

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER
3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS
October 6, 2014

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mrs. Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was completed in the earlier session.

2. Roll Call

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

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. Principal Mentoring Program-GSU

Dr. Patterson discussed with the board that she would like the new Principal and Assistant Principals to participate in the MILE Mentoring Program at Governors State University. She stated that they would provide support to new administrators.

4. Annual Board Calendar (Discussion)

Dr. Patterson discussed the Annual Board Calendar with the Board. She inquired if this is something they would like to do. She reminded them that that Jeff Cohn has mentioned the draft calendar over the years. She stated that she would like the board to adopt the calendar officially.

5. Markham Patriots Cheerleader- Facility Use

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the Markham Patriots Cheerleaders would like to use the Junior High or Markham Park for cheerleading practice. They would use the facility for practice 3 times per week. There was a brief discussion about the agreement.

The board agreed to give a consensus that they will allow the Markham Patriots Cheerleaders use of
The schools.

6. Village Council Meetings- Discussion

The board discussed and agreed to attend one Village Council Meeting in October and one in November. The planned visits are for Hazel Crest and Oak Forest.

7. Records Disposal

Dr. Evans informed the board that they would need to approve of records that can be disposed of. She informed them that this is an annual task.

8. Plaintiff List

Dr. Evans presented the board with the plaintiff list for all of the tax objections properties for Oak Forest.

9. Castrogiovanni PTAB - 2012

Dr. Evans informed the Board that Castrogiovanni is asking for a refund of \$35,800. Dr. Evans stated that she is requesting permission for our attorneys to intervene on the districts behalf.

There was a brief discussion about the amount it would cost in legal fees for the intervention.

10. Mid America PTAB- 2012

Dr. Evans informed the Board that Mid America is requiring that the district respond to their appeal by October 13, 2014 or pay \$51,871.00 plus interest. She informed the Board that the district would share the cost of the appraisal with District 228.

The board agreed by consensus to allow our attorneys to intervene on our behalf.

11. Prairie-Hills District 144 Foundation for Excellence in Education-Discussion

Dr. Patterson informed the board that the district will need a search committee for the Foundation. She informed the Board that the search committee will be responsible for selecting a Board of Directors by reviewing the applications. She asked the Board if they knew of anyone who would like to participate in the search committee to please send the names to her.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she would bring the criteria for the Board of the Directors to the November board meeting for approval.

12. Outside Contracts

- Mrs. Veazey informed the board that she met with Junior Achievers program coordinator, Ms. Tanika Richards, and discussed with her the needs of the district. Mrs. Veazey stated that they will focus on K-1 with 90 students. She stated that no student will have to pay a fee, because she will not recommend any students that will not qualify financially for the program. She also informed the Board that all teachers will be certified.

- Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she would like to introduce the Digits Math component to 6th grade. She stated that teachers are willing to pilot the program. If the program is successful, she would like to expand it to include both 7th and 8th grade students. She stated that it is a 6 year license. If it is successful she would like.

The consensus was that Mrs. Veazey can move forward with purchasing the program.

- Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she will be presenting a contract for Dr. Frankie Swoope. Dr. Swoope will work with teachers that are in distress and provide support before remediation. Dr. Swoope will serve as a mentor and also provide parent workshops.
- Mrs. Ablin stated that she is presenting CDI (Community Development Institute) formally CEDA. She stated that they will work with the Pre-K students.
- Mrs. Ablin stated that she will also be presenting a contract for Blue Cap. They provide services for severely disabled students.

13. Legislative Issues

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she has spoken to Representative Will Davis who informed her that the most affluent school districts are speaking out against Senate Bill 16, While those who are supposedly "winners" remain quiet. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that they will need to speak up about the need for more money in our school district.

Dr. Patterson informed the board that they will need to discuss this issue with the legislators; Al Riley. Will Davis and Michael Hastings.

14. Senate Bill 16

Dr. Patterson informed the board the district stands to gain \$3,700,000.00 if Senate Bill 16 passes.

Mrs. Jordan stated that dollars are just being reallocated.

15. New Business

Dr. Patterson presented the SCOPE Intergovernmental Agreement. Mrs. Jordan will continue to serve on the committee. Dr. Adams will represent her at the Illinois Association of School Boards Conference.

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper gave the treasurers update. She stated that the budget is balanced.

16. Executive Session

None.

17. Adjournment

Dionne Freeman-Cooper moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Barbara Nettles.

Motion Carried 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by:


Sharron Davis, President


Margarita McCarty, Secretary