

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

October 7, 2013

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. She then led the Board and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Video Filming at Prairie-Hills Junior High

The Board adjourned to Prairie-Hills Junior High to complete the video filming for the IASB 100 year celebration.

4. Construction Update

Mr. Hickman stated that the construction update is as presented; with the exception that Com Ed has all of the equipment in the new grid he stated that. Spoke with Mike on the third regarding the shower bells at the junior high.

5. Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant

Dr. Evans informed the Board that she went out for bid for the grant. She stated that the district did not have any vendors to come for bid. She stated that four vendors were asked to bid however only two vendors are willing to provide the service, Testla and Wilkins were the only two companies that are willing to provide the service.

6. Best Western PTAB

Dr. Evans informed the board that Best Western was seeking a refund of 38,000 dollars. She stated that if Best Western wins the PTAB case we would have to refund their money because they paid in advance. The district's attorneys sought out a settlement agreement with Best Western. Best Western is willing to settle for 4,124.00 this amount is based on the fact that Best Western did not have an

appraisal. Dr. Evans is recommending that the district settle. She stated that if the district loses at the hearing we may be ordered to pay the 38,000.00.

Mrs. Nettles inquired about Best Western's ability to file another PTAB next year. Dr. Evans stated that they will sign an agreement to not seek further PTAB's.

7. Superintendent Goals

Dr. Patterson informed the board that she provided an updated copy of the goals and strategic plan. She stated that the goals remained pretty much the same but added items under some of her goals. She stated that some of the goals are replicated under the strategic plan. Dr. Patterson reviewed all of the goals with the Board.

Dr. Patterson and the board discussed the possibility of having a town hall meeting to share with the community the direction the district is going and to review the strategic plan. The Board decided to schedule the town hall meeting for March 19, 2014.

Dr. Patterson asked the board if they had any concerns with her goals or the strategic plans. There were no questions or concerns.

8. Bullying, Drug and Alcohol Program

Mrs. Ablin informed the board that Eric Harwell will be presenting a bullying workshop and a drug and alcohol program. She stated that he has already started working with the staff she stated that he presented a workshop for all of the Junior High Staff. Mr. Harwell will be presenting two part workshops with the students in small groups. Mr. Harwell will also be presenting parent workshops.

Mrs. Ablin stated that the elementary schools are presenting their bullying and drug and alcohol programs through their health classes along with some of the local police departments.

Mrs. Ablin stated that she will attach Mr. Harwell's lesson plans to the board update for review.

Mrs. Nettles inquired if there was a curriculum for elementary drug and alcohol prevention. Mrs. Ablin stated that there was not a curriculum. Dr. Patterson stated that the district could possibly write one.

9. Outside Contracts

Mrs. Ablin informed the board that she will be presenting a contract for Eric Harwell. She stated that there will be a reduction in the amount of money that Mr. Harwell will be receiving for the 2013-2104 school year.

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she will be introducing Sonya Chapman of Chicago Etiquette and Protocol to work with the students that participate in S.W.A.G.G. an etiquette workshop.

Mrs. Veazey stated that she would like McNeil and Associates to work with the principals and literacy coaches on asking crucial questions as to what kind of leaders they are or want to be.

10. SES Providers

Mrs. Veazey informed the board that she is diligently working on getting the SES program together. She stated that there were 257 applicants and 244 that actually qualify. The per pupil amount for this year will be 1181.23 per student. She presented to the Board all of the companies that would like to participate. She stated that the parents choose the company that they would like to work with. She also informed the board that she has set aside 153,000.00

11. New Business

The board and Dr. Patterson discussed the special board meeting date. It was agreed to have the Special Board meeting on 10/21/2013.

The board also discussed the possibility of presenting Senator Hastings with a plaque for the donation of 65,000.00

Mrs. Nettles informed the board that Hazel Crest will have a summit on November 16, 2013. She invited everyone to attend.

12. Executive Session

None.


13. Adjournment

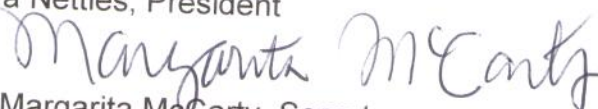
On voice vote all members present voted aye: Absent: Dr. Gregory Jackson and Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried 7:00

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Submitted by:


Barbara Nettles, President


Margarita McCarty, Secretary