**BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING DISTRICT OFFICE SCHOOL**

**3015 W. 163rd MARKHAM, ILLINOIS 60429**

**JULY 10, 2013**

# Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. **Roll Call**

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

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

1. **Presentations**

**None**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2013 Work Session Meeting. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Abstain: Anthony A. Cole. Absent: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2013 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Abstain: Anthony A. Cole. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Sharron Davis and Dr. Gregory Jackson.

**Motion Carried**

1. **President’s Report**

Mrs. Nettles informed the Board that on the Illinois School Boards Association website they now have online training available for mandatory training on Open Meetings Act, Professional Development leadership Training and Performance Evaluation Reform Act. She also stated that she received an e-mail from Robbins Schwartz that said the Treasury Department there is a one year delay in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act employer mandate and penalty until 2015. She also informed the Board that the Illinois Legislators have not resolved Pension Reform Act she asked that everyone please contact their legislators and let them know how they feel about it.

Ms. Jordan informed the Board that she received an e-mail from Senator Robyn Kelly’s assistant that invited her along with six other Board Members from the South Suburbs to her office to discuss what is needed in education. The meeting will be held on August 20, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Nettles thanked Mrs. Jordan for her diligence in attending the various meetings.

Dionne Freeman-Cooper arrived 7:04

1. Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she received a letter from a parent and that she has already resolved. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she wanted to make sure that they were aware that she resolved the issue.

She reminded the Board that the Back to School Celebration will be held on August 10, 2013. Additionally the district will host a Police and Fireman Breakfast for all four municipalities on August 30, 2013 at 9 am.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that Mrs. Veazey will be presenting a software program for college and career readiness from Win Learning Corp. She stated this is a great program and she is very excited about it.

Dr. Patterson informed the board that the board meeting locations have been changed.

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

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to place items G1, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, I1, I2 and I3 on consent agenda. On roll call members voting aye: Anthony A. Cole, Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis and Dr. Gregory Jackson.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

**G1. District 144 Procedure Manual**

Consent

**G2. District Strategic Goals**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the District Strategic Goals will

continue to be on the agenda for the next few Board Meetings for

discussion; with the hopes that they will be completed in December. She also

stated that a town hall meeting will be held in September of October for

community input.

**G3. Approve Depositories and Signatories**

Consent

**G4. Approve Transportation Bid**

Consent

**G5. Approve Vended Meals Bid**

Consent

**G6. Common Core Institute**

Consent

**G7. Approve Obsolescence Report**

Consent

**G8. Computer Purchase Proposal**

Consent

1. **Audience Participation**

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

**Motion Carried**

Dr. Patterson acknowledged Mrs. Handley and her classmates who were in attendance at the board meeting. Mrs. Handley and her classmates are pursuing their Masters in Administration.

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

**Motion Carried**

1. **Administration – Action Reports**
   1. **Approve Personnel Recommendations**

Consent

* 1. **Approved Outside Contract Agreement**

Consent

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

Consent

1. **Approve July Invoices**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve July Invoices. On roll call members voting aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper (except attorney bills), Anthony A. Cole (except attorney bills), Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis and Dr. Gregory Jackson.

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

7-10-13 Education $805,291.59

7-10-13 Operation & Maintenance $83,322.83

7-10-13 Transportation $35,788.96

**Total: $924,403.61**

**Date Fund Amount**

7-2-13 Education $196,388.34

**Total: $196,388.34**

**Date** **Fund** **Amount**

6-27-13 Education $2,444.50

**Total: $2,444.50**

1. **Approve July Payroll and Benefits**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the July payroll and benefits. On roll call members voting aye: Anthony A. Cole, Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis and Dr. Gregory Jackson.

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

6-14-13 Education $703,679.46

6-14-13 Liabilities $649,012.72

**Total: $1,352,692.18**

6-28-13 Education $399,947.76

6-28-13 Liabilities $352,955.73

**Total: $752,903.49**

6-14-13 Education $410.33

6-14-13 Liabilities $460.59

**Total: $870.92**

6-28-13 Education $44,764.12

6-28-13 Liabilities $50,053.27

**Total: $94,817.39**

6-27-13 Education $15,211.06

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7-8-13 Education $245,711.61

**Total: $245,711.61**

1. **Administration – Information Reports**
   1. **Business Affairs/Human Resources**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that she spoke with Joe McDonald regarding what would happen if something happened to him, He stated the Bremen Township Board will appoint someone to handle township business and all bills would be paid.

She also informed the Board that Illinois State Board of Education approved the summer food program

* 1. **Student Services Update**

Registration will be held online beginning on Monday. Tuesday – Thursday will be walk in registration. She stated that Mrs. Alexander will go to the PADS facility to register students on July 27, 2013.

Mrs. Jordan asked how many students should we expect from PADS. Dr. Patterson informed her that there should only be about 30 students.

Mrs. Ablin also informed the Board that Registration dates are on all the Cable TV Stations as well as banners.

* 1. **Curriculum/ Instruction/Technology Update**

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she has no official up date, but she wanted to inform the board that She meet with representatives from lawyers in the classroom. They will teach constitutional law to the students and at the end of the program the students will present a mock trial. They have committed two lawyers to the program and they are recruiting three other lawyers for a total of five. They will present to 8th grade students beginning September 17, 2013.

1. **Executive Session to discuss:**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to go into executive session. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried 7:40**

Dionne Freeman-Cooper moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to close executive session. On roll call members voting aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Anthony A. Cole, Elaine Walker and Barbara Nettles.

**Motion Carried 8:35**

1. **New Business**

Mrs. Freeman stated that Bremen had their quarterly mtg. they restructured that board mr Bertrand is no longer on the board they now have a nine member board. She stated that next year another member will fall off the Board until they have a seven member board. Mrs. Freeman-Cooper stated that she voted yes for Joe McDonald’s contract. Mr. McDonald gave high regards to District 144 (“Dr. Evans in particular”) for utilizing the new treasurers system he also stated the he wished other districts used the system as well. He also stated the he would like Dr. Evans to train other districts.

Additionally, the township has some attorney bills that need to be paid. She said that she proposed that they take the names off the bills and not make it personal. She stated that the township is paying attorney bills for two board members and not paying for one member’s fees. She stated that Joe McDonald withdrew his fees and will pay them himself. Mrs. Freeman-Cooper stated that she voted no on the motion. The motion did pass.

1. **Adjournment**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to adjourn the meeting. On roll call all members present voted aye: Absent: Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis.

**MOTION CARRIED 8:40 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Barbara Nettles, President**

**Margarita McCarty, Secretary**