

Monday, May 3, 2021

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

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:45pm.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Barbara Nettles, Ms. Joyce Dickerson, Ms. Kathy Taylor, Ms. Yvette Black, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Ms. Sharron Davis. The following members were absent: None.

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. Superintendent Update

Dr. Patterson reported on the number of South Cook Districts now open for in-person learning versus those Districts that remain remote. Next, Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that the District had received a donation of 3 tablets from the Black Caucus through Representative William Davis' Office. Finally, Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she's working on a proposal for Amazon for the purpose of assisting with the STEM Program and STEAM Academy.

4. 2021-2022 Administrative Raises

Dr. Patterson requested that item 5 be moved to Executive Session. The Board agreed.

5. 2021-2022 Non-Union Raises

Dr. Patterson requested that item 6 be moved to Executive Session. The Board agreed.

6. 2021-2022 Back to School Committee Discussion

Dr. Patterson shared the number of members currently signed up for the 2021 Back to School Committee; first whole committee meeting set for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 3:30p.m.

7. Return to School Guidance

Dr. Patterson and the Board engaged in a brief conversation related to the most recent guidance released from IASA and ISBE.

8. ESSERS I, II and III Funding

Dr. Patterson presented to the Board a detailed ESSERS Grant funds list for the 2020-2023 school year including where the funds had been allocated.

9. FFCRA-Total Spent to Date

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the total amount of FFCRA (Family First COVID Relief Act) funds paid to date is \$269,484.96.

10. Donation-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board that Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. will be donating \$1500 worth of books to Highlands Elementary. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval for the donation at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

11. Principal Coaching Support Discussion

Dr. Patterson presented to the Board her recommendation to enlist assistance from a 3rd party to coach and advise principals as they move from 60% to 80% of time spent in the classroom. Dr. Patterson gave her rationale behind wanting to provide such a resource and commented that she will be seeking approval once a proposal has been made by the 3rd party selected.

12. Summer School Program Update Discussion

Ms. Veazey gave a brief Summer School Program update for the 2021 school year. Ms. Veazey highlighted the current number of students enrolled, staffing, classes being offered, as well as, areas of focus; Summer School to be held M-F from 8:15a-3p.

13. Board of Education Retreat (July 28-July 30, 2021) Eaglewood Resort

Dr. Patterson took this opportunity to ask the Board for their input on the upcoming Board Retreat. The Board expressed a desire to participate in the Meyers Briggs Training, The Highly Effective Board Seminar facilitated by Jeff Cohn, as well as, some of the technology programs they would like a refresher training on.

14. Fold & Flow Yoga

Dr. Patterson gave her recommendation to add Fold and Flow Yoga to the District's approved vendor list. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

15. Chicago Billboard Contract

Ms. Clayton presented the Chicago Billboard Renewal Contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Clayton is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting

16. Online Subscriptions Renewal-Part I

Ms. Veazey presented her first round of online subscriptions renewals for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Veazey is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

17. PE Textbook Adoption

Ms. Veazey presented the textbook adoption selected by the PE Department. Ms. Veazey is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

18. 2021-2022 Bella Transportation Services Inc. Contract

Dr. Ablin presented the Bella Transportation Services Inc. renewal contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

19. 2021-2022 Go Solutions Contract

Dr. Ablin presented the Go Solutions renewal contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

20. 2021-2022 Willemore Inc. Contract DBA Health Force

Dr. Ablin presented the Willemore Inc. DBA Health Force renewal contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

21. RISE Safe School Program Agreement

Dr. Ablin presented the RISE Safe School Program agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

22. RISE Short Term Program Agreement

Dr. Ablin presented the RISE Short Term Program agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the May 17, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

23. New Business

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that we recently received a FOIA Request seeking the schedule and sign-in/sign-out log of a staff member.

24. Executive Session (2:200)

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

Motion Carried at 7:32p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 8:34p.m.

25. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Dickerson to adjourn the May 3, 2021 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 8:35p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Nettles, President

Sharron Davis, Secretary