

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

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, Ms. Kathy Taylor, and Ms. Barbara Nettles. The following members were absent: None.

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. Upcoming Dates

Dr. Patterson presented a calendar of upcoming events and flyers to the Board.

4. Prairie-Hills STEAM Academy Blazer Ceremony

Dr. Patterson announced that the Prairie-Hills STEAM Academy Blazer ceremony will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 5:00pm.

5. Superintendent Update

Dr. Patterson began her update by informing the Board that Ms. Offord has met with 5 of the principals to date and that she plans to meet with the remaining principals by the end of the month. Dr. Patterson then spoke briefly about the District possibly purchasing property for the purpose of housing incoming international teaching staff. Next, Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that she is still actively researching information related to the District owning our own fleet of electronic school busses and that she'll be presenting more information as developments are made.

6. Annual Board Planning Calendar

Dr. Patterson and the Board reviewed the Annual Planning Calendar for pending, updated, and completed items. Dr. Patterson then stated that the attorneys are still reviewing the Executive Session minutes for redactions.

7. Superintendent Vacation Carryover Discussion

Dr. Patterson requested that she be allowed to carryover 5-6 of her vacation days to the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Patterson shared that due to attending the upcoming 8th grade trip to Washington, DC she will be unable to use all of her vacation days. Ms. Black expressed concerns about Dr. Patterson's vacation days. Dr. Patterson commented that she does plan to exhaust her days in the next couple of years.

8. Construction Update

Dr. O'Brien gave a brief construction update on all projects in progress, scheduled projects, as well as, those nearing completion. Dr. O'Brien highlighted the progress of the PLC kitchen upgrades, Highlands HVAC project, as well as, the Markham Park construction project (Dr. O'Brien will include pictures in his March Business Meeting update).

9. 2023-2024 Proposed School Calendar Discussion

Dr. Burnett presented to the Board the FY24 Proposed School Calendar and Memo for the Board to review. Dr. Burnett is seeking approval at the March 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

10. 2023-2024 Reduction in Force/Non-renewals Discussion

Dr. Scott was pleased to share with the Board that there were no non-renewals and/or Reduction in Force for the 2022-2023 school year. As such, the district will retain all current staff members.

11. New Business

Dr. Patterson notified the Board that Monday, April 3, 2023 is our scheduled Work Session, as well as, the day of travel from the NSBA National Conference in Orlando, FL. After a brief discussion it was decided to move the April 3, 2023 Work Session to Monday, April 10, 2023 via Zoom for the Superintendent and her cabinet members. All board members would be in person. Next, Ms. Jordan shared a recent announcement by Bernie Sanders recommending a \$60k starting salary for teachers within the US as a proposed remedy for the teacher shortage.

12. Executive Session (2:200)

No Executive Session.

13. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the March 7, 2023 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 6:45p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Nettles, President

Sharron Davis, Secretary