assignments. She stated that If the student has a question regarding an assignment they can ask the question and it will go directly to the teachers cellphone or iPad.

D. Approval of Minutes

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2013 Special Board Meeting, September 3, 2013

Work Session, September 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting and September 23, 2013 Special Board Meeting. On roll Call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson (Except the September 3, 2013 Special Board Meeting) and Dionne Freeman-Cooper. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson on the September 3, 2013 Special Board Meeting. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

E. President's Report
None.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that Mr. Anthony A. Cole turned in his resignation from the Board of Education effective October 31, 2013. She informed the Board that she asked Mrs. Hardmon to write a poem for Mr. Cole. Mrs. Hardmon then read the poem for the Board and the Audience.

Dr. Patterson also informed the board that the district is hosting a PERA workshop scheduled for October 29, 2013 she stated that the district was scheduled to have 50 participants however the numbers have increased to we are 80. She stated that she signed up the board members that are attending Triple I to complete the workshop at Triple I.

Dr. Jackson informed the Board that he attended a workshop at South Cook isc4 with Mrs. Alderson Principal at Markham Park . Dr. Jackson stated that he and Mrs. Alderson were in the same group and felt that he and Mrs. Alderson made the group in his opinion. The workshop on leading Major Change in Education and What the Beatles can Teach Us. He stated he wanted to thank Mrs. Alderson also that this was one of the best workshops he ever attended.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports

Dionne Freeman-Cooper moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to place items G1, G2, G3, G4, I1, I2 and I3 on consent agenda. On roll call members voting aye: Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Elaine Walker. Nays: None. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to approve items placed on consent agenda. On roll call members voting aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

**G1. Best Western PTAB
Consent**

**G2. Approve Superintendent Goals
Consent**

Dr. Jackson stated that he provided the Superintendent and the Board a copy of the goals that he felt should be incorporated into the superintendent goals.

Dr. Patterson stated informed Dr. Jackson that she did not get a copy of the goals from him. She stated that she was removed from executive session when the goals that Dr. Jackson created were passed out. She stated that she later received the goals from Mrs. Nettles.

Dr. Jackson stated that he felt some of the goals that he wrote should be incorporated in the Superintendent goals. He stated that they should be more rigorous, that there was not enough accountability and that he wanted the goals to be more like Smart goals. Dr. Jackson stated that he did not see that in the goals. He stated that the Board agreed to discuss the goals and they look like the same goals to him.

Dr. Patterson informed Dr. Jackson that she has made changed to the goals. She stated that she incorporated some item to make some goals more specific; she presented them to the Board and discussed them.

Dr. Jackson stated that he wanted him perspective to be known he stated that there was too much vagueness.

**G3. SES Providers
Consent**

**G4. Approve video production invoice
Consent**

G5. Approve sick day donation

Dr. Evans informed the Board that there is an employee that is in need additional sick time. She stated that when the Board approves the donation the union will send out materials to its members.

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the sick day donation. On roll call members voting aye: Juanita R.

Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

H. Audience Participation

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to open audience participation. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis and Juanita R. Jordan.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory to close audience participation. On roll call members voting aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan and Dr. Gregory Jackson. Nays: None. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

I. Administration – Action Reports

1. **Approve Personnel Recommendations**
Consent
2. **Approved Outside Contract Agreement**
Consent
3. **Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)**
Consent
4. **Approve October Invoices**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve October invoices. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Dionne Freeman-Cooper. Nays: None. Abstain: Juanita R. Jordan. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10-21-13	Education	\$514,702.09
10-21-13	Operation & Maintenance	\$78,875.01

10-21-13	Transportation	\$10,544.04
10-21-13	Life Safety	<u>1,019.19</u>
	Total:	<u>\$605,140.33</u>
09-17-13	Education	\$6,696.24
09-17-13	Operations & Maintenance	<u>\$133.54</u>
		\$6,829.78
09-30-13	Education	<u>\$4,971.72</u>
		\$4,971.72
10-17-13	Education	\$7,359.27
		<u>\$7,359.27</u>

5. Approve October Payroll and Benefits

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve October Payroll. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Dionne Freeman-Cooper. Nays: None. Abstain: Juanita R. Jordan. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9-13-13	Education	\$427,485.19
9-13-13	Liabilities	<u>\$380,410.31</u>
	Total:	<u>\$808,255.50</u>
9-30-13	Education	\$428,940.31

9-30-13	Liabilities	<u>\$378,503.98</u>
	Total:	<u>\$807,444.29</u>
9-13-13	Education	\$413.87
9-13-13	Liabilities	<u>\$535.17</u>
	Total:	<u>\$949.04</u>
9-13-13	Education	\$209.76
9-13-13	Liabilities	<u>\$43.36</u>
	Total:	<u>\$253.12</u>
9-30-13	Education	\$3,213.48
8-30-13	Liabilities	<u>\$2,067.17</u>
	Total:	<u>\$5,280.65</u>
9-30-13	Education	\$248,856.48
		<u>\$248,856.48</u>
10-04-13	Education	\$3,251.46
		<u>\$3,251.46</u>

6. Administration – Information Reports

- a. Business Affairs/Human Resources**
As presented.

Ms. Jordan inquired about what the "to come" statement in the PTAB agreement meant. Dr. Evans stated that they filed the claim then it has to go to the board of review to determine the amount of the claim. She stated that if the paperwork has not been received a claim cannot be made.

Dr. Jackson asked that Dr. Evans speak on the relocation of the i-visions server to Texas. She stated that the move will happen over the thanksgiving holiday i-visions will be moving to a facility that they own. Dr. Evans stated that the district has offered to do a test on the accounts payables side.

b. Student Services Update

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that Joy Batagliati is no longer our representative for focus monitoring. Melanie Fleenor new representative informed her that she will be back in January to close out our focus monitoring.

Our current registration as of October 11th is 2690. Dr. Patterson stated that the current registration is 2717.

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that she included SWIS data with a comparison from this year and last year.

Dr. Jackson stated that he would like to have Mrs. Ablin to speak to the bus company regarding a driver picking students up from an unapproved stop. He stated that the bus company is picking students up in the driveway of a house on Woodworth and Kedzie.

Mrs. Davis stated that the SWIS data was very good she stated that the trend was good.

Dr. Jackson stated that he would like the quick big 5 report because it shows when and where.

Dr. Jackson stated that he was concerned about the data. He stated that 65% of the referrals came from the Junior High.

Dr. Patterson stated that a decline should be seen in the month of October. She stated that the Junior High will typically see more referrals than any of the other schools.

c. Curriculum/ Instruction/Technology Update

Mrs. Veazey stated that she received 245 SES applications. She stated that she plans to service 131 students that are in the most need. She informed the Board that the per pupil amount was reduced to 1089. She stated that this will not affect the amount of students being serviced.

Mrs. Veazey stated that the afterschool program is also started on October 7th. There are 60 staff members servicing approximately 390 students. The format will be the same as last year. Monday and Wednesday the students will have reading and Tuesday and Thursday math. She stated that during the first 30 minutes the students will be allowed to do homework. Mrs. Veazey also informed the Board that the explorer test was abolished. The high school district is asking for map data now.

Dr. Jackson asked about new providers Mrs. Veazey informed him that we have several new providers.

Ms. Jordan commended Dr. Evans on the fact that the district has no single audit findings.

7. Executive Session to discuss:

None

8. New Business

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the survey monkey needs to be completed by November 4th. The self-evaluation will be held on the November 7th from 3:30 – 6:30

9. Adjournment

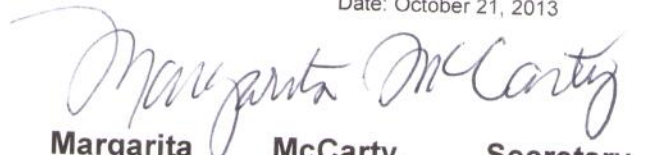
Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles.

MOTION CARRIED 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:


Barbara Nettles, President

Date: October 21, 2013


Margarita McCarty, Secretary