

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING MAE JEMISON SCHOOL
3450 W. 177th STREET HAZEL CREST, IL 60429

MARCH 17, 2014

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Elaine Walker called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The pledge of Allegiance was completed during an earlier session.

B. Roll Call

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

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

C. Presentation

Integrated Technology

Mrs. Linzy a 3rd grade teacher from Highlands School presented an Integrated Technology presentation to the Board on Pearson success .net. She stated that she uses this software for vocabulary lessons. She stated that there is also a memory match game and a trivia game. Mrs. Linzy stated that the trivia game is like a game show. She stated that the students really enjoy the trivia game.

Dionne Freeman-Cooper arrives 7:02

D. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Special Board Meeting, February 3, 2014 Work Session Meeting, February 24, 2014 Special Board Meeting and the February 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker (February 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting only), Sharron Davis and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Abstain: Elaine Walker (February 3, 2014 Special and Work session and February 24, 2014 Special Board Meeting Only). Absent: Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

E. President's Report

Dr. Jackson gave some flyers for Skills and Drills to be distributed to the students. An event will be hosted at Hillcrest High School on Saturday, March 29, 2014.. He stated that the Village of Hazel Crest is hosting a Skill camp for basketball, affordable health care, free cell phones for those who qualify, legal counsel and financial literacy. He stated that the event is free.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the district is hosting the Regional Math Bowl. She stated that 24 districts are participating in the Math Bowl. This event is being sponsored by Crystal Financial which is owned by Robert Grossi. She also informed the Board that Tiffany Burnett-Johnson, Glenn Greene, Tiffany Rucker and Kenneth Scott will be presenting at the Suburban Superintendents Commission Conference.

She also informed the Board that the district has successfully completed that the Surveillance Grant and Community Technology Grant. Dr. Patterson stated that she hopes for good news.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to place items G1-G12 on consent agenda. On roll call members voting aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Sharron Davis moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the items placed on consent agenda. On roll call members voting aye; Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Dionne Freeman-Cooper. Nays: None. Absent: Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

**G1. Approve Superintendent Vacation Carryover
Consent**

**G2. Bremen Township Treasurer Billings
Consent**

**G3. Approve Sick Day Donation
Consent**

**G4. Approve Policies 3:60, 4:100, 5:50 and 5:90
Consent**

G5. Approval to post policies 5:100, 5:120, 5:20, 6:60, 6:250, 7:185, and 8:30 for 30 day review.

Consent

G6. Approve Paradise Property PTAB

Consent

G7. Approve Lifetouch Photography Contract

Consent

G8. Approve Waste Disposal Contract

Consent

G9. Approval to Let for Bids for Dairy Products

Consent

G10. Approval of Web Filtering Proposal

Consent

G11. Approval of Fieldtrip Cost

Consent

G12. Approval of Movie Ratings

Consent

H. Audience Participation

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to open the floor for audience participation. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams.

Motion Carried

Ms. Stacy Woodson-Dave questioned the board on when and how often the Town Hall meeting was posted. Dr. Patterson informed her that flyers were sent out as well as robo calls to every household in the district.

Mrs. Tanza Banks stated that she has two students come through Highlands School and the District. She wanted to thank the teachers and staff for all they have done for her children. Mrs. Banks stated that she is very happy with Highlands School regardless of what's being said in the neighborhood.

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

Motion Carried

Administration – Action Reports

- 1. **Approve Personnel Recommendations**
Consent
- 2. **Approve Outside Contract Agreement**
None
- 3. **Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)**
Consent
- 4. **Approve March Invoices**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to March Invoices. On roll call members voting aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper (with the exception of attorney bills), Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-17-14	Education	\$382,850.11
3-17-14	Operation & Maintenance	\$139,924.05
3-17-14	Transportation	\$121,827.19
3-17-14	Life Safety	\$100.74
Total:		<u>\$644,702.09</u>

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2-26-14	Education	\$82,901.00
2-26-14	Operations & Maintenance	<u>\$2039.82</u>
Total:		<u>\$84,940.82</u>

- 5. **Approve March Payroll and Benefits**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the March Payroll. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: Barbara Nettles.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Motion Carried
2-14-14	Education	\$429,390.80	
2-14-14	Liabilities	<u>\$405,239.06</u>	
			Total: <u>\$834,629.86</u>
2-28-14	Education	\$436,200.69	
2-28-14	Liabilities	\$408,590.62	
			Total: <u>\$844,791.31</u>
2-26-14	Education	\$253,685.45	
			Total: <u>\$253,685.45</u>

There was a brief discussion regarding committee meeting reports to board members.

I. Administration – Information Reports

1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that her update is as presented with the exception that ISAT Testing has been completed. On March 31, 2014-April 4, 2014 the PARCC assessment will begin for those schools and classes selected. Mrs. Veazey stated that the district is also in the process of completing the 5 essentials survey. She stated that this survey can be the voice of parents and teachers as related to the culture of the schools.

2. Business Affairs and Human Resources

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the CLCC information attached is for the entire CLCC board. She stated that she will present the claims for district 144 next month.

3. Student Services

Mrs. Ablin stated that she wanted to highlight that enrollment is up and out of district enrollment is down. She stated that she and Dr. Evans negotiated the flat rate cost for field trips with the bus company, thereby saving the district money.

There was a brief discussion regarding SWIS Data.

J. Executive Session

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

Motion Carried 7:55

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

Motion Carried 7:58

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve executive session minutes. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis (except February 8, 2014), Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams. Nays: None. Absent: Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

K. New Business

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper inquired about the process for a new Attorney search. Dr. Patterson stated that we would have to do a bid process. They would then present at the work Session and board meeting. The Board also discussed having a committee of the whole for the presentations from the legal firms.

There was a brief discussion regarding the attorney contract

Dr. Patterson informed the board that there will not be a quorum on April 7, 2014 due to the National School Board Conference. The Board agreed to have the April work Session Meeting on March 26, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

There was also a discussion about the Special Board Meeting which will also be held on March 26, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

L. Adjournment

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Becky Adams.

MOTION CARRIED 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Elaine Walker, President Pro Tem


Margarita McCarty, Secretary