

Monday, April 11, 2022

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

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

**2. Roll Call (2:220)**

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

Also present were Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Julia Veazey, Asst. Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, and Ms. Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official.

**3. Presentations**

Dr. Robert Grossi, Crystal Financial Consultant, presented to the Board a 5 year projection of the District's current financials. Some of the topics included were: capital projects, bonds, fund balances, as well as, financial reserves.

**4. Superintendent's Update**

Dr. Patterson presented flyer updates for the Tea with Doc and the Cook County Dinner with President Toni Preckwinkle, as well as, shared the STEAM Academy Packet that was sent home to parents.

**5. Bond Refunding Discussion**

Dr. Patterson recommended to the Board that the District pay off (1) of our current Bonds coming due which will save the District in interest cost. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

Next, Ms. Clayton and Dr. Patterson spoke with the Board about a recommendation to restructure some of the District's Bonds. The restructuring will provide benefits to the District by lowering debt and securing a lower interest rate. The Board requested additional information before approval. Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that she'll schedule Ms. Elizabeth Hennessey of Raymond James to share more relevant information as it relates to the District's financial goal and benefits of paying off and/or restructuring District Bonds.

**6. Administrator Reassignment Discussion**

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that she would like to discuss the Administrator Reassignment during Executive Session. After discussion Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

**7. Sick Day Donation-JH Teacher**

Dr. Patterson presented a sick day donation request submitted by the Teacher's Association and is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

**8. Sick Day Donation-SPA Personnel**

Dr. Patterson presented a sick day donation request submitted by the Support Personnel Association and is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

**9. Baker Tilly Engagement Letter**

Ms. Clayton presented the 2022 Audit Letter for the year ending June 30, 2022. Ms. Clayton is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

**10. Bremen Township Treasury Office Billing**

Ms. Clayton shared with the Board that she is currently awaiting the billing from the Bremen Township Treasurers Office. Ms. Clayton explained that once the billing is received she will present for approval to pay.

**11. Construction Update**

Dr. Patterson gave the Board a Construction updated derived from weekly meetings with JMA Architects.

**12. Depositories-Bank Account Information**

Ms. Clayton presented the 2022-2023 Bank Account signators and is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular business Meeting.

**13. 2022-2023 Proposed Tentative School Calendar (Resubmission)**

Ms. Veazey requested that the Board rescind the decision made in March as she had to make a correction to the calendar. Ms. Veazey is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting for the corrected calendar.

**14. Young Rembrandt's Summer Art Program**

Ms. Veazey presented a proposal for the Young Rembrandt's Program to conduct an Art Program during the 2022 Summer School Program. Ms. Veazey is seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

**15. IL School Bus Contract Renewal 2022-2023 School Year**

Dr. Patterson in the absence of Dr. Ablin presented the IL School Bus Renewal Contract for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Ablin will be seeking approval at the April 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

**16. New Business**

Dr. Patterson explained to the Board that the District is pushing out the IL Tutorial Initiative to the Summer or Fall 2022. Next, Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that the 2022 CABSE Conference (California Alliance of Black School Educators) will be held July 10- July 12, 2022 and that she is seeking approval to register any interested Board Member to attend.

**17. 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. Dickerson, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Jordan and Ms. Matthews.

Motion Carried at 6:50p.m.

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

**18. Adjournment (2:200)**

Ms. Dickerson moved, and it was seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the April 11, 2022 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Jordan and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried 7:25p.m.**

**Submitted by,**

**Barbara Nettles, President**

**Sharron Davis, Secretary**