# BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING PROFESSIONAL CENTER

# 3015 W 163rd STREET MARKHAM, IL 60428

**DECEMBER 18, 2017**

# Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)

President Juanita R. Jordan, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She then led the Board and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Roll Call (2:220)**

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

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

Sharron Davis arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Kathy Taylor arrived at 7:17 p.m.

1. **Presentation (3:60 & 8:30)**

None

1. **Approval of Minutes (2:220)**

Joyce Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to approve the minutes of the November, 2017 work session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Natalie Myers and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: and Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

1. **President’s Report (2:110)**

President Juanita R. Jordan informed the Board that the Town Hall Showcase was wonderful. She thanked the Board, administration, staff and anyone who worked at the Town Hall Showcase. She stated that she was excited to have the community come out.

Ms. Jordan also stated that she attended a SCOPE meeting. She stated that they want to change the format to truly engage with the districts they serve. Ms. Jordan also stated that Ms. Agnos wants to reach out to Dr. Patterson.

1. **Superintendent’s Report (8:10)**

Dr. Patterson thanked everyone for their support on the first Town Hall Showcase. She informed the Board that Ms. Rucker will be on the news tonight with the Harlem Globe Trotters. Dr. Patterson has an upcoming meeting with Tucker the developers for the businesses on 167th street. She stated that they are interested in renewing the Tax Abatement for those properties.

The Board members gave a consensus that they did not want to approve a tax abatement with the exception of Ms. Walker who said yes.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she would have the feedback from the Town Hall Showcase at the January work session.

**Board of Education – Action Items (2:10 & 2:20)**

1. Joyce Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to place items G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, I1, I2 and I3 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

Joyce Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the items placed on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Joyce Dickerson, Natalie Myers and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis and Kathy Taylor.

**Motion Carried**

1. **Approval of Final 2017 Levy.**

Natalie Myers moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the 2017 Final Levy. On roll call the following members voted aye: Sharron Davis, Barbara Nettles, Joyce Dickerson, Natalie Myers, Elaine Walker and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Abstain: Kathy Taylor. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

1. **Approval of the Annex Flooring Replacement Project**

Item placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Oak Forest Fire Department**

Item placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Mother Goose Learning Center**

Item placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Markham Fire Department**

Item placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approve Sick Day Donations**

Item Placed on Consent Agenda

1. **Approve Donations**

Item Placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approval to Post Policy 8:20 for 30 Day Review Pending Revisions**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the posting of policy 8:20 for 30 day review. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson, Natalie Myers, Sharron Davis, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan.

There was a brief discussion regarding rental fees.

**Motion Carried**

1. **Audience Participation (2:30)**

Mr. Charles Avery of Traffic Safety Corporation, wanted to bring to the attention of the Board his company. He stated that he wanted to make the board aware of safety concerns in regards to stop lights near Nob Hill School in Country Club Hills.

Dr. Patterson informed Mr. Avery that this is a municipality issue and that the District has no authority to put up permanent fixtures.

1. **Administration – Action Reports (2:20)**
2. **Approve Personnel Recommendations**

Item Placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approve Outside Contract Agreement**

Item Placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)**

Item Placed on Consent Agenda.

1. **Approve Invoices**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to approve the invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson, Natalie Myers, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Sharron Davis and Juanita Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

12-18-17 Education $689,903.74

12-18-17 Operations & Maintenance $184,311.78

12-18-17 Debt Services $3,182.38

12-18-17 Transportation $198,164.84

**Total: $1,075,562.74**

**Date Fund Amount**

12-06-17 Education $10,626.96

12-06-17 Operations and Maintenance$8,955.00

**Total: $19,581.96**

**I5.** **Approve Payroll and Benefits**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to approve Payroll and Benefits. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Sharron Davis, Natalie Myers and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

11-15-17 Education $476,037.99

11-15-17 Liabilities $439,401.79

**Total: $915,439.78**

11-30-17 Education $456,917.50

11-30-17 Liabilities $435,603.55

**Total: $892,521.05**

12-07-17 Education $275,901.91

**Total: $275,901.91**

1. **Administration – Information Reports (3:50)**
2. **Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

As presented.

There was a brief discussion regarding the ELA curriculum audit at the Junior High. Additionally the Board was invited to attend the Literacy conference.

1. **Business Affairs & Human Resources**

Ms. Sharp informed the Board that the annual Life Safety Review was very good. She also informed the Board that the annual mileage rate will change 2018 after the new tax bill.

There was a brief conversation regarding carbon monoxide detectors in the schools.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board there is a new written safety plan that is filtering through ISBE and ISC4 requiring more carbon monoxide detectors in areas other than the boiler rooms.

1. **Student Services**

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that ISBE is in the District for the Pre-K compliance visit. She stated that the District will receive feedback in 4-6 weeks.

She also stated that the Ronald McDonald Care Unit will come out one day in March to complete physicals and immunization. They will come out again in June and for registration in July. She stated that they can complete about 18 students per day.

Mrs. Ablin also informed the Board that the Back to School Parade will Saturday, August 18, 2018.

1. **New Business (2:20)**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the District is looking to write a grant for 12 more Pre-K classrooms. She also informed the Board that District 144 has the largest program in the south suburbs.

1. **Executive Session (2:200)**

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

**Motion Carried 7:35 p.m.**

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

**Motion Carried 8:05 p.m.**

Kathy Taylor moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to approve the Executive Minutes of the November 20, 2017 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Kathy Taylor, Natalie Myers and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Abstain: Sharron Davis, Joyce Dickerson and Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

1. **Adjournment (2:200)**

Kathy Taylor moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**MOTION CARRIED 8:07 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Juanita R. Jordan, President**

**Barbara Nettles, Secretary**