

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
3015 W. 163RD STREET**

**PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER  
MARKHAM, IL 60428**

**February 16, 2016**

**A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was then completed.

**B. Roll Call**

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

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

**C. Presentations**

**Integrated Technology**

Mrs. Dearman and her 5<sup>th</sup> grade class presented to the Board "Bitstrips for Schools.com." She explained that the students are able to create virtual classroom with the web based program. She stated that it is safe and private and can only be viewed by the teacher. Ms. Dearman stated that the program is fully customizable. She stated that the teacher is allowed to go into the program and assign lessons for the students. In addition, instruction can be edited by both teachers and students. The students demonstrated how they customize their avatars.

Joyce Dickerson arrived at 7:15

Dr. Patterson reviewed the District wide Administrative Survey Results with the Board.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes for the January 4, 2016 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Absent: Kathy Taylor and Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Work Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Dr. Gregory Jackson. Nays: Sharron Davis. Absent: Kathy Taylor and Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

Kathy Taylor arrived at 7:35

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Joyce Dickerson and Sharron Davis. Abstain: Kathy Taylor. Nays: None. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**E. Presidents Report**

None.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that she and Mrs. Veazey attended the National Association of School Administrators Conference in Phoenix Arizona and that the conference was very enlightening.

**G. Board of Education – Action Reports**

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to place item G4, G11 and G12 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Joyce Dickerson, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

**G1. Approve 2016-17 Administrative Retreat**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the Administrative Retreat. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson, Juanita R. Jordan, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**G2. Approve Student Athletic Transportation**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Barbara Nettles to approve Student Athletic Transportation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**G3. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to table the Superintendent Evaluation. 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**

**G4. Approval to Post Policies 2:150, 2:200, 2:220 E-2, 4:170, 5:90, 6:15, 6:50, 6:160, 6:315, 6:320, 7:50, 7:100, and 7:130 for 30 day review.**

Approved via consent agenda.

**G5. Approval of Chapman Cutler Engagement Letter**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to approve the Chapman and Cutler Engagement Letter. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

**G6. Consideration and Action on a resolution declaring the Boards intent to issue \$26,500,000 Funding Bonds to pay Claims against the District**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to approve Consideration and Action on a resolution declaring the Boards intent to issue \$26,500,000 Funding Bonds to pay Claims against the District. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Kathy Dickerson, Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**G7. Consideration and Action on a Resolution declaring the Board's intent to issue \$7,300,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds to Increase the District's Working Cash Fund.**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to approve the Consideration and Action on a Resolution declaring the Board's intent to issue \$7,300,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds to Increase the District's Working Cash Fund. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**G8. Consideration and Action on a resolution calling a Public Hearing concerning the Board's intent to issue \$26,500,000 Funding Bonds to pay claim against the District and \$7,300,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds to increase the District's Working Cash Fund**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the Consideration and Action on a resolution calling a Public Hearing concerning the Board's intent to issue \$26,500,000 Funding Bonds to pay claim against the District and \$7,300,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds to increase the District's Working Cash Fund. On roll call the following members voted aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**G9. Approve STR Contract**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the STR Contract. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson,

Kathy Taylor, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**G10. Approve 2016-2017 Staffing Plan**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the 2016-17 Staffing Plan. 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**

**G11. Approve Fundraisers**

Approved via consent agenda.

**G12. Approve Sick Leave Donation**

Approved via consent agenda.

**G13. Section 125 Cafeteria Plan (Discussion)**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that documentation would be ready for approval at the next meeting.

**H. Audience Participation**

Reverend Howard Kennon and Luke Sullivan stated that he wanted to inform the Board that the workers of Positive Connections are not being paid what they are owed. The workers have long hours and are being intimidated by management. He also stated that the workers and are afraid to appear at the Board Meeting for fear of repercussions. The organization that he works with protects the rights of workers. He stated that he wanted the Board to know because the District does business with Positive Connections.

**I. Administration – Action Reports**

**1. Approve Personnel Recommendations**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the Personnel Recommendations. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve Outside Contracts Agreements. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R Jordan, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

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

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve Professional Assignment Request. On roll call the following members voted aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Kathy Taylor, Barbara Nettles, Joyce Dickerson and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Elaine Walker.

**Motion Carried**

**4. Approve Invoices**

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

**Motion Carried**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02-16-16	Education	\$ 431,560.52
02-16-16	Operation & Maintenance	\$77,883.89
02-16-16	Debt Service	\$3,182.38
02-16-16	Transportation	\$107,953.91
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$620,580.70</u></b>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
02-05-16	Education	\$7,969.35
		<b><u>Total: \$7,969.35</u></b>

**5. Approve Payroll and Benefits**

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

**Motion Carried**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-15-16	Education	\$408,420.79
1-15-16	Liabilities	<u>\$400,433.80</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$808,854.59</u></b>
1-29-16	Education	\$436,737.87
1-29-16	Liabilities	\$408,270.89
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$845,008.76</u></b>
1-27-16	Education	\$241,497.86
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$241,497.86</u></b>

**J. Administration – Information Reports**

**1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

Mrs. Veazey stated that the update is as presented with the exception that the District received a library grant in the amount \$1,511.00 from the Secretary of State. She also gave kudos to staff members that presented at the Superintendents Commission Conference. The presenters were Jennifer Huffaker, Elizabeth Houston, William Kopale, Megan Melone, Michelle Fisher, Theresa Smith, Michelle Gallagher, Kim James, Eunice McClora and

Tiffany Rucker. Ms. Tiffany Rucker will also be presenting at the NCLB Conference at the Sheraton Towers in Chicago, IL.

Mrs. Veazey stated that the Math in Focus parent workshop was very successful and there were about 50 parents in attendance. She stated that she wants to improve parent participation.

The district will be hosting the BASA Meeting on February 26, 2016.

## **2. Business Affairs and Human Resources**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that her update was as presented with the exception of the requirements of all of these various financial institutions, such as the renewal for Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) our insurance company, Continuing Disclosure Statement and the Statement of Affairs. All of these requirements have been completed..

## **3. Student Services**

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that registration dates have been set, and that registration will be held at all schools. She also informed the Board that six students have been moved from SPEED to AAA Academy for a savings of approximately \$50, 000.00 for the District.

## **K. Executive Session**

Kathy Taylor moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to go into executive session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation. 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 8:05 p.m.

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

Motion Carried 9:04 p.m.

## **L. New Business**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the schools in the District participated in a water drive for the families in Flint Michigan. She inquired from the Board their desire for Senate Bill 100 training. The Board will be trained in 1 hour intervals beginning with the May work session and ending at the August work session.

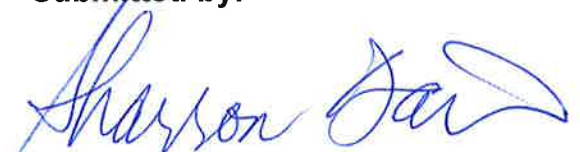


**M. Adjournment**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 9:35 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**



**Sharron Davis, President**



**Kathy Taylor, Secretary**