

October 2, 2017

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)

President Juanita R. Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Juanita R. Jordan, Sharron Davis, Barbara Nettles, Joyce Dickerson, Elaine Walker. The following member were absent: Natalie Myers arrived at (7:17p.m.) and Kathy Taylor.

Also present were: Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Ms. Carrie Ablin, Director of Student Services and Ms. Terri Sharpp, Chief School Business Official/Human Resources.

3. Annual Board Calendar

Dr. Patterson asked the Board to review the Annual Board Calendar for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting.

4. 2017 Town Hall Meeting

Dr. Patterson announced to the Board that the 2017 District Town Hall Meeting will now be called the Town Hall Community Forum to take place on December 12, 2017 from 5:30p.m. until 8:30p.m. at Prairie-Hills Junior High School. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that this year the evening will consist of student performances, exhibits, food/dessert as well as a question and answer forum with the Board. The Board had a brief discussion as it related to logistics of the evening.

5. Teacher Negotiations

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she and Ms. Terri Sharpp are in the process of running calculations with percentages for the upcoming Teacher Negotiations. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that as developments are made, she will update the Board with figures.

6. Annex Renovations

Dr. Patterson spoke briefly about the renovations and restructuring needed in the Annex. Dr. Patterson then had a brief discussion with the Board as it relates to the cost and the upcoming meeting with Architects.

7. Memorandum of Understanding- John Burns

Dr. Patterson proposed to the Board that John Burns, Maintenance, receive a \$2,225 longevity stipend as he enters his 40th year of employment with the district. Dr. Patterson and the Board then engaged in a brief discussion as it related to hiring a replacement upon Mr. Burns' retirement.

8. Staffing Opportunities (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson led the Board in a discussion regarding new opportunities and potential positions for the 2018-19 school year. Potential positions included; (3) Math Coaches, (5) additional teachers to complete each grade level group, an Art Teacher in each building, and an Instructional Technology Teacher for the junior high. Dr. Patterson then stated she would like to hire an additional Music Teacher at the Junior High to allow Ms. Washington, Band Teacher, to continue visiting the Elementary Schools to expand the District Band Program.

9. Foreign Language

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she wants to expand our foreign language options in the district. Dr. Patterson's proposal is to offer Spanish in the elementary buildings as an elective and to expand the junior high's Spanish department as well as add a French class as an elective. Dr. Patterson recognized that Mandarin would be an ideal language however, there would be no continuity for students going into the district's feeder district 228.

10. Fundraising

Ms. Terri Sharpp presented the Fundraising report for each building to the Board for their review.

11. Administrative Compensation Schedule

Ms. Terri Sharpp presented the compensation schedule for the district to the Board for their review. Ms. Sharpp advised the Board that upon Board approval, the schedule will be posted. Dr. Patterson then informed the Board that she and Mrs. Julia Veazey, Assistant Superintendent had recently been discussing ways in which to hire and retain quality teachers; possible resolutions discussed were revising the New Mentoring Program and/or a monetary incentive.

12. New Business (2:200)

Dr. Patterson announced that on October 16th there will be a Board Docs Training held at Fieldcrest School to begin at 5:30p.m. The training will run for 1 ½ hours and will lead into the regular Board Meeting at 7:00p.m.

13. Executive Session (2:200)

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to move into Executive Session. On a voice vote, all members voted aye: Nays: none. Absent: Kathy Taylor.

14. Adjournment (2:200)

Sharron Davis moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Kathy Taylor.

Motion Carried

Submitted by,

Juanita R. Jordan, President

Barbara Nettles, Secretary