# BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING PROFESSIONAL CENTER

# 3015 W. 163RD STREET MARKHAM, IL 60428

**AUGUST 17, 2015**

# Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice-President Elaine Walker called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. the Pledge of Allegiance was then conducted.

1. **Roll Call**

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

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.

1. **Presentations**

Dr. Evans presented an overview of the budget. She stated that the Budget is balanced and that it is very conservative. She stated that she made some assumptions on the amount of revenue that the district will receive. She stated that General State Aid is projected at 92% but she has budgeted for 89%. She stated that there was some redirection of General State Aid. Dr. Evans stated that Education is the largest fund expenditures and salaries are the majority of expenses from that fund.

Dr. Jackson asked that Dr. Evans review some line items in the budget.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 Work Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Dr. Gregory Jackson. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Dr. Gregory Jackson (with revisions) and Joyce Dickerson. Nays: None. Abstain: Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan. Absent: Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

1. **Presidents Report**

None.

1. **Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board about the wonderful opening day festivities, both Dr. Cruz and Dr. Thomas, Superintendent D155 presented. She thanked Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Nettles for attending. She also informed the Board that the Teachers Contract has been ratified, SPA Elections have been completed and the new President is Tina Alexander and the Vice President is Carolyn Smiley. She also informed the Board that she and Ms. Jordan are scheduled to visit Senator Robin Kelly on August 31 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to place items: G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9, G11, I2 and I3 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Joyce Dickerson, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Kathy Taylor. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson 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, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Elaine Walker. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis.

**Motion Carried**

**G1. Approval to post policies 2:30, 2:110, 5:10, 5:30,5:35, 5:180, 5:20, 5:190, 5:240, 7:70,7:140, 7:180, 7:190 and 8:95 for 30 day review.**

Consent

**G2. Approve Donation from AP Detective Agency**

Consent

**G3. Approve Robbins Schwartz Donation**

Consent

**G4. Approve Professional Systems Donation**

Consent

**G5. Approve Arcon and Associates Donation**

Consent

**G6. Approve Donation from Representative Al Riley**

Consent

**G7. Approve Donation from Representative Will Davis**

Consent

**G8. Approve Donation from Walgreens**

Consent

**G9. Approve Quote for the Baseball Field**

Consent

**G10. Approve the Tentative Budget**

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

**Motion Carried**

**G11. Approve I-Ready Subscription**

Consent

1. **Audience Participation**

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

**Motion Carried**

Quinton Davis former student of Prairie-Hills School District 144 Informed the Board that he is a Junior Olympiad and Foot Ball Player. He came before the Board asking for their support to attend the Citrus Bowl. Dr. Paterson informed the Board that she personally supports Quinton in his endeavors.

Chyna Davis Quinton’s sister informed the board that she represented the district at the Technology Fair in Springfield.

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

**Motion Carried**

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

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

* 1. **Approve Outside Contract Agreement**

Consent

**Motion Carried**

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

Consent

1. **Approve Invoices**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

08-17-15 Education $ 578,148.80

08-17-15 Operation & Maintenance $ 108,533.41

08-17-15 Debt Service $3,182.38

08-17-15 Transportation $46,729.92

08-17-15 Life Safety $82,561.87

**Total: $819,154.41**

**Date Fund Amount**

07-22-15 Education $6,740.96

**Total: $6,740.96**

07-28-15 Education $9,880.75

07-28-15 Operation & Maintenance $8,024.50

**Total: $17,095.25**

1. **Approve Payroll and Benefits**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

7-15-15 Education $318,700.72

7-15-15 Liabilities $98,362.08

**Total: $417,062.80**

07-30-15 Education $351,761.25

07-30-15 Liabilities $113,790.69

**Total: $465,551.94**

07-15-15 Education $106,590.09

07-15-15 Liabilities $107,582.62

**Total: $214,172.62**

07-30-15 Education $177,892.59

07-30-15 Liabilities $143,827.42

**Total: $321,720.01**

08-03-15 Education $189,101.23

**Total: $189,101.23**

1. **Administration – Information Reports**
   1. **Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

Mrs. Veazey informed the board about the updated information regarding the PARCC assessment. She stated that there are two testing windows that districts can choose from. Additionally she stated that the test may decrease from 8-9 units which will shave 90 minutes off the test.

Dr. Jackson asked where the time was shaved from. He was informed that English and Language Arts will be 60 minutes.

Mrs. Nettles asked if the test will be administered via paper or computer. Mrs. Veazey informed her that our district would continue to take it via paper.

She stated that this is the last year for Illinois Assessment Waivers and that there will be no sanctions for SES.

Mrs. Veazey stated that during New Teacher Orientation we welcomed 28 new teachers. She stated that the teachers got an overview from every department. The new teachers were very appreciative. She stated that based on last year evaluations the teachers wanted a day to work on setting up their classrooms. They were given the last day of the orientation to work on classroom setup.

* 1. **Business Affairs and Human Resources**

As presented

* 1. **Student Services**

Mrs. Ablin stated that our current registration is 2,127 students. The next registration will be after school starts. She also thanked the board for attending the Back to School Fair.

She stated that last year we ended the year with 2,642.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that we will pick up the extra students by the end of October.

There was a brief discussion about the fluctuating enrollment number.

1. **Executive Session**

Joyce Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to go into executive session to discuss personnel. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan.

**Motion Carried 7:54 p.m.**

Joyce Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to return to open session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Kathy Taylor and Joyce Dickerson.

**Motion Carried 8:16 p.m.**

1. **New**

Dr. Patterson inquired about the Special Board Meeting before the Regular Board Meeting on September 21, 2015. The Special Board Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Regular Board Meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. There was a consensus amongst the Board Members.

1. **Adjournment**

Juanita R. Jordan 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: 25 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Elaine Walker, Vice-President**

**Kathy Taylor, Secretary**