

Monday, December 7, 2020

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

Secretary Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Joyce Dickerson (virtual), Ms. Juanita Jordan (virtual), Ms. Natalie Myers, Ms. Kathy Taylor, Ms. Nikole Kinney (virtual) and Ms. Barbara Nettles. The following members were absent: Ms. Sharron Davis.

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

3. Presentations

Mr. Jim Maciejewski of JMA Architects presented to the Board a construction update for the District-wide renovations, upgrades and repairs.

4. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Patterson presented evaluation samples to the Board for her 2020-2021 Superintendent Evaluation followed by a brief discussion of new CDC Guidelines. Dr. Patterson and the Board then engaged in a brief conversation as it related to funding; specifically, employee compensation and the FFCRA Grant.

Next, Ms. Jordan, Board Member, presented highlights from the SCOPE Meeting she recently attended.

5. Remote Learner's Failing Grades Discussion

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board the current list of students, receiving a "F" grade in one or more subjects across the district. Dr. Patterson then shared recommendations for addressing the identified issues in hopes to improve the grades and student participation.

6. Final Levy

Ms. Clayton informed the Board that the Levy has not changed since the preliminary report. Ms. Clayton is seeking approval at the December 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

7. Acellus Grant Reward

Ms. Veazey announced to the Board that the Acellus Program has offered the District an incentive to renew our Subscription for a 3-year period, where they will cover a nominal portion each year. Ms. Veazey is seeking approval to renew at the December 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

8. Young Rembrandts Art Program

Ms. Veazey recommended to the Board that the District pilot the Young Rembrandts Art Program during the After School Program. Ms. Veazey is seeking approval at the December 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

9. Termination of Probationary Employee (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson requested that the Termination of Probationary Employee be moved to Executive Session. The Board agreed and item 9 will be discussed in Executive Session.

10. AssetWorks Agreement (Formerly Go Solutions)

Dr. Ablin presented the AssetWorks Agreement for renewal and is seeking approval at the December 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

11. Memorandum of Understanding-Acorn Public Library

Dr. Ablin presented a MOU for Acorn Public Library to continue their partnership during the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the December 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

12. Memorandum of Understanding-City of Markham

Dr. Ablin presented a MOU for the City of Markham to continue their partnership during the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the December 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

13. Memorandum of Understanding-IL Action for Children Early Learning Program

Dr. Ablin presented a MOU for the IL Action for Children Early Learning Program to continue their partnership during the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the December 21, 2020 Regular Business Meeting.

14. Audience Participation

N/A

15. New Business

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that we've recently received a bill from STR Architects for work claimed in 2016. Dr. Patterson stated that she is currently working with our attorneys on the options to dispute the bill and resolve the issue. Dr. Patterson will keep the Board posted on the progress.

16. Executive Session (2:200)

Ms. Myers moved and it was seconded by Ms. Taylor to go into Executive Session. The following members voted aye: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Dickerson (virtual), Ms. Myers, Ms. Jordan (virtual), Ms. Kinney (virtual) and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Davis.

Motion Carried 6:50p.m.

Ms. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Myers to adjourn the Executive Session. The following members voted aye: Ms. Dickerson (virtual), Ms. Myers, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Jordan (virtual), Ms. Kinney (virtual) and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Davis.

Motion Carried 7:15p.m.

17. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Dickerson (virtual) moved and it was seconded by Ms. Myers to adjourn the December 7, 2020 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Davis.

Motion Carried 7:15p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharron Davis, President

Barbara Nettles, Secretary