

BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
3015 WEST 163RD STREET

PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER
MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

JANUARY 4, 2016

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Elaine Walker called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker and Barbara Nettles. Absent: Sharron Davis.

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, Carrie Ablin.

3. Baker-Tilley Audit Presentation

Mike Supela of Baker Tilley completed a brief presentation regarding the annual audit. He stated that the district has come so far and is in great shape. He stated that this is the District's second year with no findings.

He stated that they have made recommendations in the past that the district has always complied, therefore they have no recommendations for the District at this time.

4. Superintendent Evaluation Items

Dr. Patterson presented to the board all seven goals and documentation on those goals for her annual evaluation due by March first.

5. Staff Members Children's Attending Our Schools

Dr. Patterson asked the Board if they were interested in allowing staff members' children to enroll in D144 at a reduced tuition rate. She informed them that the number of employees making request has increased.

There was a brief discussion regarding having staff members children attend District schools. Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she would have a table of prorated costs prepared.

6. Acceptance of Donation

Dr. Evans informed the board that a parent donated \$500.00 for the pom-pom squad.

7. Woodwind & Brasswood Band Equipment Proposal

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she would like to expand the equipment offered by our band department. She stated that she would like a consensus to order the equipment for the band. She stated \$50,000.00 was budgeted, but costs will be closer to \$40,000.00. The Board gave consensus for Mrs. Veazey to place the order.

8. Surveillance Maintenance Agreement

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she will be presenting a Surveillance Maintenance Agreement from Professional Systems. . She also stated that we plan to purchase additional cameras for and have Professional Systems Inc. to cover our alarm system to have everything covered under one company.

9. New Business

Mrs. Nettles inquired if all the schools have a crisis plan. Dr. Patterson informed her that they can be found on each schools website.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the District owes a \$1.4 million Maintenance of Effort payment to the United States Department of Education. She informed the Board that her staff was working diligently to close the gap so no monies would be owed. The task has been challenging, because the Illinois State Board of Education only has one staff member addressing MOE (Maintenance of Effort) issues, and she works 8 hours per month.

10. Executive Session

None.

11. Adjournment

Elaine Walker moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: Sharron Davis.

Motion Carried 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Submitted By,

Elaine Walker

Elaine Walker, Vice President

Kathy Taylor

Kathy Taylor, Secretary