

Monday, April 10, 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. Yvette Black, Ms. Carlene Matthews, Ms. Joyce Dickerson, and Ms. Kathy Taylor. The following members were absent: Ms. Sharron Davis, Ms. Juanita Jordan, and Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Also present via Zoom were Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Tiffany Burnett, Assistant Superintendent, and Ms. Theresa Smith, Director of Student Services.

Ms. Jordan arrived at 5:05pm

3. Presentations

Ms. Offord, Sunshine in Nature, presented a Power Point Presentation to the Board showing the various garden areas that the Principals have chosen for their school gardens. Ms. Offord, then shared the budget for starting and maintaining the gardens, as well as, the educational and health benefits of the project.

4. Superintendent Update

Dr. Patterson (virtual attendance) began by reminding the Board that she and several administrators are currently in Washington, DC chaperoning the 8th grade graduation trip. Dr. Patterson then reminded the Board that the S.W.A.G.G. (Students with a Goal of Greatness) Luncheon is Saturday, May 6, 2023, and that the Prairie-Hills Foundation for Excellence in Education Masquerade Ball is Sunday, May 7, 2023. Finally, Dr. Patterson reminded the Board that the 8th grade graduation is May 25th at Christ Universal Temple. Finally, Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that the District has been selected for an ultra violet lighting grant that will aid in improving the air filtration system at the junior high.

5. Annual Board Planning Calendar

Dr. Patterson and the Board reviewed the Annual Planning Calendar for pending, updated, and completed items. Discussion continued regarding the Executive Session meeting minutes being reviewed by Robbins Schwartz.

6. Policies 2.10, 2.30, 2.100, 2.210, 2.265, 4.10, 4.140, 5.120, 5.220, 5.250, 5.280, 6.145, 6.235, 6.250, 7.50, 7.70, 7.180, 7.250, and 7.285 to be Posted for 30-day Review

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7. Superintendent Request for Vacation Payout Discussion

Dr. Patterson requested that the Board gives consideration for a vacation day(s) payout due to personal matters. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the April 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

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 PLC kitchen upgrades completion, the District Office flooring project; and all of the building marquees are being installed.

9. Depositories-Bank Account Information

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that the annual bank account signatories will be updated and will be seeking approval for the change(s) at the April 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

10. Carnegie Learning Professional Development Discussion

Dr. Burnett recommended Carnegie Learning be added as approved vendors for the purpose of Professional Development at the junior high to assist in addressing the IAR deficiencies with our Special Education population. Dr. Burnett is seeking approval at the April 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

11. Scholar Zone Professional Development Discussion

Dr. Burnett recommended Scholar Zone be added as an approved vendor for the purpose of Professional Development for the Summer School staff to help enhance the instruction provided during the program. Dr. Burnett is seeking approval at the April 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

12. Sick Day Donation-Teacher's Association

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the Teacher's Association is seeking approval at the April 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting to donate sick days for a teacher.

13. FY24 Outside Contracts

Ms. Smith presented the FY24 renewal contracts and costs associated for the following outside contractors; RCM Health Care Services, Illinois Central Bus Company, Mr. Eric Harwell, Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Ms. Terri Robinson, Ms. Marquette Terry, Talk to Me- Anastasia Alter, Ms. Elyse Gnilka, Go Solutions, Just a Touch Transportation Inc., Fresh Wind Transportation, Bella's Transportation, ProCare, and Williams Transportation. Ms. Smith is seeking approval at the April 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

14. New Business

Dr. Patterson reminded the Board about the STEAM Academy Blazer Ceremony being held on Tuesday, April 18th at 5:30pm. Dr. Patterson then informed the Board that we recently received a FOIA Request that we are responding to accordingly.

15. Executive Session (2:200)

No Executive Session.

16. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the April 10, 2023 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Davis and Ms. Nettles.

Motion Carried 6:10p.m.

Submitted by,

Joyce Dickerson, President

Aubry Crain, Secretary