

MARCH 8, 2016

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

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was completed in the earlier session.

**2. Roll Call**

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

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, Carrie Ablin.

**3. Superintendent Vacation Carryover**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she is requesting to have 6 vacation days carryover to the 2016-2017 school year.

A brief discussion followed regarding the request..

**4. 2016-17 Restructuring Plan**

Dr. Patterson presented to the Board the 2016-17 Restructuring Plan and the addition of the District Math Coordinator Position. There was a brief discussion regarding the District Math Coordinator position.

**5. Approval of Policies 2:150, 2:200, 2:220E2, 4:170, 5:90, 6:60, 6:160, 6:315, 6:320, 7:50, 7:100 and 7:130.**

There was a brief discussion regarding policies for approval specifically policy number 6:50 and the sale of non-nutritional items during lunch. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that we do not allow these sales during lunch.

**6. Approval to Post Policies 7:300, 6:210, 7:140 and 7:305 for 30 day review.**

President Davis directed the Board members to review the policies that will be posted for a 30 day review prior to their approval at the April Board Meeting.

**7. Milk Vendor Renewal**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the District will need to approve the milk contract annually. She stated that there was a slight increase of .003 cents. She additionally stated that the price is level with the 2014 prices.

#### **8. Photography Renewal**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the Photography Contract with Lifetouch is up for renewal. She stated that the District is happy with Lifetouch and would like to renew their contract.

#### **9. Working Cash Abatement**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that we are required to abate funds from the working cash fund, because there is a rule that states that only 0.5% of the EAV is allowed to remain in the fund. As such, the District is required to abate \$4,622,698.31 which will leave a balance of \$117,630.00. When the bonds are approved the \$7.28 million will be deposited back into the working cash fund. She additionally stated that the \$4,622,698.31 will be moved to the Operations and Maintenance fund.

#### **10. Budget Amendment (Discussion)**

Dr. Evans stated that due to the financial activity during the month of March and April the budget will need to be amended. She stated that this will act just like the regular amendment process. The budget will need to be posted for 30 days in May for approval June 30, 2016.

#### **11. Township Treasurer Billing**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that there was a reduction of 22% in the amount if expenses allocated for the Township Treasurer's Office. The expenses last year totaled \$129,539.12 this year the amount will be \$88,089.76

#### **12. Capital Improvement(Discussion)**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that a meeting was held today to discuss the projects that will be completed with the funds from the bond sale. Dr. Evans stated that the biggest issues are; the roof and boiler at Chateaux, roof and air conditioning at Markham Park, ventilation in the MDF room at Mae Jemison, air conditioning at Fieldcrest and asphalt at all buildings except Mae Jemison.

Dr. Patterson stated that these projects will be completed during the summer.

There was a brief discussion regarding the air conditioning at Fieldcrest.

#### **13. District Office Atrium**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that she would like to have an atrium in the district office reconfigured to make the environment safe and secure.

**14. Personnel Update**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that this is the time of year when we would need to non-renew staff. She indicated that the list of non-renewals is smaller than it was last year.

Dr. Patterson informed the board that there will be a decrease in the number of support staff being RIF'd this year.

**15. Markham Patriots Use of Facility**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the Markham Patriots are no longer affiliated with the Markham Park District. The District supports all 4 municipalities and their Park Districts by disseminating their literature. The Markham Wolverines are now being supported by the Markham Park District. As such, the Markham Patriots requested use of D144 land and facilities at no charge. However, they are not affiliated with any Park District. Dr. Patterson wanted to clarify this situation so the Board can make an informed decision.

**16. Transportation Bid**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that we have 2 bids (Illinois Central and Jewel) for regular education transportation and 4 bids for special education transportation. (Paige, Sunrise, Illinois Central and Jewel) She stated that Positive Connections did not submit a bid.

There was a brief discussion regarding transportation companies.

**17. New Business**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that the schools in the District have raised money for water for the families in Flint, MI. She stated that her intent was to send the water to the school district but they are not able to accommodate storage.

**18. Executive Session**

None.

**19. Adjournment**

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

**Motion Carried 8:50 p.m.**

Submitted by:



Sharron Davis, President



Kathy Taylor, Secretary