

BOARD OF EDUCATION                      PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION                      DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER  
3015 WEST 163<sup>RD</sup> STREET                      MARKHAM, ILLINOIS  
July 7, 2014

**1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

President Mrs. Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was completed in the earlier session.

**2. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Barbara Nettles and Mrs. Sharron Davis.

Also, present were: Superintendent, Dr. Kimako Patterson, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Julia A. Veazey, Chief School Business Official & Human Resources, Dr. Alicia Evans, and Director of Student Services, Mrs. Carrie Ablin.

**3. 2007-2010 Cook County Tax Objection Update**

Dr. Evans informed the board that from time to time municipalities get together to file law suits against school districts, library districts, municipalities etc.

She stated that they are requesting a refund of 2.3 million dollars. She informed the Board that the attorneys are in the process of reviewing the paperwork to determine the merits of the case.

A brief discussion regarding the plaintiffs in the case followed.

**4. Bids for the 2015 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant**

Dr. Evans informed the board that every year the district is required to go out for bid for any grants over \$100,000.00. She asked the Board for permission to go out for bids for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Grant.

There was a discussion on how successful the program was last year.

**5. Abatement Agreement**

Dr. Evans presented to the board the draft of the abatement agreement. She stated that the agreement is for the smaller stores to receive a 50% abatement.

There was a discussion regarding whether or not the Board would agree to the 50% abatement and a list of all of the stores to be included.

Dr. Evans stated that she would get a list of all of the stores that will be a part of the abatement.

#### **6. Strategic Goals (Discussion)**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that the strategic goals must be reviewed every year. She stated that she would like to build a foyer at Chateaux and Markham Park Schools.

Dr. Adams asked about the timeline. Dr. Patterson informed her that she would like to have Markham Park completed prior to December of 2014 and Chateaux prior to June of 2015 depending on the availability of grant funds.

Dr. Patterson reviewed the entire strategic plan with the board.

#### **7. Town Hall Meeting (Discussion)**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that she would like to have a town hall meeting in October. The topics of discussion will be programs offered by the district along with the districts progress on the MAP assessment.

Dr. Jackson asked Dr. Patterson if the format could be changed from the way was last year. Dr. Patterson stated that there needs to be more organization to the process.

The date will be discussed at the August work session.

#### **8. Attorney Selection (Discussion)**

The board discussed having a meeting of the whole to conduct Attorney interviews on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July at 5:00 p.m.

#### **9. Outside Contracts**

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that the contracts she is presenting are renewal contracts. She stated that she is presenting Awesome Transportation, Williams Transportation, Teaching Strategies (Pre-K) and Go Solutions (Medicaid Billing).

There was a brief discussion about Williams Transportation versus Awesome Transportation.

#### **10. Executive Session**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to go into executive session. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Ms. Barbara Nettles, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried 8:55**

Juanita R. Jordan moved to adjourn the executive session. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

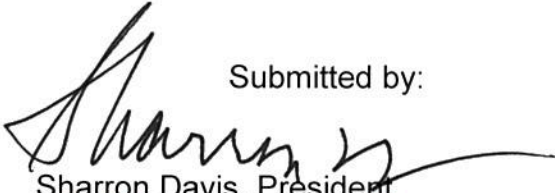
**Motion Carried 8:59**

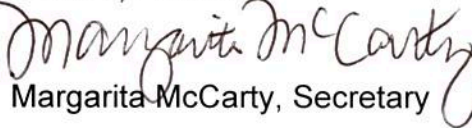
**11. Adjournment**

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried 9:00 p.m.**

Submitted by:

  
Sharron Davis, President

  
Margarita McCarty, Secretary