

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER
3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS
September 3, 2013

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mrs. Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was conducted during the earlier session.

2. Roll Call

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

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

3. Construction Update

Mr. Hickman informed the board that the testing for the Leeds certification has been completed. He stated that Com Ed installed the monitor on our line at the Junior High he stated that there has not been an outage since. He stated that there is a Freon leak in one chiller it will be repaired in the fall when the system is shut down. Additionally, there are a few other minor issues with lockers etc. there is a leak in the second floor science lab(Seventh grade) it will be repaired during Christmas break.

Dr. Patterson informed the board that the lawyers for Nicholas and Associates have contacted our Attorneys regarding the final payment on construction.

4. Principal Mentors (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she is looking at providing the principals with internal and external mentors. This year the district is working with Governors State. Dr. Patterson wants to provide them with more support. The outside vendors will be Dr. Luis Cruz and Claudette Taylor in addition to the MILE Program at Governors State. She stated that she wants to hold the administrators accountable. Dr. Patterson stated that she wants to be able to say that she has provided the administrators with all the support they needed in the event that a non-renewal arises.

5. Strategic Goals (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson stated that she will merge the strategic goals and the superintendent goals that the Board would like to have added. She also stated the a determination needs to be made on what to do with the old junior high and the possibility of adding air-conditioning in all the other building as part of the operational goals..

6. Surveillance System (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson informed the board that she would like to revise the current surveillance system plan. She would like to add external cameras at all buildings. in light of all the vandalism at the buildings. She would also like to have a camera installed in the offices.

Dr. Jackson inquired from Dr. Patterson if she had meet with the secretaries at all of the buildings to discuss security procedures, she informed him that all the secretaries aware of the procedures.

7. School Fundraisers

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the school principals have meet with their PTO's and scheduled fundraisers for the school year.

Mrs. Nettles stated that she felt that there are too many fundraisers.

8. Credit Union (Discussion)

Dr. Evans informed the Board that she would like to offer the staff the ability use another credit union. She stated that the Homewood Credit Union closer and they have more ATM's which will allow better access to their money.

9. Final 2013/2014 Budget

Dr. Evans stated the she increased the revenue and decreased expenses. She stated that the district will no longer have to complete the five year plan to the state. She stated that the goal is to have a balanced budget. Dr. Patterson stated that the district has cut staff to the bare bones.

10. Assessment License Renewals

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that i-Ready is the final assessment renewal. She stated that they did not charge us for the Junior High last year however, they will charge us this year. She stated that Mrs. Ablin will pick up the cost for K-5th students and Mrs. Veazey will pick up the cost for the Junior High because it is more expensive.

11. Bremen Youth Services Linkage Agreement

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she would like to continue the partnership with Bremen Township Youth Services. She stated they serviced

several girls last year. They will complete the same program as last year. She stated that she will try to bring in a parental piece through NCLB Parent meetings.

12. Outside Contracts

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she would like to bring in Mrs. Grove to teach art for 8 weeks at each school. She stated that every child will have an art project. She stated that she is moving towards having a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she is very excited about the WIN Career Readiness Software. The software is wonderful she would like to offer this to the Junior High. The program does a survey to determine career readiness.

Mrs. Veazey stated that program looks at the students' math and reading skills and guides them towards reaching their career goals. She stated that the program will be for the Junior High students only.

Mrs. Veazey stated that she would like to bring Dr. Kisha McCaskill in to speak on the Multicultural piece for the teachers and staff. Dr. Patterson stated that she would like for her to work on the parental level to work with the parents at Markham Park to increase parental involvement. The cost of the parental piece is 10,000.00.

Dr. Patterson stated that the 5 essentials survey was not good she stated that there was only one school that was well organized it was Nob Hill.

Mrs. Ablin stated that she will be presenting a contract for Dr. Roberts to come in to review the need for additional Para Professionals.

13. New Business

Dr. Patterson asked the Board if the 9-16 board meeting can be held at 5:30. The board agreed that 5:30 would be fine.

Dr. Evans stated that she will look at how the phases of Obama Care will affect the district and their health plans.

Dr. Patterson stated that the Attorney bills are up to date and included. She stated that she will include the cost of the fees for the Allways settlement.

Mrs. Nettles stated that Jeff Cohn is available to complete the Board Self-evaluation November 7th from 3:30- 6:30.

Dr. Patterson stated that she will discuss with the Board at the 9-16 -13 the scheduling of the meeting of the whole.

14. Executive Session

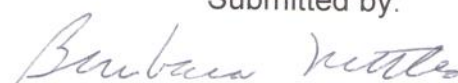
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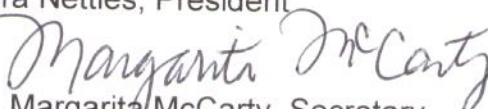
15. Adjournment

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Anthony A. Cole.

Motion Carried 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by:


Barbara Nettles, President


Margarita McCarty, Secretary