

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Mae Jemison School

3450 W. 177th Street

MARKHAM, IL 60428

April 16, 2018

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

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

B. Roll Call (2:220)

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

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

Natalie Myers arrived 7:05p.m.

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

Integrated Technology:

Mae Jemison Elementary students from Ms. Vhora's 5th grade class rendered a presentation of an original game they designed and coded. The students began by reporting statistics related to the number of minority professionals in a given S.T.E.M. field (Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics). The students then explained that they chose the name, Destiny Seekers, due to their thirst for knowledge and the belief that they are the next generation of gamers. The students continued their presentation by demonstrating how the game worked; engaging the audience by asking questions showing what happens if the outcome is correct or incorrect. The students ended the presentation by emphasizing the importance of technology then predicting that the "Destiny Seekers" in the next 15 years, will code the future!

Elaine Walker arrived 7:13p.m.

D. Approval of Minutes (2:220)

Joyce Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 Work Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis and Juanita R. Jordan. Abstains: Kathy Taylor and Barbara Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Natalie Myers moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. 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

E. President's Report (2:110)

Juanita Jordan, Board President expounded on the Mae Jemison Elementary student presentation recalling a recent Conference she attended in Texas where she attended a number of classes on coding and learned that coding as a background is needed. Juanita Jordan then shared with the students that although the statistics show people of color represent a small portion and women of color an even smaller portion of the working population in a S.T.E.M. field; from personal experience obtaining an engineering degree is achievable and encouraged the students to go as far as they can!

F. Superintendent's Report (8:10)

Dr. Patterson informed the Board of a recent visit by Mayor James Ford, Mayor of Country Club Hills, and Alderman Gillespie, regarding the TIF. Dr. Patterson stated that the nature of the visit was to assess where PHESD 144 stood in terms of support of the Country Club Hills TIF. Dr. Patterson briefly highlighted important contents of the meeting explaining to the Board that the District's Attorney as well as the Attorney for the Village of Country Club Hills, are currently reviewing contracts for language content and will be brought to the Board for approval during the May 7, 2018 Work Session Meeting.

In addition, Dr. Patterson reported out on a recent meeting between Tucker Development Co., Ms. Terri Sharpp and herself regarding Tax Abatement. In an effort to do what's best for the District, Dr. Patterson commented that the decision was made to abate 25% for 3 years as opposed to 30%. Next, Dr. Patterson announced that at the end of the fiscal school year the District should see a \$1.3 million surplus; all things being equal factoring in the Pre-K Expansion and Title I Grants, the District could see a surplus of \$1.3-\$2.3 million. Finally, Dr. Patterson acknowledged cards from the McEwen Family and Ms. Barbara Nettles.

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

Joyce Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to table items G1 and G3 for Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Sharron Davis, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson and Juanita Jordan. Nays: none. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G1. Resolution for the Termination of District 144 Teacher

Sharron Davis moved and it was seconded by Natalie Myers to approve the resolution for the termination of District 144 Teacher Michele Fisher. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Sharron Davis, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker and Juanita Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to place items G2, G4, G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, I1 and I3 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Barbara Nettles, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor and Juanita R. Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

G2. Approval to Post Policies 2:260, 4:15, 4:110, 4:150, 4:170, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:200, 5:220, 5:240 and 5:290 for 30 Day Review
Consent Agenda

G3. Approve Superintendent's Administrative Assistant

Kathy Taylor motioned and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to approve the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant Nakia Matthews. On roll call the following members voted aye: Sharron Davis, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Juanita Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G4. District Permanent Substitute Teachers
Consent Agenda

G5. Approve Grading Scale Change

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

Motion Did Not Carried

G6. Approve 2018-19 Proposed School Calendar
Consent Agenda

G7. Approve Audit Engagement
Consent Agenda

G8. Approve Bremen Township Treasurer 2017-18 Interest Earned
Consent Agenda

G9. Approve Prevailing Wage
Consent Agenda

G10. Approve Fieldcrest Fundraiser
Consent Agenda

G11. Approve Depositories- Bank Account
Consent Agenda

G12. Approve Republic Waste Contract Renewal
Consent Agenda

H. Audience Participation (2:30)

Members of the audience were given the opportunity to express concerns and/or propose questions to the Board of Education; No questions, comments or concerns posed.

I. Administration – Action Reports (2:20)

11. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Item placed on consent agenda.

12. Approve Outside Contracts

None

13. Approve Professional Assignment Request

Item placed on consent agenda.

14. Approve Invoices

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to approve April 16, 2018 Invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Sharron Davis and Juanita Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
03-23-18	Education	\$ 5,377.27

Total: **\$ 5,377.27**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
04-16-18	Education	\$375,672.80
04-16-18	Operation & Maintenance	\$137,660.07
04-16-18	Transportation	<u>\$ 17,455.55</u>

Total: **\$530,788.42**

15. Approve Payroll and Benefits

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

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-15-18	Education	\$509,442.20
3-15-18	Liabilities	<u>\$451,608.74</u>

Total: **\$961,050.94**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-29-18	Education	\$457,737.08
2-28-18	Liabilities	<u>\$414,052.12</u>

Total: **\$871,789.20**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-28-18	Education	<u>\$270,946.70</u>

Total: **\$270,946.70**

J. Administration – Information Reports (3:50)

1. Business Affairs

Ms. Sharpp began by announcing the preliminary audit will take place on April 26th and 27th with the final field work completed in September 17th and September 28th. Ms. Sharpp then highlighted the final insurance rates for the 2018-19 renewals, and other district financial information.

2. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

Mrs. Veazey began by reporting on the recent SWAGG Student Mentoring field trip to Lawry's the Prime Rib restaurant on March 24th. Mrs. Veazey then commented on the March 29th Parent and Teacher Conferences stating the number of participants were impacted due to the conferences being the day before Spring Break. Mrs. Veazey then announced that the TECH 2018 Conference held in Springfield, IL has invited 3 of our District teachers to present, the largest group to date.

3. Human Resources

Dr. Kenneth Scott reported on the various interviews recently conducted and FMLA request submitted. Dr. Scott then commented that he is currently working on the Fruit and Vegetable Grant application submission, which is April 30th; as well as, the upcoming renewal meeting with Preferred Meals to discuss the 2018-19 school year.

4. Student Services

Mrs. Ablin provided highlights of the Student Services Department as it related to the release of Snap Codes and the May 7th early enrollment kick-off, success of the recent Ronald McDonald House Health Bus visit to Mae Jemison School. Mrs. Ablin then mentioned that the Health Bus has been confirmed for the August Back-to-School Fair and that she is in the process of securing the Country Club Hills Walmart Pharmacist. Finally, Mrs. Ablin shared the Pre-K Round up dates (May 8th-May 10th) and Transition Night date (May 15th) at the Junior High along with other relevant information about the upcoming Programs.

K. New Business (2:20)

Dr. Patterson informed the Board of a new competitive grant the District received in the amount of \$48,000 for Life Skills. Dr. Patterson stated the grant funds will be used to provide Social and Emotional Services for Junior High School students. Dr. Patterson commented that to date the District has been in receipt of nearly \$5.6 million in grant funds under her administration. Next, Dr. Patterson shared information related to (2) FOIA requests submitted by NBC as well as The Shriver Center.

L. Executive Session (2:200)

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

Motion Carried 8:23p.m.

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to come out of Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis,

Barbara Nettles, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor and Juanita Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 8:40p.m.

M. Adjournment (2:200)

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to adjourn the April 16, 2018 Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Sharron Davis, Barbara Nettles, Natalie Myers, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor and Juanita Jordan. Nays: None. Absent: None.

MOTION CARRIED 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Juanita R. Jordan, President

Barbara Nettles, Secretary