BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER

3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

AUGUST 3, 2015

# Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Sharron Davis, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was then completed.

1. **Roll Call**

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

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

1. **Summer Scholars Presentation**

Mrs. Veazey presented a screening of a play that was written, directed and filmed by the students of the Summers Scholars Program.

# I-Ready (Discussion

Mrs. Veazey discussed with the board that the representatives from I-Ready came to the Administrative Retreat and presented new programs to the Administrators. She stated that they are very excited about the new features this program. She informed the Board that she will be requesting approval for the new components of I-Ready.

Dr. Patterson stated that I-Ready has a new assessment component for type 2 assessments which addressees the standards. She stated that the plan is to replace the District Assessment with I-Ready.

# Sharon Rak Contract

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she would like to secure 3 math coaches one of which will be Sharon Rak. Mrs. Veazey stated that Mrs. Rak will be paid as a consultant through the Title 1 Grant funds and that she will be asking the board to approve her contract at the Board Meeting,

1. **Approve Policies to Post for 30 day Review**

President Davis asked that the members of the Board review the submitted policies. There was a brief discussion about the districts non-discriminatory person. The Board was informed by Dr. Patterson that Dr. Evans is the non- discriminatory person for the district. Dr. Patterson stated that the policies will be discussed in detail at the Board Retreat.

1. **Baseball Field (Discussion)**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the district received 3 quotes for the baseball field. She stated that Sports Field was the least expensive. Dr. Evans stated that she would like to get on the schedule for Sports Field so she is requesting permission to have Sports Field start on the field. She stated that Sports Field and Vans Enterprises were the only companies that would be able to meet our deadline for completion of the field.

There was a brief discussion about the consensus to start the field. The board stated that they would like the opportunity to see some of the fields that have been completed by Sports Field before permission is given. The Board agreed to give consensus via email on Wednesday, August 5, 2015.

1. **AP Detective Agency Donation**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the district received donations from that will need approval from AP Detective Agency for $150.00, Professional Systems for $600.00 and Arcon for $500.00 for the Annual Back to School Fair. Approval of the donations will need to occur at the next Board Meeting.

1. **Cook County Tax Rate Objection (Discussion)**

Dr. Evans presented to the board the 2007-2010 Cook County Tax Rate Objection. She stated that the 2007 and 2008 objection have been withdrawn and now they are working on having the 2009-2010 objections withdrawn.

1. **Tentative Budget (2015-2016) Discussion**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the Revenue and Expenditures are on track. She stated that General State Aid is still in question. She stated that the budget will be balanced.

Dr. Jackson inquired if the district would have to return any grant funds. Dr. Evans informed the Board that the district did have to return funds from the Energy Grant. She stated that the bid for the project came in lower for the Energy Grant which is a matching grant. She stated that it would require the district to spend an additional $15,000.00 in order for the district to avoid having to return the funds.

1. **New Business**

Mrs. Jordan gave the Board the report from the Illinois Association of School Boards Resolution Committee. She stated that they are asking for support on a resolution regarding the fact that not-for-profit hospitals do not pay taxes to school districts.

Dr. Patterson informed the board of the District wide book study. (Professional Learning Communities at work by Rebecca and Richard Dayton).

She stated that the Administrative Retreat was wonderful. She talked about the team building activity and Principal data analysis. Dr. Patterson also stated that they dealt with leadership characteristics during the retreat. She stated that the Principals are now on one accord.

She then handed out the payment schedule for BoardDocs and reviewed the enrollment numbers for the last seven years.

Dr. Patterson inquired if the board would like to host a small dinner for the local mayors to assist in solidifying and or strengthening our relationships with our four communities.

1. **Executive Session**

None

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: Barbara Nettles.

**Motion Carried 8:35 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Sharron Davis, President

Kathy Taylor, Secretary