

Monday, February 6, 2023

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

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**2. Roll Call (2:20)**

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

Also present were Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Tiffany Burnett, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Theresa Smith, Director of Student Services, Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology, and Dr. Terrence O'Brien, Interim Chief School Business Official.

**3. Presentations**

Ms. Offord, Community Activist and Former Parent of the District, presented an opportunity to build community gardens throughout the District at each school. Ms. Offord requested permission to visit each building and meet with the principals to discuss the project and how it will work based on their individual visions. Ms. Offord will then survey the area that the principal would like the garden placed to assess what materials will be needed for the project. The Board gave verbal permission and asked that Ms. Offord attend the March 7, 2023 Work Session Meeting to present her proposal.

**4. Superintendent's Update (3:60 & 8:30)**

Dr. Patterson shared the responses from the Thought Exchange during the 2022 Town Hall Meeting. In addition, Dr. Patterson provided the Extra Duty Addendum List, requested during the January 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting. Finally, Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she has been asked to testify in Springfield by Rep. W. Davis regarding use of ESSERS Grant Funding monies.

**5. Superintendent's Evaluation Discussion**

Ms. Nettles provided the Superintendent's Evaluation response packet to the Board to review. Ms. Nettles informed the Board that they should be prepared to discuss at the February 21, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

**6. Board Self Evaluation Discussion**

Dr. Patterson and the Board reviewed the dates provided by the IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) Field Director Dr. Natalie Williams to determine when they would like to conduct their Self Evaluations. The Board identified Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 5:00pm to complete their evaluations.

**7. Annual Planning Calendar**

Dr. Patterson and the Board reviewed the Annual Planning Calendar for pending, updated, and completed items.

**8. Discussion of Presentations**

Dr. Patterson and the Board spoke briefly about the schedule for the upcoming Board Meetings as it relates to the Principal/School Presentations, as well as, the Student Council students presentations.

**9. 2023-2024 Restructuring Plan**

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

Motion Carried

**10. New Parking Protocol**

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that she has met with staff members from the Junior High, Markham Park, the STEAM Academy, as well as, the District Office to discuss the importance of their diligence in not leaving

their vehicles running, unlocked and/or unattended. Dr. Patterson has dedicated a section of the junior high parking lot for Kia and Hyundai car owners to offer another layer of protection.

#### **11. New Policy Procedure Discussion**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the Board Policies will now be presented quarterly beginning in March 2023. The current policy review process will continue to be presented for Board review and then posted for a 30-day public review. All policies will be presented for approval and adoption after the 30 day review.

#### **12. NSBA Membership Discussion**

Dr. Patterson surveyed the Board to see if they would like to continue under the NSBA (National School Board Association) as an independent District. After discussion the Board has determined they would like to renew their membership as an independent District.

#### **13. Construction Update**

Dr. Patterson shared that the construction for Markham Park has begun, asbestos has been detected on the roof. The issue has been addressed and further information will be brought to the Board as it is received.

#### **14. 2023-2024 Staffing Plan Discussion**

Dr. Patterson reviewed the FY24 Staffing Plan with the Board providing explanations for increases and decreases in various grade levels at specific buildings. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the February 21, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

#### **15. Teacher's Union Contract Ratified Discussion**

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that the Union is scheduled to ratify their contract on Friday, February 10, 2023 and that she is prepared to present the contract for approval at the February 21, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

#### **16. Just A Touch Transport Inc.**

Ms. Smith gave her recommendation to add Just A Touch Transport Inc. a private transportation company to assist with the McKinney Vento and Special Education population. Ms. Smith is seeking approval at the February 21, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

#### **17. Memorandum of Understanding-Markham Library**

Ms. Smith presented a Memorandum of Understanding to the Board recommending continued partnership with the Markham Library. Ms. Smith will be seeking approval at the February 21, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

#### **18. New Business**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that District 144 and District 228 have partnered together to transport (2) families into the District and will split the cost. In addition, Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that to date the District has received close to \$17,000 in sponsorship for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington, D.C.

#### **19. Executive Session (2:200)**

Dr. Patterson and the Board meet in Executive Session briefly to discuss the FY24 Restructuring Plan.

#### **20. Adjournment (2:200)**

Ms. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the February 6, 2023 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Taylor.

**Motion Carried 7:05p.m.**

**Submitted by,**

**Barbara Nettles, President**

**Sharron Davis, Secretary**