

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

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

President Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:25pm.

2. Roll Call (2:20)

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

Also present were Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Dr. Tiffany Burnett, Assistant Superintendent, Ms. Theresa Smith, Director of Student Services, Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology, and Ms. Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official.

3. Presentations

No presentations.

4. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Patterson commented on the District's attendance/experience at the AASA Learn 2025 Conference in Washington, D.C. Dr. Patterson stated that it is her goal for District 144 to be represented as presenters at the 2023 conference. Dr. Patterson then informed the Board of her schedule for the remainder of July, as well as, August.

5. Access 411-Parent/Visitor System

Dr. Patterson presented her recommendation to upgrade the RaptorWare System the District currently uses for our security I.D. system to Access 411. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

6. Administrative Stipend Discussion

Dr. Patterson recommended to the Board that an additional stipend be given to Ms. Rucker for the 2022-2023 school year to oversee the new SOAR Academy's alternative program. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

7. BOE/Administrators Equity Training-Ms. Teresa Lance

Dr. Patterson presented her recommendation to bring in Ms. Teresa Lance, Decisive and Strategic Outcomes, to conduct an equity training for the Administrative staff and the Board during their upcoming retreat. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

8. Gumbo Art Program Discussion-Jermaine Maxey

Dr. Patterson presented her recommendation for Jermaine Maxey, Gumbo Art Studio, to conduct the art program at the STEAM Academy, as well as, an afterschool program focusing on graphic art at the Junior High. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

9. Construction Update

Ms. Clayton shared a construction update for Chateaux, and various other District projects going on throughout the District stating that everything is moving on schedule.

10. COVID Testing Discussion

Dr. Patterson shared that we are looking to transition from SHIELD Testing to solely using S & T Labs for the 2022-2023 school. Testing will continue every day as indicated on the testing schedule.

11. Deans List Proposal for Prairie-Hills Jr. High

Dr. Patterson presented to the Board a recommendation to implement a Deans List Program to replace the current Point System used for the 8th graders. This program will be used throughout the entire Junior High. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

12. Markham Park Construction Update

Dr. Patterson announced to the Board that she was informed today that all of the BID's for the Markham Park addition came in above the proposed cost. Dr. Patterson then shared with the Board a discussion she had with the architects to revise the plan and to be prepared for just a remodel and not the addition. Dr. Patterson plans to continue to bring information as it is developed.

13. Move Me Soul Dance Program Discussion-Ayesha Jaco

Dr. Patterson presented Ayesha Jaco, Owner of the Move Me Soul Dance Studio to bring in the Dance Program at the STEAM Academy. Dr. Patterson recommended dance during the day, as well as, during the Afterschool program. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

14. New Vendor-Celebration on Wells Catering Services

Dr. Patterson presented the Celebration on Wells Catering Services as a new vendor to be used during the upcoming Administrative Retreat. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

15. Principals Coaching Support Discussion

Dr. Patterson recommended to the Board to bring Ms. Julia Veazey to mentor Dr. Burnett-Johnson for half a year. In addition, Dr. Patterson would like to bring Dr. Adrianzen in to mentor Mr. Smith, as well as, to assist with monitoring the instructional process. Dr. Patterson then shared her recommendation to provide internal mentoring for our new administrators offering selected administrators a stipend for the year. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

16. School Technology Associates, Inc.

Mr. Hill presented the School Technology Associates, Inc. as a new vendor to provide the District with their identification cards moving forward. Mr. Hill is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

17. (3) SEO (Student Engagement Officers) Positions Discussion

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board the roles of the SEO Team during the 2022-2023 school year as it relates to their new office locations, schedules of movement throughout the District, truancy, contact tracing, and other designated tasks.

18. SOAR Alternative Academy Discussion

Ms. Smith and Dr. Patterson shared a packet explaining the new SOAR Alternative Academy.

19. Southland Juvenile Justice Council/Purple Path Discussion

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she will be presenting a joint contract for Southland Juvenile Justice Council and Purple Path in association with the Peace Rooms offering a variety of sessions at each schools that will be offered to parents as well. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

20. STEM Program

Dr. Patterson presented 21st Century Ed as a new vendor to use for the junior high STEM Program. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

21. Young Rembrandt's Art Program Contract

Dr. Patterson presented her recommendation to add the Young Rembrandt's Art contract for the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the July 18, 2022 Regular Business Meeting.

22. New Business

The Board and Dr. Patterson discussed the upcoming Board Retreat Agenda.

23. Executive Session (2:200)

No Executive Session.

24. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Dickerson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the July 5, 2022 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Davis.

Motion Carried 7:05p.m.

Submitted by,

Barbara Nettles, President

Sharron Davis, Secretary