

Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting
16315 Richmond Avenue

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144
PHJH Cafetorium
Markham, IL 60428

February 20, 2024

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:20)

President Joyce Dickerson called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. followed by roll call.

B. Roll Call (2:20)

The following members were present: Ms. Aubry Crain, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Sharron Davis, Ms. Carlene Matthews, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. The following members were absent: Ms. Yvette Black and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Also present were: Dr. Terence O'Brien, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Denise Julius, Interim Superintendent, Ms. Sheryl Coleman, Chief School Business Official, Leonard Hill, Director of Technology, Dr. Dominique Moore, Director of Human Resources and Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, Director of Student Services.

C. Presentations

Highlands Elementary 5th grade students led by Ms. Skarbek did their Instructional Technology Presentation on Brazilian Culture. The students shared that they used Microsoft Flip, Google Autodraw, as well as, the Book Creator app, to create their Authentic Learning Project on Brazilian Culture. In doing so; each student presented their contribution to the project and provided a finished booklet handout for the Board to review.

Ms. Black arrived at 5:10p.m.

D. Recognitions

The Board, along with the Interim Superintendent's, took the opportunity to recongnized the groups/individuals as follows:

- Hero Recognition- Ms. Lela Shannon, IL Central Bus Driver. Ms. Shannon brought the bus transporting cheerleaders, as well as, a few staff members, volunteers and fans, to safety after a Deer flew into the windshield.
- STEAM Academy- Zoey Tolbert, 3rd grade student from the STEAM Academy performed When I Think of Home, from the Wiz and was presented an award for her outstanding performance.
- Mae Jemison T-Shirt Designers- Navaeh Jones and Federico Torres-Perez Mae Jemison students were presented a certificate for a job well-done in winning the Hazel Crest Fire Prevention T-shirt design contest.
- PHJH 8th Grade Cheerleading Team- The 8th grade Cheerleading Team were honored for their dedication to the athletic Department and their tireless support of the Basketball Team.
- PHJH 8th Grade Basketball Team- The 8th Grade Basketball Team were honored for being 2 time State Champions for the State of Illinois.
- Administration- The Athletic Department including; Ms. Jernigan Administrative Athletic Director, Mr. Muhammad, Program Athletic Director, Head Basketball Coach Nichol, Asst. Basketball Coach Boyd, Asst. Basketball Coach Lowery, Cheerleading Coach Richie, Asst. Cheerleading Coach Parker, as well as, Asst. Principal Dr. Wade Morris, were all presented plaques for their outstanding work, dedication, and professionalism during the championship basketball season.

At the conclusion of the presentations the students, staff, parents and Board enjoyed cake before resuming the Regular Meeting Agenda.

E. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Crain moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024 Work Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

Ms. Matthews moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

F. Presidents Report (2:110)

No report given.

G. Superintendents Report (8:10)

Dr. O'Brien, along with Ms. Coleman, shared with the Board that due to funding from the Pre-K Grant not being completely allocated, the District must return \$207K to the IL State Board of Education.

H. Executive Session (2:200)

Ms. Crain moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to go into Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried 5:35 p.m.

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to adjourn the Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 6:40 p.m.

I. Audience Participation (2:200)

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to open audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

Members of the audience were allowed to address the Board with comments and concerns they may have had related to the District and/or their school building. Each participant is given 2 minutes.

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to close audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Black, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Crain, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

J. Administration – Action Reports (2:20)

J1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to approve the Personnel Recommendations. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

J2. Approve Sick Day Donation SPA and Teachers Union

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to approve the Sick Day Donation requests for SPA and Teachers Union. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

J3. Approve Professional Assignment Request

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Professional Assignment Requests. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Dr. Musaindapo, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

J4. Approve Invoices

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the February 20, 2024, Main invoices, as well as, the January 17, 2024 supplemental invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2-20-24	Education	\$1,244,249.63
2-20-24	Operations and Maintenance	\$ 288,420.39
2-20-24	Transportation	\$ 517,745.86
2-20-24	Capital Projects	\$ 44,733.62
	Total:	\$2,095,149.50

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-17-24	Education	\$ 554,687.87
1-17-24	Operations and Maintenance	75,282.05
1-17-24	Transportation	34,760.43
	Total:	\$ 664,730.35

J5. Approve Payroll and Benefits

Ms. Matthews moved and it was seconded by Ms. Black to approve the January 15th and 31st, 2024 regular payroll. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms, Davis, Ms. Crain, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-15-24	Net	\$612,620.81
1-15-24	Liabilities	\$424,528.58
	Total:	\$1,037,149.39

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-31-24	Net	\$647,495.74
1-31-24	Liabilities	\$441,187.22
	Total:	\$1,088,682.96

J. Administration – Information Reports (3:50)

1. Business Affairs

The Business Department, as well as, the Buildings and Grounds reports were as presented.

2. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

The C & I report was as presented.

3. Human Resources

Dr. Moore informed the Board that she and Ms. Solomon are scheduled to attend job fairs at Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Northern IL University, and Western IL University, within the next few weeks. The remainder of her report, as well as, the Food Services report were as presented.

4. Student Services

The Student Services reports was as presented.

5. Technology Update

The Technology report was as presented.

K. New Business (2:20)

Ms. Matthews spoke briefly about the importance of adding security, if its not already in place, at the elementary basketball games.

L. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Matthews to adjourn the February 20, 2024 Board Meeting. On verbal vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried 7:25 pm

Submitted by:

Ms. Joyce Dickerson, President

Ms. Aubry Crain, Secretary