

OCTOBER 3, 2016

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was completed in the earlier session.

2. Roll Call

The following members were present: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Joyce Dickerson, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Absent: Kathy Taylor and Elaine Walker.

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

Kathy Taylor arrived at 7:50 p.m.

3. Technology Presentation

Mr. Bill Spakowski of Single Path presented to the Board on the process of a Technology Audit. He stated that His company provides Technology consulting and planning. During his presentation, Mr. Spakowski discussed how his company would complete a technology assessment, introduce varying ways of integrating technology and review the Districts Technology Plan. He will also review how technology is used in the classroom. They will interview students, teachers, parents, administrators, IT department and District Office. They will provide parent universities to help parents understand the use of technology by their students. They will also help the District define measurable goals through classroom observations and assessments. He stated that they work from an 8 steps project plan that includes strong leadership, infrastructure, professional development, communication, policies, procedures, expectations and evaluation. The goal is to create teacher leaders to make the district self-sustaining.

There was a brief discussion regarding the success of other school districts and professional development.

4. Mile Mentoring

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the district will be using the MILE Mentoring program at Governors State University again this year for our first year administrators. She stated that a state mandated program is required for first year administrators.

5. Annual Board Calendar

Dr. Patterson stated that the annual Board Calendar allows the Board to stay updated. The 2016/2017 calendar will be presented for approval at the regular meeting on October 17th.

6. FMLA Request

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the district received an FMLA request from an employee out on sick leave.

7. Sick Day Donation

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the aforementioned employee has also requested a sick day donation from the Association. She stated that to date there have been a donation of 16 days.

8. District Office Renovation (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson informed the board that she would like to do something more secure at the front desk. She stated that the architects (STR) came in with an estimate of \$220,000.00. When she indicated that the estimate was too high they came back with a second estimate of \$100,000.00. She stated that the front office needs to be more secure. Dr. Patterson stated that the cost for the renovation will be rolled into monies already set aside for renovations (\$2,100,000.00).

There was further discussion regarding the configuration of the foyer and the closing of some of the open space.

9. Sound Paneling and External Door for Mae Jemison School

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the district has been planning to add sound paneling at Mae Jemison for years because the acoustics are terrible in the gym. She also stated that the back door outside the kitchen is rusting and needs to be replaced.

10. Administration Compensation Schedule

Mrs. Sharpp informed the board that the district is required to post administrator salaries on the district website. She stated that this is done annually.

11. Approval of Policies Posted for 30 Day Review

There was a brief discussion regarding students with depression policy #7:290.

12. Outside Contracts

Mrs. Veazey presented to the Board a program called Blue Streak for math fluency. She stated that she has had the opportunity to preview Blue Streak. She stated that the students think it's a game, which helps them master their math facts. She also stated that reports can be run to see students' progress.

Mrs. Veazey stated that she will also present the Single Path contract for approval.

13. New Business

None.

14. Executive Session

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Elaine Walker.

Motion Carried 7:54 p.m.

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to return to open session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Elaine Walker.


Motion Carried 8:35 p.m.

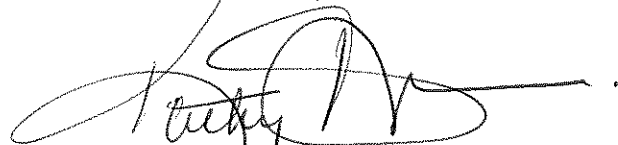
15. Adjournment

On voice vote all members voted aye to adjourn the meeting. Nays: None. Absent: Elaine Walker.

Motion Carried 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by:


Sharron Davis, President


Kathy Taylor, Secretary

