# BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 144

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING CHATEAUX SCHOOL

# 3600 CHAMBORD LN HAZEL CREST, IL 60429

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

# Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Juanita R. Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was completed in the earlier session.

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1. **Roll Call**

The following members were present: Sharron Davis, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan.

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

1. **Presentations**

**Integrated Technology**

Ms. Friedstat, Ms. Karnia and Ms. Craig presented with their students which ranged from kindergarten through fifth grade.

The students created a song using a coding program called Scratch to make their own stories and movies. Troy, Delilah and Christopher demonstrated how to add backgrounds, characters, sound and how to interact with the characters and save the project.

Caleb demonstrated how to use Scratch Junior using an iPad. Kasia demonstrated how to add her face to characters in Scratch Junior.

**PARCC Presentation- Mrs. Veazey**

Mrs. Veazey presented to the Board the PARCC Scores for the district. She then presented the scores by individual schools. She stated that she will not make excuses for the scores and that there is work to be done. Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that Markham Park was the only school that showed growth in every grade level. She stated that there was progress across the board in some areas as well as some areas that need improvement.

**Senate Bill 1947**

Dr. Patterson presented Senate Bill 1947, which is the funding mechanism for the State of Illinois, which includes 26 elements. She stated a task force has been formed to study TIF proposals, private school vouchers that can be used as a tax credit and property tax freezes for those districts at or exceeding their capacity target.

She stated that school districts will be treated individually. Districts will not see any new monies until November. Dr. Patterson stated that Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144 is slated to receive $15.3 million which is the base for our district. She stated that the annual recalibration of funds is based on enrollment. The Poorest districts are slated to receive the largest amount of money.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson, Natalie Myers, Sharron Davis, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

1. **Presidents Report**

President Jordan informed the Board that she attended Meet the Teacher Night at Prairie-Hills Junior High and it was very informative. She also stated that she attended the IASA South Cook breakfast where she was informed that the district will receive two payments from the state for last year and two payments for the current year from the state’s mandated categorical list. She stated that we should all thank Representative William Davis and State Senator Andy Manor for their hard work. She stated that this is the first education reform impacting how Illinois funds schools in 40 years.

Ms. Jordan stated that she met with U. S. Senator Robyn Kelly. She stated that Senator Kelly says businesses are telling her the students are ill prepared; and she is very disheartened about the students being ill prepared for the business world.

Ms. Jordan also stated that Prairie-Hills is sending Bremen a better product then they are putting out.

1. **Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she and Bill Kendall met with Mayor Ford of Country Club Hills regarding a Tax Increment financing (TIF). She stated that she expressed to Mayor Ford the Boards reticence in approving another TIF. Dr. Patterson stated that she spoke to Rob Grossi who informed her that new TIF’s will be dangerous to us as a district because it could decrease our funding from the State because the TIF’s will show as actual tax revenue received. This information was communicated to Mayor Ford.

The Board stated that they are not interested in any TIF’s and abatements.

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

Sharron Davis moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to place items G1, G2, G3, G5, G6, G7, I1 and I3 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson, Natalie Myers, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

Sharron Davis moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to approve the items placed on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Sharron Davis, Natalie Myers and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

**G1. Approval of policies 4:110, 2:70, 2:70E, 2:120E1, 2:120E2, 2:240-E1, 2:240-E2, 6:100, 7:10, 7:10-E, 7:270, 8:90, 4:130-E, 3:70, 5:300, 6:70, 5:300, 6:70, 5:285 and 5:120 previously posted for 30 day review.**

Item placed on consent agenda.

**G2. Approval of Modified Copier Agreement**

Item placed on consent agenda.

**G3. Approve the 2017/2018 Chess Club**

Item placed on consent agenda.

**G4. Approval of 2017/2018 Budget**

Kathy Taylor moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to approve the 2017/2018 Budget. On roll call the following members voted aye: Natalie Myers, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Sharron Davis, Kathy Taylor, Joyce Dickerson and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

**G5. Approve 2012 and 2013 CB Chicago Partners PTAB Settlement**

Item placed on consent agenda.

**G6. Approval of Preferred Meals Donation**

Item placed on consent agenda.

**G7. Approve Online Subscriptions**

Item placed on consent agenda.

1. **Audience Participation**

None.

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

Item placed on consent agenda.

* 1. **Outside Contract Agreements**

None.

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

Item placed on consent agenda.

1. **Approve Invoices**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

09-19-17 Education $ 460,139.09

09-19-17 Operation & Maintenance $1,044,419.75

09-19-17 Debt Service $3,182.38

09-19-17 Transportation $ 13,240.61

**Total: $1,520,981.77**

08-29-17 Education $ 11,207.16

**Total: $ 11,207.16**

09-01-17 Education $478.19

**Total:** **$478.19**

1. **Approve Payroll and Benefits**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

08-15-17 Education $333,112.12

08-15-17 Liabilities $109,010.83

**Total: $442,822.95**

08-15-17 Education $113,706.65

08-15-17 Liabilities $117,999.92

**Total: $231,706.57**

08-31-17 Education $323,160.19

08-31-17 Liabilities $103,171.78

**Total: $426,331.78**

8-31-17 Education $146,197.16

8-31-17 Liabilities $130,172.88

**Total: $276,370.04**

9-05-17 Education $267,986.82

**Total: $267,986.82**

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

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that we are off to a very good start. She stated that we are taking a different approach to motivating teachers and servicing the 21st century students. The charge is to meet students where they are.

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that all staff was trained on the SAMR model. She stated that all staff was trained on safety to reduce the number of accidents. Staff was required to sign in and out to ensure that everyone received that training.

Mrs. Veazey stated that all Meet the Teacher Nights have been completed. PARCC data was shared with principals and teachers, and after school programs have started (tutoring and academic programs). She stated that our continual charge is to improve rigor across all subject areas.

She informed the Board that MAP Testing started today. Mrs. Veazey stated that if students score above the 65th percentile on MAP then they will meet and/or exceed on PARCC.

There was a brief discussion regarding the binary system.

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

Ms. Sharpp informed the Board that the district received its first General State Aid payment. She stated that HB656 regarding the TRS surcharge has been decreased from 37% to 10.1%.

Ms. Sharpp also informed the Board that the Markham Park kitchen upgrade was completed. Dr. Patterson stated that the district owns the equipment in three of the seven schools. She also stated that the Junior High kitchen will soon provide lunches to the staff.

Ms. Sharpp also informed the Board that the parking lots at Highlands, Markham Park, Chateaux and the Annex have been completed.

* 1. **Student Services**

Mrs. Ablin thanked the Board, administrators and staff who came out in support of the community breakfast. She also informed the Board that

Pre-K is almost at capacity and that there will be a compliance visit from the Illinois State Board of Education this year.

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that the medical exclusion date is October 15th. She stated that the Nurses are working hard to make sure everyone is in compliance.

Lastly, she informed the Board that there will be a Pre-K advisory meeting tomorrow, September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

1. **New Business**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that training dates for Board Docs will be sent out. She also informed the Board that we may need to revisit the shared residency policy.

1. **Executive Session**

None.

1. **Adjournment**

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to adjourn the meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Sharron Davis, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried 8:30**

**Submitted by:**

**Juanita R. Jordan, President**

**Barbara Nettles, Secretary**