

BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER
3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS
February 3, 2014

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Mrs. Barbara Nettles called the meeting to order at 8:10 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, Sharron Davis and Barbara Nettles.

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

3. Board of Education Negotiating Team

Dr. Patterson asked the Board who would be interested in serving on the negotiation team. The following members stated that they would serve on the team, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Barbara Nettles and Juanita R. Jordan.

4. Superintendent Evaluation

To be discussed in executive session.

5. 2014/2015 Staffing Plan (Discussion)

To be discussed during executive session.

6. Supplemental Book Order

Mrs. Veazey informed the board that she is in the process of getting quotes for additional reading books. She stated that the cost would be between \$10,000.00 and \$20,000.00. She stated that we have depleted the stock on hand and she would like to order additional books plus a surplus of about 5-10 books per school for the 2014-2015 school year.

7. Copier Lease Agreement

Dr. Evans informed the Board that our copiers were purchased in 2009. She stated that we are at the point where our copiers are breaking down. She informed the board that the union has spoken to her about the copiers being broken. Dr. Evans stated that the new lease will start in July. She stated that if we get the copiers delivered in March the fee will be prorated.

Dr. Evans informed the board that she received three estimates for the copier lease. Administration is recommending Proven as the selected vendor.

The monthly base lease amount is \$3,872 .38. She stated that based on our usage the annual cost will be approximately \$57,078.01. Proven has included an additional copier, staples and toner at no additional cost.

Dr. Patterson stated that they will look into the possibility of selling the old copiers. If they are unable to be sold, they will be donated.

A Brief discussion regarding the copiers followed.

8. New Business

Dr. Jackson stated that he does not want anyone to use his personal e-mail account.

He additionally asked if Dr. Patterson has applied for act of God days. Dr. Patterson stated that Act of God Days cannot be used until all emergency days have been exhausted.

Dr. Jackson asked if Dr. Patterson used any of the Black Star Projects like Real Men Read. He stated that this project is done in March. He stated that he would like to see this program used in the district. He also stated that he would like to read to the students in March even if Dr. Patterson does not bring the Black Star Project program to the district.

Mrs. Jordan spoke to the board on the Scope Meeting she submitted a copy of all the bills that were submitted in Springfield. She highlighted the following:

- State Board of Education is asking for an additional billion dollars in revenue
- They would like to raise the transportation reimbursement to 80%
- Pension reform is planning a cost shift; they plan to pass the cost of pensions on to the school boards
- Block Grants such as Special Education and Early Childhood will have to include the pensions for anyone employed under those grants
- Only 18 states will be taking the PARCC assessment.
- ISBE is asking for one more year for the ACT Test, which is the only assessment acknowledged by Colleges and Universities

- House Bill 4207 wants all cyber bullying to stop at the schools districts' expense.

A brief discussion regarding cyber bullying followed.

- The concealed carry signage must be approved signage; it can be downloaded from the State of Illinois website.
- There are two lawsuits pending in Lake County and Peoria against Senate Bill 7. Their claim is that Senate Bill 7 is being used to eliminate seasoned teachers.

9. Executive Session

The board adjourned to executive session at 9:00

The Board returned to open session at 9:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment

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

Motion Carried 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

Barbara Nettles
Barbara Nettles, President

Margarita McCarty
Margarita McCarty, Secretary