

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER**

**3015 W. 163RD STREET**

**MARKHAM, IL 60428**

**DECEMBER 21, 2015**

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

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was then completed.

**B. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Absent: Joyce Dickerson.

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

**C. Presentations**

**None.**

**D. Approval of Minutes**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Special Board Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Joyce Dickerson.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 Work Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Joyce Dickerson.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Joyce Dickerson.

**Motion Carried**

**E. Presidents Report**

None.

**F. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Patterson stated that she enjoyed the Holiday Dinner with the Board. She informed the Board that the District has received an additional \$26,000 dollars from the Race to the Top Grant. She also informed the Board that the Foundation Meeting went well with only one person absent.

Mrs. Jordan informed the Board that at the SPEED Meeting she spoke with Mrs. Rossiter, Superintendent about her lack of communication with the Board. Mrs. Jordan stated a student beat up a teacher at the school and that Mrs. Rossiter has let go of the Chicago Heights police department formerly used for security. Mrs. Jordan stated that Superintendent Rossiter is not effective.

There was a brief discussion regarding the situation at SPEED.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she met with Positive Connections along with Dr. Navarre, Superintendent of District 206 and Dr. Leak, Superintendent of District 168 to discuss their dissatisfaction with the services all three districts are receiving. She informed the Board that Dr. Navarre has already sent a 30 day notice to Positive Connections to sever their contract. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she would like to seek another transportation company that would be able to provide better service to the District.

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

Kathy Taylor moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to place items G1, G2, G3, I1, I3, I4 and I5 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Kathy Taylor and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Joyce Dickerson.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the items placed on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Dr. Gregory Jackson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

**G1. Approve 2015 Levy and PTELL Resolution**

Consent

**G2. Approval of Johnson Control**

Consent

**G3. Disapproval of Resignations for Employees G181368 and B060416**

Consent

**G4. Request for Qualifications for Architect**

Dr. Patterson discussed the RFQ for Architects with the Board. She informed them that the firms of JMA, Moody-Nolan, STR and Tria were the finalists. She informed them that she will inquire with some of the other Superintendents who have worked with some of the firms for a reference check.

Dr. Patterson discussed with the Board holding the January 4, 2016 Work Session at 6:00 p.m. for the Architects interviews she will provide feedback from other districts at the meeting.

**G5. Positive Connections Contract Severance Discussion**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that she has had several meetings with Mr. Holcomb from Positive Connections. She stated that she informed Mr. Holcomb that she expected a refund because the contract states that all busses are to have video and they don't. She stated that she was at a SPEED Meeting discussing the bus service and Dr. Navarre and Dr. Leak both stated that they were having problems with Positive Connections also. She stated that Bloom (Dr. Navarre) has already sent Positive Connections a 30 day intent to sever the contract letter. Dr. Leak in Sauk Village will present a letter of intent to sever in January.

Dr. Patterson stated that she informed Positive Connections about what have appeared to be Discriminatory practices.

There was a brief discussion regarding bus services.

**H. Audience Participation**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Dr. Gregory Jackson to open the floor for audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye:

Juanita R. Jordan, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Joyce Dickerson.

**Motion Carried**

Mr. Jeff Lawson of the Markham Wolverines thanked the Board and Superintendent for their support. He then presented a plaque to show their appreciation.

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to close audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Joyce Dickerson.

**Motion Carried**

**I. Administration – Action Reports**

- 1. Approve Personnel Recommendations**  
Consent
- 2. Approve Outside Contract Agreement**  
None
- 3. Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)**  
Consent
- 4. Approve Invoices**  
Consent

**Motion Carried**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
12-21-15	Education	\$ 582,272.50
12-21-15	Operation & Maintenance	\$90,849.10
12-21-15	Debt Service	\$3,182.38
12-21-15	Transportation	\$151,495.19
12-21-15	Life Safety	\$3,315.60

**Total: \$797,114.77**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
12-02-15	Education	\$12,005.92
12-05-15	Transportation	\$3,182.38
		<b>Total: <u>\$15,188.30</u></b>

**5. Approve Payroll and Benefits  
Consent**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
11-15-15	Education	\$431,448.77
11-15-15	Liabilities	<u>\$398,365.62</u>
		<b>Total: <u>\$829,814.39</u></b>

11-30-15	Education	\$451,857.82
11-30-15	Liabilities	\$415,878.97
		<b>Total: <u>\$867,736.79</u></b>

11-02-15	Education	\$434.59
11-02-15	Liabilities	\$92.41
		<b>Total: <u>\$527.00</u></b>

11-13-15	Education	\$431.03
11-13-15	Liabilities	\$150.28
		<b>Total: <u>\$581.31</u></b>

11-25-15	Education	\$4,982.91
11-25-15	Liabilities	\$3,654.94

**Total: \$ 8,637.85**

11-30-15

Education

\$240,521.22

**Total: \$240,521.22**

**J. Administration – Information Reports**

**1. Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

As presented with the exception that Mrs. Veazey wanted to highlight that the S.W.A.G.G. Mentoring Group went to the Children's Relief Fund where they packaged 500 food baskets and wrapped 700 gifts for those less fortunate.

**2. Business Affairs and Human Resources**

As presented

**3. Student Services**

As presented

**K. Executive Session**

None.

**L. New Business**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that \$50,000 dollars has been set aside to purchase band equipment however we do not plan to use all of those monies.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the District will need to get a monitoring system for the district wide surveillance system. She stated that Quality Alarms is the current alarm company, but we do not own any of the equipment in our buildings. She stated that she would like to roll the alarm system over into our current surveillance system, therefore the District would a one key system for everything-alarm and surveillance.

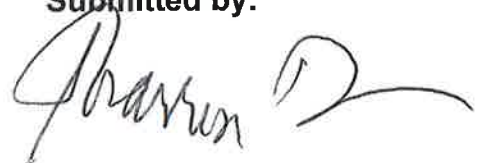
There was a brief discussion regarding the current situation with the threats to schools.

**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: Joyce Dickerson.

**MOTION CARRIED 8:53 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharron" followed by a stylized flourish.

**Sharron Davis, President**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathy" followed by a stylized flourish.

**Kathy Taylor, Secretary**