

Monday, November 1, 2021

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

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Barbara Nettles, Ms. Joyce Dickerson, Ms. Yvette Black, and Ms. Juanita Jordan. The following members were absent: Ms. Sharron Davis, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Ms. Kathy Taylor.

Also present were: Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Carrie Ablin, Director of Student Services, Ms. Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official and Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology.

3. Presentations

Ms. Clayton presented to the Board the 2021 Levy Presentation.

Ms. Davis arrived at 5:05p.m.

Ms. Taylor Arrived at 5:10p.m.

4. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Patterson shared some of her evaluation samples with the Board, as well as, the class enrollment numbers to-date. Dr. Patterson then briefly discussed the Triple I Conference outings options, dinner reservations, and transportation. Finally, Dr. Patterson announced to the Board that the Prairie-Hills Foundation for Excellence in Education is sponsoring their 2nd Annual Comedy Showcase on December 16th at Riddles Comedy Club.

5. Town Hall Meeting Discussion

Dr. Patterson and the Board had a brief discussion regarding the 2021 Town Hall Meeting and how to safely move forward with the event. Dr. Patterson and the Board presented various ideas/suggestions and tentatively decided to broadcast from Annex Board Room, inviting (1) act/performance per building to perform live, while administrators assist in organizing questions from parents and community members.

6. 2021 IL School Report Card

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that due to the federal testing waiver granted during the pandemic, no information was released for the 2020-2021 school year.

7. COVID Concerns and Remote Learning Plan for Extended COVID Cases Discussion

Dr. Patterson shared recently released information from the IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) as it relates to COVID ongoing concerns from students, families, and staff members. Dr. Patterson then discussed her plans for remote learning for those students testing positive longer than 14 days.

8. (2) Driver/Delivery Positions Discussion

Dr. Patterson presented her recommendation to hire (2) drivers for breakfast and lunch deliveries, as well as, extra-curricular activities after school, on a temporary-time basis at \$20/hr. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

9. Levy Memo

Ms. Clayton presented the 2021 Levy Memo to Board to have the 2021 taxes extended to 2022. Ms. Clayton is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

10. Building Fundraisers

Ms. Clayton presented the 2021-2022 fundraiser list generated by the building principals. Ms. Clayton is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

11. Chicago Billboard Contract

Ms. Clayton presented the FY22 Chicago Billboard Contract and is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

12. Property Tax Relief Grant

Ms. Clayton informed the Board that this year the State is allowing Districts to apply to keep a portion of their taxes. Ms. Clayton explained that PHESD 144 is the 69th District on the list to apply and information will be presented as it is received.

13. Memorandum of Understanding-ECHO Family Enrichment Program

Dr. Ablin presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the Board recommending continued partnership with ECHO Family Enrichment Program. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

14. Memorandum of Understanding-IL Action for Children

Dr. Ablin presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the Board recommending continued partnership with IL Action for Children. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

15. Memorandum of Understanding-Markham Fire Department

Dr. Ablin presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the Board recommending continued partnership with Markham Fire Department. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

16. PCG-Add-on Feature

Dr. Ablin re-presented the Add-on feature from PCG (Public Consultant Group) for the purpose of translating documents. PCG (Public Consultant Group) has negotiated a flat rate of \$2500 that includes unlimited translations. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

17. Pumpkin Donation-Homewood Jewel's

Dr. Ablin shared with the Board that the Jewel's store in Homewood has donated 120 pumpkins to the early childhood program. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting to distribute.

18. Multi-Factor Authentication Discussion

Mr. Hill informed the Board that Multi-Factor authentication is on the horizon and must be implemented in our District on or before December 31, 2021. Mr. Hill shared with the Board that he is planning to push into each building's staff meeting during the week of November 8, 2021 to explain the process and assist in the set-up.

19. Skyward Discussion

Mr. Hill shared with the Board that the Technology Department is currently looking to replace the PowerSchool database system with the Skyward database system. Mr. Hill informed the Board of the various features that Skyward offers that could potentially save the District time and money.

Ms. Matthews arrived at 6:55p.m.

20. New Business

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the Southland Juvenile Justice Council's contract agreement will be presented at the November 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting where she will be seeking approval. Dr. Patterson then shared with the Board that we recently received another FOIA Request from SmartProcure, as well as, from an Inspector Kentre-seeking information regarding the bids for; transportation, milk, and beverages.

21. Executive Session (2:200)

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

Motioned Carried at 7:00p.m.

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

Motioned Carried at 7:00p.m.

22. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Dickerson moved and it was seconded Ms. Jordan to adjourn the November 1, 2021 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 7:00p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Nettles, President

Sharron Davis, Secretary