

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

PROFESSIONAL CENTER

3015 W. 163RD STREET

MARKHAM, IL 60428

JULY 21, 2014

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She then led the Board and audience in the pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

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.

C. Presentations

Tyneka Richards presented to the board a Base Program in conjunction with Junior Achievement. She gave the board an overview of what the program provides. She stated that the program provided Recess Monitoring, Lunch Monitoring, Tutoring, Reading Comprehension programs, Sports, STEM and Robotics. She stated that they will customize the program to meet the needs of the school district. Ms. Richards informed the Board that the program is state funded. She stated that if students qualify for free lunch they will qualify for her program. The program is a pilot program. They will accept 60 students per school pre-k through 6 grades.

Deshonda Wright informed the Board that she has been a classroom teacher in the Chicago Public Schools for 13 years. She stated that she has been the International Baccalaureate Coordinator for the last seven years. She has now joined the Junior Achievement Base Program. She presented to the Board the curriculum. She stated that their teachers will provide data driven instruction, assistance with homework and test preparation. She stated that they would like the program to be an extension of what's done in the classroom. They will also align lessons with the common core state standards. She informed the Board that there will be a 1to10 ratio in their classes. She stated that they will build a program that will provide data.

Dr. Jackson inquired about tuition for the program. Mrs. Richards stated that there will be parent co-pay based on the family income. She stated that it could be as little as five dollars.

Dr. Jackson also inquired about the qualification of the teachers in the program. Ms. Richards stated all of their teachers will have Masters Degree or are currently in school for education certification. She stated that they also go through a background check.

D. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles and Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2014 Work Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson (with correction on the Public Hearing title) and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles and Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

Motion Carried

E. Presidents Report

President Davis had no report.

Mrs. Jordan informed the Board that she arranged a meeting with Congresswoman Robyn Kelly on August 6, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. with the knowledge of the board president. She is able to bring 10 people to the meeting from various School Districts in the South Suburbs.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson informed the board that 3 of our schools received gold status for PBIS they are Mae Jemison, Nob Hill and Fieldcrest. Four schools received silver status, they are Markham Park, Highlands, Chateaux and Prairie-Hills Junior High. She informed the Board that she is looking for the Gold Status Schools to move to Platinum and the Silver Status to move to Gold Status. She stated that she wanted to show that the schools have improved in offering tier 2 and tier 3 wraparound services.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports**G1. Abatement Agreement (Discussion) Tenant List**

Dr. Evans informed the board that she has attached the tenant list for the abatement agreement. She stated that she is providing this information so the board can make a decision on the abatement agreement. Dr. Evans stated that any business not listed will not be a part of the abatement agreement.

Ms. Davis polled the board on how they would like to proceed. The general consensus was that the board will not allow an abatement agreement.

Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper arrived at 7:15.

G2. Approve Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the request for bid for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

G3. Approve Administrative Contracts

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to table the approval of Administrative contracts. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to un-table the administrative contracts. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory

Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the administrative contracts. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

H. Audience Participation

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to open the floor for audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Mr. Aubrey Fourte addressed the Board. He stated that he was wrongfully terminated as a temporary custodian after he was seen speaking with Dr. Jackson (Board Member). He stated that as a disabled veteran he felt that he was being treated unfairly. He wanted to know why he couldn't get his job back when another employee has returned to work after being in the county jail.

Dr. Jackson stated that he told Mr. Fourte that he would need to talk Dr. Patterson regarding the issue. He stated that if Mr. Fourte felt that his termination was based on him talking to Dr. Jackson then it was wrong, if that was the case.

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper asked Mr. Fourte if he felt that he did not get his due process. Mr. Fourte stated that he was discharged on December 5 2013 for insubordination. He stated that prior to that he was promised a full time position by Foy Bryant.

Mrs. Davis informed him that Dr. Patterson would contact him to provide closure on this situation for him.

Mr. Al Wright of Hazel Crest inquired about the money recently borrowed and now he hears that the district has a surplus. He would like to know why money was borrowed. He additionally wanted to know the reason that the district is a

defendant in tax litigation and if a format was decided on for the town hall meeting.

Dr. Evans informed him that the district borrowed the money to replenish our working cash fund. She stated that there was only \$700 thousand dollars left in the working cash fund after money was transferred to cover the cost of our construction project. She stated that because the state is having financial difficulties and we are a vendor of the state we did not receive funds in a timely manner. She stated that we have been making changes in how we spend our money to avoid a situation like this in the future.

Dr. Patterson informed Mr. Wright that we have made additional cuts to the budget. She stated that classes have been combined and there were overall staff cuts. She stated that in some instances there was a ratio of 2-5, teachers and assistants versus students. She stated that class sizes have increased. She also stated that administrative cuts were also made.

Dr. Evans informed Mr. Wright that the tax objection letter is from a watch dog group. She stated that there are a number of plaintiffs in the group. She stated that they are trying to recoup taxes from anyone they can. Additionally she stated that the attorneys are working on getting a complete list of plaintiffs.

Dr. Jackson stated that he wants to see less of a presentation for the town hall meeting and more discussion from the audience..

Mr. Wright stated that he agreed with Dr. Jackson on how the town hall meeting should be set up.

Mrs. Davis stated that when the Town Hall Meeting is discussed with the Board and a consensus is agreed upon it will be put out to the community.

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Becky Adams to close audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

I. Administration – Action Reports

1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Dr. Becky Adams moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to approve the personnel recommendations. On roll call the following members voted aye: Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Dr. Jackson inquired about how many Para Professionals have not been called back at this point. Dr. Patterson informed him that 15 have not been called back based on the numbers from the 2013-2014 school year!

Motion Carried

2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to approve outside contracts. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Barbara Nettles.

Mr. Jordan inquired about the difference in prices of Awesome Transportation versus Williams Transportation. Mrs. Ablin informed her that Williams Transportation only has one bus and the cannot go long distances

Motion Carried

3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to approve professional assignment requests. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

4. Approve July Invoices

Ms. Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Ms. Juanita R. Jordan to approve the July invoices. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper (except the attorney bills), Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7-21-14	Education	\$1,049,646.65
7-21-14	Operation & Maintenance	\$108,555.01
7-21-14	Transportation	\$45,658.31
7-21-14	Life Safety	\$31,270.00
	Total:	\$1,235,129.97

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7-01-14	Education	\$21,964.83
7-01-14	Operation & Maintenance	\$3,004.89
	Total:	<u>\$25,269.72</u>

6-30-14	Transportation	\$143,143.90
	Total:	<u>\$143,143.90</u>

5. Approve July Payroll and Benefits

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the July Payroll and Benefits. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6-13-14	Education	\$457,101.38

6-13-14	Liabilities	<u>\$415,730.97</u>
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Total:	<u>\$872,832.35</u>
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6-30-14	Education	\$508,063.67
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6-30-14	Liabilities	\$462,613.73
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Total:	<u>\$970,677.40</u>
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6-30-14	Education	\$40,377.68
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6-30-14	Liabilities	\$29,284.59
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Total:	<u>\$69,662.27</u>
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7-01-14	Education	\$239,458.91
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Total:	<u>\$239,458.91</u>
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J. Administration – Information Reports

1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

None

2. Business Affairs and Human Resources

As presented.

Dr. Evans stated that she wanted to highlight the bill received by the Sanders Group (WICSET). She stated that they are trying to recoup money from anyone that they have ever done business with. They are billing school districts for the period of 2008/2009.

3. Student Services

As Presented.

Mrs. Ablin highlighted the registration numbers. She stated that it is low but it is near where it was last year. She stated that online registration has the most registrants.

Dr. Jackson inquired about the co-teaching classrooms and how many hours Dr. Roberts is billing for. Mrs. Ablin informed him that Dr. Roberts has billed under her allocated budget.

K. Executive Session

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

Motion Carried 8:42 p.m.

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

Motion Carried 9:20

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to approve the minutes for the June 16, 2014 executive session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Elaine Walker to approve the minutes for the June 2, 2014 Special Meeting executive session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles

Motion Carried

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved to approve the executive minutes of the June 2, 2014 Work Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan, and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

Ms. Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Mrs. Sharron Davis to approve the executive minutes of the May 27, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Mrs. Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Ms. Elaine Walker, Ms. Juanita R. Jordan and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried

L. New Business

Dr. Patterson asked the board if it was possible to have a special board meeting on August 4th prior to the work session to approve personnel; They agreed that it was fine. She additionally introduced the new Assistant Principals for the Junior High.

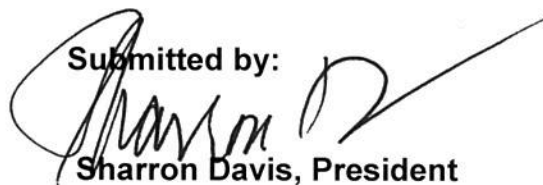
She informed the board that the new truck has arrived and that Mrs. Veazey would like to use the old truck for the tech department. The truck will be used sparingly. She stated that the tech department would pay to have safety issues corrected. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she would like to have a mechanic look at the old truck to resolve any safety issues.

M. Adjournment

Ms. Juanita R. Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Barbara Nettles.

MOTION CARRIED 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:


Sharron Davis, President


Margarita McCarty, Secretary