

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER
3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS
November 4, 2013

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mrs. Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She then led the Board and the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Construction Update

Mr. Hickman stated that the book for the kitchen came in. he stated that there is nt much going on except there were a couple of small problems in the kitchen and a problem in the cafetorium with a sensor, but everything is working well.

4. District Branding

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she plans to start branding the district. She stated that she will be ordering table cloths, pens, folders and new business cards. She stated that these items will be used for graduations and job fairs and etc.

5. Construction Manager (Discussion)

Dr. Evans informed the Board that there is not much for Mr. Hickman to do now. She stated that she has had a discussion with Mr. Hickman on discontinuing his service since there are not many problems that he needs to handle.

A brief discussion followed.

6. Estimated Levy

Dr. Evans informed the Board that it is time to do an estimated levy. She stated that there will not be a need to do a publication in the paper because we will not exceed the 5% limit. She stated that she will be requesting approximately 4.9%. The final vote on the levy will be completed by the last day in December.

Elaine Walker arrived at 7:02

7. Asbestos Proposal

Dr. Evans informed the Board that our three year contract with the asbestos removal company has expired and it is time to get a new company. She is presenting three proposals from the following companies, Jensen, True North and Wight. She stated that she would recommend staying with Wight.

A brief discussion followed regarding cost analysis.

8. Elevator Maintenance Proposal

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the elevator at the Junior High is no longer under a service agreement. She stated that it is time to hire a company for the maintenance. Dr. Evans stated that she received proposals from three companies Kone, Otis and ThyssenKrupp she stated that she would like to remain with Kone because they have the lowest cost.

9. Energy Grant

Dr. Patterson stated that she would like to look into using another company other than Arcon. She stated that there is a company called Amesco that she would like to use. Dr. Evans stated that she would like to use funds from the energy grant to repair the boilers at Highlands. She stated that the boilers will last through this year. The initial cost is approximately 175,000.00 for the boiler. She stated that the grant is 250,000.00 therefore she would also like to add piping for air conditioning to take full advantage of the grant.

Dionne Freeman-Cooper arrived at 7:21

10. Maintenance Grant

Dr. Evans informed the Board that this is the third time that she has applied for the grant she stated that this is a matching grant and the district would need to spend 50,000.00 to get 50,000.00. She informed the board that she has met with Mr. Bryant to discuss life safety issues. The conclusion was that they would like to replace the doors, door frames and glazing at Nob Hill and Fieldcrest.

11. Surveillance System (Discussion)

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that the first phase of the three phase installation has been completed. She stated that it is time to move into phase II. She stated that there have been several break-ins in several buildings and she would like to determine if we should do partial implementation in some buildings or exterior in all the buildings. Mrs. Veazey stated that she has asked Mr. Burton to revamp phase II to provide external cameras to all buildings at a cost of 173,023.00.

12. Contracts

None

13. New Business

Mrs. Jordan addressed the board on the issues from the scope fall business meeting.

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper stated that she is very proud of the work is doing using the software. She stated that the treasurer gives Dr. Evans major accolades. We are done with the lawsuit for Bertrand. She stated that Mr. McDonald's contract has been renewed.

There is a state wide treasurer's dinner. She stated that three people attend. The board does not pay for the cost of the dinner. She stated that she would like to have District 144 represented at the dinner.

Dr. Patterson stated that she would like to have the dinner on December 11 or December 13. They agreed that they would have the dinner on December 10th at Mr. Benny's Steak House in Mokena.

Mrs. Nettles inquired about the board visiting village board meetings. They agreed to attend the meetings in January or February.

Dr. Patterson spoke to the board on prevention partnership. They will be working with 7th graders on bullying, alcohol and drug abuse.

Mrs. Nettles informed the board that the board will need to talk about filling the vacancy she then reviewed the questions on the template with the board.

14. Executive Session

Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to go into executive session. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 8:00 p.m.

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to return to open session. On roll call members voting aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 8:15 p.m.

15. Adjournment

Sharron Davis 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 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Barbara Nettles

Barbara Nettles, President

Margarita McCarty

Margarita McCarty, Secretary