

**September 20, 2021**

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

President Ms. Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also present were: Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent (online), Dr. Kenneth Scott, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Carrie Ablin, Director of Student Services, Ms. Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official, and Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology.

**C. Presentation (3:60 & 8:30)**

Student presentations came from 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and , 8<sup>th</sup> graders from Prairie-Hills Jr. High. The students presented to the Board a Coding Project explaining how they programmed and coded the robotic ball Sphero using the program sphero.edu. The students spoke briefly about the process of coding and followed it up with a demonstration. The students then explained the calculations and equations used to create the maze for Sphero, followed by showing the Board how Shero is able to maneuver through the student created maze.

Next, Ms. Kimberly Cook, Principal-Fieldcrest Elementary, Ms. Christina Montgomery, Principal-Highlands Elementary and Ms. Tiffany Rucker, Principal-Markham Park Elementary, all presented their WIGS (Wildly Important Goals) for the 2021-2022 school year to the Board. Each principal shared their daily instructional plans including; Curriculum, Social Emotional Learning periods, assessments, rituals and routines, to name a few.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 Work Session Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Abstain: Ms. Taylor. Absent: Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried**

Ms. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021, Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried**

Ms. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried**

**E. President's Report**

Ms. Nettles began by reporting on a webinar she recently attended that focused on the most recent masks and remote learning mandates. Ms. Nettles was pleased that D144 remains in compliance with the mandates. Ms. Nettles then shared that she recently attended the Prairie-Hills Jr. High “Meet the Teacher” Night event, Ms. Davis then shared that she recently attended the “Meet the Teacher” Night at Markham Park (in addition to their Hispanic Heritage program) and at the PLC (Primary Learning Center). After that, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Taylor shared highlights of their experience at the NSBA CUBE (National School Board Association- Council of Urban Boards of Education) Conference they recently attended. Ms. Jordan concluded with highlights of the SCOPE Meetings she attended.

**F. Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Patterson shared with the Board the student Testing Manual she created. The manual has been mailed home to all students and has been uploaded on the district website. Dr. Patterson then announced that she is now working on the Testing Manual for staff.

**G. Board of Education – Action Items (2:10 & 2:20)**

Ms. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Taylor to create a Consent Agenda for items G1, G2, G4-G12, G14, G16, I1 and I3. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Davis, Ms. Jordan and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

**G1. Approve 2021-2022 Budget**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G2. Approve Bilingual Speech Solutions LLC Contract**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G3. Approve Consolidated District Plan**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G4. Approve Educational Services LLC Contract**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G5. Approve Glenwood Chess Club Program FY22 Agreement**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G6. Approve Governors State New Administrator Mentoring Contract**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G7. Approve January 1- June 30, 2021 Allocation of Interest Earned**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G8. Approve Jeff Cohn dba Brave Dialogue**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G9. Approve Maxim Amended Agreement**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G10. Approve Memorandum of Understanding-City of Oak Forest**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G11. Approve Mem-FY22 Afterschool Program Stipends**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G12. Approve Notice of Feasibility Study for TIF**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**G13. Approve Young Rembrandt Art Program Contract**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**H. Audience Participation (2:30)**

No audience participation.

**I. Administration – Action Reports (2:20)**

**I1. Approve Personnel Recommendations**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**I2. Approve Outside Contracts**

N/A

**I3. Approve Professional Assignment Request**

Approved on Consent Agenda

**I4. Approve Invoices**

Ms. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Black to approve the September 20, 2021 invoices, as well as, the August 20<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 supplemental invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Davis, Ms. Jordan, and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Fund</u>                | <u>Amount</u>         |
|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9-20-21     | Education                  | \$965,612.62          |
| 9-20-21     | Operations and Maintenance | \$110,898.99          |
| 9-20-21     | Debt Service               | \$ 0                  |
| 9-20-21     | Transportation             | \$ 59,614.84          |
| 9-20-21     | Capital Projects           | <u>\$1,413,245.01</u> |
|             | <b>Total:</b>              | <b>\$2,549,371.46</b> |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Fund</u>                | <u>Amount</u>       |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 8-31-21     | Education                  | \$199,932.83        |
| 8-31-21     | Operations and Maintenance | \$ 0                |
| 8-31-21     | Debt Service               | \$ 0                |
| 8-31-21     | Transportation             | <u>\$ 0</u>         |
|             | <b>Total:</b>              | <b>\$199,932.83</b> |

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Fund</u>                | <u>Amount</u>       |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 8-20-21     | Education                  | \$ 76,291.80        |
| 8-20-21     | Operations and Maintenance | \$ 19,202.10        |
| 8-20-21     | Debt Service               | \$ 5,589.64         |
| 8-20-21     | Transportation             | \$ 00               |
| 8-20-21     | Capital Projects           | <u>\$128,130.27</u> |
|             | <b>Total:</b>              | <b>\$229,213.81</b> |

**I5. Approve Payroll and Benefits**

Ms. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the August 15 and August 31, 2021 payrolls. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Taylor, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Davis, and Ms. Nettles. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried**

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 8-15-21     | Net         | \$184,317.73  |

|             |             |               |                     |
|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 8-15-21     | Liabilities |               | <u>\$144,159.68</u> |
|             |             | <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$328,477.41</b> |
| <u>Date</u> | <u>Fund</u> |               | <u>Amount</u>       |
| 8-31-21     | Net         |               | \$177,052.44        |
| 8-31-21     | Liabilities |               | <u>\$146,368.89</u> |
|             |             | <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$323,421.33</b> |

## **J. Administration – Information Reports (3:50)**

### **1. Business Affairs**

Ms. Clayton began by announcing the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Financial Wellness Meeting scheduled for September 22, 2021 sponsored by Fifth Third Bank. Ms. Clayton then gave a brief financial update, as well as, a construction update. Ms. Clayton informed the Board of the monthly revenue. The remainder of her report was as presented.

### **2. Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

The Curriculum and Instruction report was as presented.

### **3. Human Resources**

Dr. Scott gave a brief Human Resources report on new hires, resignations, retirements and FMLA's. Dr. Scott then informed the Board that Prairie-Hills ESD 144 was approved for a \$97,900 Fresh Food Grant at all elementary buildings except the junior high. The remainder of the report was as presented.

### **4. Student Services**

Dr. Ablin began by sharing with the Board that IL Central Bus Company is experiencing staffing shortages and as a result has caused longer wait times for routes. Dr. Ablin then informed the Board that the Health Clerks are working diligently to assure all immunization records are up-to-date as we approach the October 15, 2021 exclusion date. The remainder of her report was as presented.

### **5. Technology**

Mr. Hill gave a brief Technology report that included Decision Ed updates, as well as, upgrades in computer lab across the District, and finally Wireless Access Points. Finally Mr. Hill announced that the District received a \$176,000 E-Rate Funding Grant. The remainder of his report was as presented.

## **K. New Business (2:20)**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that ECHO is requesting an additional lease of 9 classrooms due to a mold issue at their current location.

## **L. Executive Session (2:200)**

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

**Motion Carried 7:20p.m.**

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

**Motion Carried 7:30p.m.**

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

Ms. Taylor moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to adjourn the September 20, 2021 Board Meeting. On verbal vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Dickerson and Ms. Matthews.

**Motion Carried 7:30p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Ms. B. Nettles, President**

**Ms. S. Davis, Secretary**