

BOARD OF EDUCATION

PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

PROFESSIONAL CENTER

3015 w. 163RD STREET

MARKHAM, IL 60428

AUGUST 18, 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. Barbara Nettles and Mrs. Sharron Davis. Absent: Elaine Walker 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

Mrs. Veazey presented to the Board the Map Data. She stated that the goal is that the students score in the 85th percentile or above. She stated that the new map assessment is aligned with the Common Core State Standards. She showed the 2012/2013 scores for fall, winter and spring assessments according to common core. She stated that from winter to spring the student's scores dropped slightly. She stated that this year the district has mandated there is a pre-conference, post conference and ending conference.

She informed the board that in 2013/2014 the students have shown growth with the Illinois state standards versus the common core standards.

Dr. Patterson stated that the MAP assessment scores are nationally normed.

Mrs. Veazey reviewed the scores from each school. She stated that she wants the board to know that the expectation is that growth is shown.

Dr. Evans presented to the board the tentative budget. She stated that she is managing cash flow and revenues. She stated that Operations and Maintenance have been removed from the Education Fund. The plan is to make sure that all funds are able to stand alone. She stated that the construction fund will be moved to operations and maintenance. Dr. Evans stated that the district will

maintain the expenditures. She additionally stated that the district will have a loss of general state aid of about \$433,000.00.

Dr. Evans informed the board that Education is the largest fund. She stated that most of our expenditures come from salaries and benefits.

Dr. Patterson stated that revenues will increase as they continue to seek grants and other funds.

Elaine Walker arrived at 7:02

Dionne Freeman-Cooper arrived at 7:10

D. Approval of Minutes

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call members voting aye: Barbara Nettles, Dr. Becky Adams, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call members voting aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 Work Session. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Sharron Davis. Nay: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Sharron Davis to approve the minutes of the July, 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting with corrections. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan, Dionne Freeman-cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call members voting

aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: None.
Absent: None.

Motion Carried

E. Presidents Report

President Sharron Davis had no report.

Ms. Jordan informed the Board that she had a meeting with Congresswoman Robyn Kelly on August 6, 2014. She stated that she informed Congresswoman Kelly of the following:

- Common Core as an unfunded mandate and the need for extensive professional development for teachers
- Need for districts to upgrade the technology for the PARCC Assessment
- Aspect of people who are not educators making decisions on education
- Inversion: Walgreens and other companies wanting to move out of the country
- Nutrition and districts having more flexibility in food choices for school lunches
- Budgets

She stated that Congresswoman Kelly will take our message back to Washington.

Mrs. Nettles informed the Board that she spoke with Congresswoman Kelly about the budget.

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the State has a new program where they recognize excellent Pre-K programs. She informed the Board that two of the districts Pre-k programs won the gold award. They were Highlands and Chateaux.

Dr. Patterson also informed the Board that the district is implementing a one to one laptop program for the 8th grade. Mrs. Veazey showed the laptops that will be used to the board.

Dr. Patterson also thanked Ms. Walker, Dr. Adams and Ms. Nettles for attending the opening day program on Monday, August 18, 2014.

G. Board of Education – Action Reports

G1. Digits Math Pilot (Discussion)

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that the Junior High math teachers have chosen Digits a complete online program for Math. Mrs. Veazey stated that she is excited about the program, but she is not careless. She is asking the board for permission to pilot the program for 8th grade. There is also a paper pencil portion

that the program offers. The cost of the entire program is \$61,000.00 compared to the \$400,000.00 it cost for comparable textbooks.

The cost for the 8th grade licenses will be \$20,000.00.

Mrs. Nettles asked if the program allows the student to continue on to the next lesson without mastery. Mrs. Veazey informed her that the program will not allow the student to move forward. She stated that there is an intervention and enrichment piece to the program.

Dr. Jackson stated that if the board agreed to pilot the program, he would like to see some data on the program.

G2. Attorney Selection (Discussion)

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper gave a handout to the board. She wanted the board to pay attention to bullet point numbers 2,6,9 and 10. She stated that the Board needed to rely on the attorney's for legal support and not emotional support.

Dr. Jackson stated that the board needs to look at it like the attorney's work for the board. He additionally stated that we should have a contract with the firm selected.

There was a discussion about the expectations and the will of the board. Mrs. Freeman-cooper stated that she has never seen a bill that states "email conversation". There was a brief discussion regarding billing for the following criteria.

- Itemized bill
- Emails
- Phone Conferences
- Letter
- 6 minute billing

The board agreed to vote on the attorney at the regular board meeting on September 15, 2014.

G3. Approve the Building Rental Rates for PHJH

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the building rental rates for PHJH. On roll call members voting aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G4. Approve Tentative Budget (2014-2015)

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the tentative budget for 2014-2015. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Barbara Nettles, Dr. Becky Adams, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G5. Approve the Nob Hill Door Replacement

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the Nob Hill door replacement project. On roll call members voting aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G6. Approve the Markham Park Masonry Project

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the Markham Park Masonry Project. On roll call members voting aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

G7. Approve Tractor Purchase

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the purchase of a new tractor. On roll call members voting aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dionne Freeman-Cooper. Abstain: Dr. Becky Adams. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

H. Audience Participation

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

Motion Carried

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to close audience participation. On roll call members voting aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr.

Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

I. Administration – Action Reports

1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

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

Motion Carried

2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement

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

Motion Carried

3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)

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

Motion Carried

4. Approve July Invoices

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

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8-18-14	Education	\$222,521.77
8-18-14	Operation & Maintenance	\$94,310.86
8-18-14	Transportation	\$14,887.41
Total:		\$331,720.84

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8-05-14	Education	\$5,591.10
8-05-14	Operation & Maintenance	\$6,720.95
Total:		<u>\$12,312.05</u>

5. Approve July Payroll and Benefits

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

Motion Carried

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07-15-14	Education/O&M	\$113,328.61
7-15-14	Liabilities	<u>\$114,234.38</u>
Total:		<u>\$227,562.99</u>
7-31-14	Education/ O&M	\$105,657.78

7-31-14	Liabilities	\$111,337.61
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Total:	<u>\$216,995.39</u>
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7-31-14	Education	\$654.69
7-31-14	Liabilities	\$381.24

Total:	<u>\$1,035.93</u>
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7-31-14	Education	\$39,102.10
7-31-14	Liabilities	\$28,317.24

Total:	<u>\$67,419.34</u>
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7-31-14	Education	\$318,390.18
7-31-14	Liabilities	\$116,664.46

Total:	<u>\$435,054.64</u>
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7-31-14	Education	\$340,059.83
7-31-14	Liabilities	\$122,680.71

Total:	<u>\$462,740.54</u>
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7-29-14	Education	\$230,358.27
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Total:	<u>\$239,458.91</u>
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J. Administration – Information Reports

1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology

As presented.

Dr. Jackson inquired about the waivers. Mrs. Veazey stated that Illinois was granted a waiver for NCLB and AYP which was effective July 14, 2014 and will be in effect until 2016. She stated that there are no sanctions as it related to Choice and SES. She stated that money used for the SES program will be put into our afterschool program by possibly adding transportation for after school.

She stated that the district is exempt from AYP and Science for 4th and 7th grade until 2015/2016 school year.

2. Business Affairs and Human Resources

As presented.

Dr. Jackson inquired about infinite visions and the cost. He inquired if it would be cheaper if the district provided the services ourselves. Dr. Evans informed him that the district is tied to the treasurer office as related to Infinite Visions.

3. Student Services

As Presented. With the exception that Mrs. Ablin wanted to update the board on registration. She stated that since August 9, 2014 150 more students have been registered. Our total registered is now at 2180. The next registration date is scheduled for August 25th and August 26th.

Dr. Jackson inquired about Pre-k attendance procedures. Mrs. Ablin informed him that there were students in the program that did not attend on a regular basis which was why the parents had to sign an agreement that their student would attend on a regular basis. She also stated that there is a waiting list of about 40 students; they will be filtered in if currently enrolled students do not keep their agreement.

Dr. Jackson inquired about why we don't have registration during the first week of school. Dr. Patterson informed him that not registering during the first week allows the secretaries to clean up registration making sure that all students are entered into Powerschool and the class sizes are evenly distributed.

K. Executive Session

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

Motion Carried

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

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the executive session minutes of the July 7, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the executive minutes of the July 21, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan, Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Abstain: Dr. Becky Adams. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

L. New Business

The board agreed to host the Town Hall Meeting on October 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

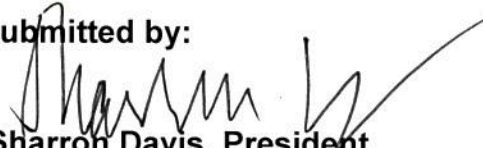
Mrs. Jordan informed everyone that the United Negro College Fund is hosting a networking event on September 22, 2014.

M. Adjournment

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

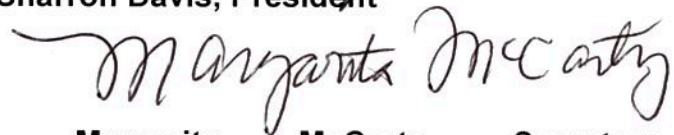
MOTION CARRIED 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharron Davis, President

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Margarita

McCarty,

Secretary