

BOARD OF EDUCATION **PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING **NOB HILL SCHOOL**
3701 W. 168th STREET **COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, ILL 60478**

September 16, 2013

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. She then led the Board and audience in the pledge of allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

C. Presentation

Welcome to Mae Jemison Video

Mr. Scott presented to the Board a video that he presented to his staff & Parents at his meet the teacher night. Dr. Patterson stated that the videographer was very good she suggested the possibly of using him to produce the IASB 100 year anniversary video.

Mrs. Jordan spoke to the Board and the audience on being glad we are utilizing technology in the district.

Mrs. Nettles stated that the video was very nice, she stated that it really spoke to the parents letting them know that we needed their support.

Integrated Technology

Mrs. Palmer from Nob presented to the board reading street online assessment tool. She stated that all students have been loaded into the system where they are able to test on each unit she stated that the students test once a week. She stated that the program gives a detail report on where the students are academically. She stated that this program is a good collaboration tool when creating class list for the next school year because it gives the students grouping level.

She also presented spellingcity.com a website where the students can play spelling games with their spelling words. Mrs. Palmer request that her students

play the spelling games at home at least twice a week. She stated that there is also a vocabulary component to the game however that portion is not free.

Mrs. Palmer also informed the Board that there is an application for cell phones called remind 101 a one way text messaging service where homework assignments can be sent to the parents to keep them informed.

Sharron Davis arrived at 5:35

Elaine Walker arrived at 5:40

D. Approval of Minutes

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 Special Board Meeting. On roll members voting aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson (with revisions), Anthony A. Cole, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2013 Work Session Meeting. On roll call members voting aye: Anthony A. Cole, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson (with revisions) and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

There was a brief discussion between Dr. Evans and Dr. Jackson regarding the budget.

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, and Barbara Nettles. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Abstain: Anthony A. Cole. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

E. President's Report

Mrs. Nettles stated that she is happy that everything is working well. She stated that most of the schools have had their Grandparents Days and Meet the Teacher Nights. She attended Robin Kelly's community meeting regarding the affordable healthcare plan. Mrs. Nettles stated that she also attended the Police

and Fireman Breakfast she stated that the students did a wonderful job hosting and greeting everyone. She informed the Board that she had met with Senator Hasting's who presented a check to the district in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the air conditioning at the Jr. High in the Gymnasium. Mrs. Nettles stated that Senator Hastings inquired about any other capital projects the district needed.

There was a brief discussion on the cost to provide air conditioning in the five buildings that do not currently have air conditioning. Dr. Patterson stated that the cost would be approximately six million dollars.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson stated that the state board of education will be voting on special education class sizes and the 70/30 rule this Thursday. She informed the Board that she would get back to them on how it will affect our district when the vote is completed. This vote will affect the number of students per class and when a paraprofessional is required. She also attended a meeting with Brent Clark; pension reform is the hot topic in Springfield she stated that it does not look like there will be a resolution this year. Dr. Patterson stated that attended all 7 meet the teacher nights and that the Principals did a great job. She informed the Board that the district will be introducing a domino's, chess and track program. Domino's and Chess will be district wide the Track Program will be for Junior High only. Juanita McWilliams will volunteer to run the track program. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she has been asked to be the keynote speaker at the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa Inc. Delta Mu Chapter on November 2, 2013 at Illinois Institute of Technology.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to place items G1, G2, G3, G5, I1 and I2 on consent agenda. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Anthony A. Cole and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

G1. School Fundraisers

Consent

**G2. Assessment License Renewal
Consent**

**G3. Bremen Youth Services Linkage Agreement
Consent**

**G4. Approve Board Policies: 4:15, 4:140, 4:170, 5:50, 5:260, 5:330, 6:170,
6:190, 6:220, 6:240, 7:190, 7:305, 8:20 and 8:25**

Mrs. Nettles spoke on item 7:190 the addition of electronic cigarettes option to the policy. The Board members present agreed.

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to approve policies 4:15, 4:140, 4:170, 5:50, 5:260, 5:330, 6:170, 6:190, 6:220, 6:240, 7:190, 7:305, 8:20 and 8:25. On roll call members voting aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Anthony A. Cole, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, and Barbara Nettles

Motion Carried

**G5. Teaching Strategies Contract
Consent**

G6. IASB Video Greeting (Discussion)

Mrs. Nettles spoke to the Board about filming a video the video for the IASB 100 year anniversary.

Mrs. Nettles spoke with the board on a date for creating a video for IASB greeting. The filming will take place on Monday October 7 a time of 5:30 was agreed upon.

Dionne Freeman-Cooper arrived 6:50

H. Audience Participation

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

Motion Carried

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, Sharron Davis, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: None

Motion Carried

I. Administration – Action Reports

1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Patterson stated that the personnel recommendations have been revised to remove one para professionals because the district plans to move a one to one para into the position.

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

**2. Approved Outside Contract Agreement
Consent**

**3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)
Consent**

4. Approve September Invoices

The board and Dr. Patterson had a brief discussion regarding the attorney bills.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	Motion Carried <u>Amount</u>
9-16-13	Education	\$355,222.72
9-16-13	Operation & Maintenance	\$105,901.52
9-16-13	Transportation	\$2,270.99

9-16-13	Capital Projects	\$165,867.00
9-16-13	Life Safety	<u>\$28,268.06</u>
Total:		<u>\$657,530.29</u>

5. Approve August Payroll and Benefits

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

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8-15-13	Education	\$113,605.91
8-15-13	Liabilities	<u>\$110,717.36</u>
Total:		<u>\$224,323.27</u>
8-15-13	Education	\$325,175.93
8-15-13	Liabilities	<u>\$109,880.10</u>
Total:		<u>\$435,056.03</u>
8-30-13	Education	\$143,711.45
8-30-13	Liabilities	<u>\$130,847.94</u>
Total:		<u>\$274,559.39</u>
8-30-13	Education	\$304,931.00

8-30-13	Liabilities	\$97,301.55
	Total:	<u>\$402,232.55</u>
8-07-13	Education	\$901.28
8-30-13	Liabilities	\$422.90
	Total:	<u>\$1,324.18</u>
9-04-13	Education	\$263,866.76
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6. Administration – Information Reports

a. **Business Affairs/Human Resources**

Dr. Evans spoke the board about the Best Western settlement in the amount of \$4,124.00 which down from 38,119.00 Best Western will waive any future PTAB request. She stated that she will have something on the agenda for approval at the next board meeting. She stated that everything else is as presented.

b. **Student Services Update**

Mrs. Ablin stated that she gave every board member a copy of the SWIS Data. She informed the board that Nob Hill will be the highlight school for the month of September she stated that she attached a newsletter from the school. The current registration as of today is 2649 students.

c. **Curriculum/ Instruction/Technology Update**

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that Common core institute workshops are being presented to the staff she stated that the principals feel that it is important enough to pay for the training out of their budgets. She also stated that Mrs. Adrianzen and Mrs. Hardmon presented to the staff a black belt workshop. Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that there are more students at the Junior High which will mean that more textbooks will need to be ordered, additionally more books will be needed for 2nd and 4th grades. Mrs. Veazey stated that everything else is as presented.

