

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

District Annex

3015 West 163rd Street

Markham, IL 60428

March 18, 2019

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

President Ms. Juanita Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. President Juanita Jordan then led the Board and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call (2:220)

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

Also present were: Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Mrs. Julia Veazey, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Carrie Ablin, Director of Student Service, Mrs. Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official and Dr. Kenneth Scott, Director of Human Resources.

Mrs. Myers arrived at 7:05p.m.

C. Presentation (3:60 & 8:30)

Dr. Patterson and the Board of Education acknowledged (4) Junior High students (Amonti Bell, KeAri Funches, Trevon Leland and Robert Ceballos) who were chosen to represent Prairie-Hills ESD 144 in January 2019 at the Project Lead the Way Conference in Anaheim, CA. Principal Kennell Smith and Mrs. Birgans-Wright, STEM Teacher, were also acknowledged for their diligence in working with the students as well as for accompanying the students on the trip. The trip focused on our students use of computer robotics and other STEM related activities used in class.

Ms. Walker arrived at 7:10p.m.

The Integrated Technology Presentation for the March 18, 2019 Board Meeting was presented by Second and Fifth grade students from Markham Park School. The students were led by Mrs. S. Hrascinski, 2nd grade Teacher and Mrs. K. Beamon, 5th grade Teacher. The students shared with the Board and the audience the how technology is incorporated within their writing assignments. The students explained how every Friday both grade levels are combined to do "Buddy Reads" through the use of a program called Tundu. The students presented their own student created Comic Strip Book using the Tundu program. They demonstrated how they created characters, added pictures and graphics, how to shrink and/or enlarge pictures as well as how to edit. After the demonstration the students showed the Board and the audience how to access their digital book from the District Webpage.

To close the presentations, Joe McDonnell, the Bremen Township Treasurer, presented the District's financial data.

D. Approval of Minutes (2:220)

Mrs. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Myers to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Work Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye (with corrections): Mrs. Myers, Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Nettles, Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Jordan. Abstains: Ms. Davis and Ms. Walker. Nays: None. Absent: N/A.

Motion Carried

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Walker, Ms. Nettles, Ms. Davis and Ms. Jordan. Abstains: Mrs. Myers and Mr. Taylor. Nays: None. Absent: N/A.

Motion Carried

E. President's Report (2:110)

Ms. Jordan shared with the Board that on Friday, February 15, 2019, she along with Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Nettles and Mrs. Taylor, attended the 1st Annual Formal Dinner for the Mayor of Markham, IL- Mayor Roger Agpawa. Ms. Jordan then highlighted various topics discussed at the recent SCOPE Meeting she'd attended; related to the Capital Improvement Grant.

F. Superintendent's Report (8:10)

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that the District's proposal to secure the Mennonite Center was rejected. The proposal submitted by the Good Shepherd organization was approved.

G. Board of Education – Action Items (2:10 & 2:20)

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to place items G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G7, G8, G9, I1, and I3 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Walker, Ms. Nettles, Ms. Davis, Mrs. Myers and Ms. Jordan. Nays: none. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Ms. Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Nettles, Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Walker, Ms. Davis, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Jordan. Nays: none. Absent: Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G1. Approve Policies Previously Posted for 30 Day- 5:100, 5:190, 5:200, 5:220, 5:230, 5:300, 6:20, 6:50, 6:60, 6:210, 6:220 and 7:70.

Approved on Consent Agenda

G2. Approve Superintendent Vacation Carryover

Approved on Consent Agenda

G3. Approve 2019-2020 Restructuring Plan

Approved on Consent Agenda

G4. Approve 2019-2020 Work Session and Regular Board Meetings

Approved on Consent Agenda

G5. Approve Markham SSenior City Free Rental

Approved on Consent Agenda

G6. Approval of Resolution authorizing withdrawal from Educational Benefits Cooperative

Mrs. Taylor moved and it was seconded Ms. Walker to Approve the Resolution authorizing the withdrawal from the Educational Benefits Cooperative. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Davis, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Nettles, Ms. Dickerson, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Walker and Ms. Jordan.

Motion Carried

G7. Approve Bremen Township Treasures Office Billing

Approved on Consent Agenda

G8. Approve Reduction in Force/Non-Renewals

Approved on Consent Agenda

G9. Approve Central State Bus Sales Inc.

Approved on Consent Agenda

H. Audience Participation (2:30)

N/A.

I. Administration – Action Reports (2:20)

I1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Approved on Consent Agenda

I1-A. Approve Termination of Employment

Ms. Walker moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Taylor to Terminate the Employment of Patience Aladejana, for job abandonment. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Walker, Ms. Nettles, Ms. Davis, Ms. Dickerson, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Jordan. Nays: none. Absent: None.

I2. Approve Outside Contracts

N/A

I3. Approve Professional Assignment Request

Approved on Consent Agenda

I4. Approve Invoices

Ms. Walker moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Myers to approve the March 18, 2019 Invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Nettles, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Davis, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Dickerson, Ms. Walker and Ms. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-18-19	Education	\$623,574.81
3-18-19	Operations & Maintenance	\$105,903.63
3-18-19	Debt Service	\$ 0
3-18-19	Transportation	\$233,541.56
		<u>Total: \$963,020.00</u>

I5. Approve Payroll and Benefits

Ms. Walker moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the February 15, 2019, the February 28, 2019 Payroll and the February 15, 2019 Supplemental Payroll as well as the February 27, 2019 Benefits. On roll call the following members voted aye: Mrs. Myers, Ms. Nettles, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Dickerson Ms. Walker, Ms. Davis and Ms. Jordan. Nays: none. Absent: None.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Motion Carried Amount</u>
2-15-19	Education	\$419,315.37

2-15-19	Liabilities		<u>\$419,206.60</u>
		Total:	\$910,521.97

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>		<u>Amount</u>
2-15-19	Education		\$173.87
2-15-19	Liabilities		<u>\$695.68</u>
		Total:	\$869.55

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>		<u>Amount</u>
2-28-19	Education		\$502,845.13
2-28-19	Liabilities		<u>\$482,317.26</u>
		Total:	\$931,162.39

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>		<u>Amount</u>
2-27-19	Education		\$238,830.07
2-27-19	Operations and Maintenance		\$ 19,609.34
2-27-19	Transportation		<u>\$ 6.07</u>
		Total:	\$258,445.48

J. Administration – Information Reports (3:50)

1. Business Affairs

Mrs. Clayton reported that the Business Department is still hard at work to align our budget to the new federal ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) requirements. move Budget money to the new accounting system. Mrs. Clayton reported that the deadline for completion is June 2019 at which time funds will be released by school. Finally, Mrs. Clayton informed the Board that the Senior Citizen rooms for Markham have been completed. Dr. Patterson encouraged the Board to take a tour. The remainder of her report was as presented.

2. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Veazey began by commenting that the District is in the midst of (IAR) Illinois Assessment of Readiness (formerly PARCC Testing). Mrs. Veazey briefly highlighted what's happening in the Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Departments in and out of district including comments on the January and February SIP Days and Summer Scholars Program. Next, Mrs. Veazey spoke about the Annual Youth Symposium sponsored by the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority in collaboration with the District's S.W.A.G.G. (Students with a Goal of Greatness) Mentoring Program. Mrs. Veazey was elated to highlight all staff members in attendance, on a Saturday, to donate their time. Among those staff members present were: Mr. Smith (Principal), Ms. Smith, Mr. Leathers and Mr. Wilson (all Assistant Principals), Mrs. Williams, Mrs. T. Harris, Ms. Birgans-Wright, Mrs. Greer, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Warner, Mrs. McGill, Mr. Taylor, Ms. Beck, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Hertilz, Ms. Jernigan, Mrs. Randle-El, Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Tekiela. Finally, Mrs. Veazey gave an extra special thank you to Mrs. Chipley and Mrs. Watkins-Williams, Teachers and members of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., for their commitment and dedication to our students and our community. The remainder of her report was as presented.

3. Human Resources

Dr. Scott updated the Board with his personnel report including resignations, terminations, FMLA's, sick leaves, and new hires. Dr. Scott then announced that the application for the Summer Food Service Program was accepted. The District will provide breakfast and lunch throughout the summer for anyone in the community who requests it; signs and literature will be distributed to make it known to the public. The Buildings & Grounds report and the Food Service reports were as presented.

4. Student Services

Mrs. Ablin began by stating that the District will now partner with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department on safety and security. Mrs. Ablin then highlighted the Junior High Counselors for a series they are doing related to bullying. Mrs. Ablin then announced the Pre-K Parent Advisory Workshop which will take place on March 19, 2019.

K. New Business (2:20)

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the District's Foundation for Excellence in Education will sponsor an event on April 18th at the Riddles Comedy Club with comedienne Damon Williams hosting. More information will be given at a later date.

L. Executive Session (2:200)

Mrs. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Myers to go into Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Walker, Ms. Dickerson, Mrs. Myers, Ms. Nettles, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Davis and Ms. Jordan. Nays: none. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 8:25p.m.

Mrs. Myers moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Taylor to adjourn the Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Taylor, Ms. Walker, Ms. Nettles, Ms. Davis, Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Jordan. Nays: none. Absent: None

Motion Carried 8:44p.m.

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Myers to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Executive Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Nettles, Ms. Dickerson, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Jordan. Abstains: Ms. Davis and Ms. Walker Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

M. Adjournment (2:200)

Mrs. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Myers to adjourn the March 18, 2019 Board Meeting. On verbal vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 9:08p.m.

Submitted by:

Ms. J. Jordan, President

Ms. Nettles, Secretary