

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**PROFESSIONAL CENTER**

**3015 W. 163<sup>RD</sup> STREET**

**MARKHAM, IL 60428**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 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: 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. Sharron Rossiter the new Superintendent from SPEED 802 introduced herself to the board and thanked Dr. Patterson for her warm welcome.

**D. Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2014 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Barbara Nettles, Dr. Becky Adams, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2014 Work Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Abstain: Elaine Walker. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Becky Adams, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Dionne Freeman-Cooper.

**Motion Carried**

Dionne Freeman-Cooper arrived at 7:07 p.m.

**E. Presidents Report**

President Sharron Davis congratulated Juanita R. Jordan on receiving an award from the Illinois Association of School Boards for becoming a Master School Board Member.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Patterson presented the Welcome Back video that Mr. Scott created for Mae Jemison School's parents and community members..

**G. Board of Education – Action Reports**

**G1. School Fundraisers**

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

**Motion Carried**

**G2. Application for Recognition of Schools**

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools. 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**

**G3. Approve Building Usage at Mae Jemison-McCarty**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the Mae Jemison building usage. 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**

**G4. Approve Attorney Engagement Letter**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the Attorney Engagement Letter.

There was a brief discussion regarding the fees being charged by Pretzel and Stoffer versus Johnson & Bell. After the discussion it was decided to rescind the approval of the Attorney Engagement Letter.

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

**Motion Carried**

**G5. Approve Attorney Search**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to table the approval of the Attorney Search. 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**

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

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve Johnson & Bell as the attorney of record for Prairie-Hills School District 144. On roll call the following member voted aye: Dionne Freeman-Cooper and Dr. Becky Adams. Nays: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Absent: None.

**Motion Did Not Carry**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve Robbins Schwartz as the attorney of record for Prairie-Hills School District 144. On roll call the following members voted aye: Juanita R. Jordan, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Dionne Freeman-Cooper, Dr. Becky Adams. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

**G6. Approve CB Chicago PTAB Appraisal Fees and Review Report**

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

**Motion Carried**

**G7. Approve the Contract for Johnson Control-Maintenance and Chiller Start Up**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the Contract for Johnson Controls. 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**

**G8. PHJH Projector Purchase**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Becky Adams, to approve the PHJH Projector Purchase. 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**

**H. Audience Participation**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to open the floor or audience participation. 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**

Mrs. Woodson of Hazel Crest inquired about how the community members would be notified about when the Town Hall Meeting would be taking place , what the format will be and if there will be presentation on "how wonderful the district is"?

Mrs. Davis informed her that the Town Hall Meeting is posted on the Website and there has also been robo calls. She informed her that there will be a presentation and the floor will then be open for questions.

Dr. Patterson stated that there would be a brief presentation of approximately 45 minutes.

Mr. Al Wright of Hazel Crest inquired about the abatement agreement for 167th street mall and whether the Board decided to uphold the abatement.

Mrs. Davis informed him that the board voted not to uphold the current abatement agreement and that the vote was final.

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to close audience participation. 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**

**I. Administration – Action Reports**

**1. Approve Personnel Recommendations**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the Personnel Recommendations. 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**

Dr. Evans informed the Board about the new policy of putting numbers on the FMLA leaves to be in compliance with the HIPPA Laws.

**2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement**

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

**Motion Carried**

**3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)**

Juanita R Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve Professional Assignment Request. 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**

**4. Approve Invoices**

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

**Motion Carried**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9-15-14	Education	\$ 468,448.21
9-15-14	Operation & Maintenance	\$113,089.63
9-15-14	Transportation	\$10,201.63
9-15-14	Life Safety	<u>\$ 323,937.86</u>

**Total:      \$915,677.33**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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9-2-14	Education	\$107.00
9-2-14	Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,199.92
		<b><u>Total: \$1,306.92</u></b>

8-26-14	Education	\$3,886.21
9-2-14	Operations & Maintenance	\$3,253.60
		<b><u>Total: \$7,139.81</u></b>

### 5. Approve August Payroll and Benefits

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the August Payroll. 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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8-15-14	Education	\$107,407.10
8-15-14	Education/ O&M Liabilities	<u>\$111,087.41</u>
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$218,494.51</u></b>
8-29-14	Education/ O&M Liabilities	\$126,823.69
8-29-14	Liabilities	\$131,891.14
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$258,714.83</u></b>
8-15-14	Education	\$310,784.34
8-15-14	Liabilities	\$111,409.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b><u>\$422,193.34</u></b>

8-29-14	Education	\$302,629.69
8-29-14	Liabilities	\$100,731.64

**Total: \$403,361.33**

8-29-14	Education	\$234,357.29
		<b><u>Total: \$234,357.29</u></b>

## **J. Administration – Information Reports**

### **1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

As presented, with the exception that the one to one laptop program will cost more. Mrs. Veazey stated that the deal with Sprint will be \$25.00 per laptop per student which will cost the district \$17.99 per month per student per device for a total of \$192,000.00 over 3 years. She stated that we can purchase the equipment for \$150,000.00 and pay for it through Title 1. She stated that she wants to check into how E-Rate will fund the second year of the contract.

### **2. Business Affairs and Human Resources**

As presented.

Dr. Evans reminded the board that the budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Also the Personnel meeting and Finance Committee meeting times be switched. The agreement was that the finance committee meeting will be held at 3:30.

### **3. Student Services**

As presented, with the exception of the invitation for the bullying presentation.

## **K. Executive Session**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to go into executive session. 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 8:15 p.m.**

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to return to open session. 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 8:55 p.m.**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the executive minutes of the August 18, 2014 Board Meeting. 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**

**L. New Business**


Dr. Patterson and the Board discussed possible dates for attending local village council meetings.

**M. Adjournment**

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

**MOTION CARRIED 8:57 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

  
Sharron Davis, President

  
Margarita McCarty, Secretary

