

BOARD OF EDUCATION                      PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION                      DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER  
3015 WEST 163<sup>RD</sup> STREET                      MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

June 2, 2014

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

President Mrs. Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:26 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, Barbara Nettles and Sharron Davis. Absent: None.

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

**3. Bullying Reporting (Presentation)**

Mrs. Veazey presented to the board a bullying form that can be found on the district website. She stated that the form will allow students, teachers, and parents to submit the form online. She informed the board that the form goes directly to Dr. Patterson. In the event they have witnessed or experienced any form of harassment.

**4. Tucker (Discussion)**

Dr. Patterson informed the board that Tucker wanted the board to extend the current abatement agreement. The board indicated that AMC Theater should pay us 70% and they would get a 30% abatement. Mr. Howard Metz (Robbins Schwartz) stated that Walmart never sent forms for the abatement. He stated that all of the smaller stores followed the abatement agreement that was filed. He stated that AMC Theater did not follow the agreement in 2010 he stated that they wanted the district to pay in excess of \$4,000,000.00 and the district settled for \$200,000.00. He stated that as of 2010 the district does not have an agreement with the movie theater. He stated that is was a technical non-compliance of the contract that Lowes Theater's attorneys created. Mr. Metz stated that it's the board's discretion to extend an abatement to foster economic development.

**5. 2014-2015 Administrative Contracts**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the annual contracts for the Principals and Assistant Principal will be presented at the Board Meeting.

Mrs. Freeman-Cooper asked if she would have the ability to vote down specific contracts. Dr. Patterson stated that she would be able to vote down specific contracts in the same way that she votes down the attorney bills.

#### **6. 2014-2015 Budget Development Timeline**

Dr. Evans stated that every year we look to see if there is 30 days display of the budget which will be posted on August 19, 2014. The 30<sup>th</sup> day this year is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September and the Board Meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup>, which is why the Board will need a Special Meeting to be held after the 18<sup>th</sup> of September for voting on the budget.

Dr. Evans also informed the Board that someone will need to be assigned to prepare the budget. The Board of Education stated that she is expected and assigned to prepare the budget.

#### **7. Deficit Reduction Plan**

Dr. Evans presented to the board the deficit reduction plan. She stated that future year Deficit Reduction Plan are based on assumptions; she then reviewed those assumptions. Dr. Evans presented the historical data for the fund accounts. She presented the fund balance for the current year which will represent a balanced budget for the current year.

She stated that with the infusion of the \$4 million dollar bond money it will improve the financial status of the district. It will remove the district from the watch list and put us on the warning list.

#### **8. Interest Allocation**

Dr. Evans stated the district received information from Joe McDonald's office for allocations for a 6 month period which amounts to approximately \$12,000.00.

#### **9. ESG Contract ( Discussion)**

Mr. Metz stated that the school board has what's called a Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract, He stated that the contract is sufficient and that he is working on the warranty for the roof top units. He stated that a resolution will be needed.

#### **10. Resolution Designating Interest Earnings**

Dr. Evans stated that this resolution will allow interest earnings to be transferred to other funds if needed. She stated that the resolution needed to be completed in the same fiscal year.

#### **11. SPA Negotiation Update**

To be discussed during executive session.



**12. Business Meetings and Work Sessions**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board of the meeting dates for 2014-2015 school year. She stated that she has avoided having any meetings at any schools holding elections.

**13. Summer Scholars Update**

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that there are 415 students in the Summer Scholars program. She stated that there is a waiting list of 35 students. There will be professional development for the teachers on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

**14. Holiday Waiver**

Mrs. Veazey petitioned the state for a holiday waiver representing 8 state and federal holidays. She stated that the waiver will allow flexibility for closing schools on these holidays. The days could be used for teacher institute days, make up days and etc. Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that the District is required to hold a public hearing to approve the Holiday Waiver.

There was a brief discussion about patriotism and the Veterans Day Holiday.

**15. Online Subscription/ Software Part II**

Mrs. Veazey presented part 2 of the online subscriptions. She stated that she is submitting the subscription for approvals.

Dr. Jackson informed her that the amounts were different on the invoice versus the memo for the MAP. Mrs. Veazey informed him that she would check into it.

**16. Outside Contract**

Mrs. Veazey informed the Board that she is presenting a contract for Peters and Associates. She stated that she would like Mr. Peters to be the keynote speaker on Institute Day. She also stated that Mr. Peters was an excellent speaker.

Dr. Jackson stated that we have never had a female speaker at the graduation; he stated that he would like to see a female speaker in the future.

**17. New Business**

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that on June 11, 2014 at 4:00 we will need a Special Board Meeting to approve the bond issuance.

Dr. Patterson asked the board to review the RFP for attorney services. She recommended that attorneys speak to the Board for about a half hour on their company and the services provided.

There will be a discussion at the June 16, 2014 Board Meeting for the attorney.

Dr. Patterson asked the Board for additional consideration in the hiring process. She stated that the process of hiring would take a little longer. She stated that they will need a few additional days to complete interviews and reference checks.

Dr. Patterson stated that she spoke to Phil Jackson (Black Star Project) when she went to Springfield and he will be working with the district on future projects.

There was a brief discussion on the interest rate for the bonds.

Dr. Patterson stated she spoke with Will Davis, Al Riley and Senator Hastings about being able to give the district some money through Capital Projects to open the STEAM Academy.

#### **18. PTAB Settlement for Castrogivanni**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that they would need to approve the PTAB.

#### **19. Allied Health Professionals**

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that she would like to have them approve the contract with Allied Health Professionals for Speech and Occupational Therapy Services for the 2014-2015 school year.

#### **20. Executive Session**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to go into executive session. On roll call members voting 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 8:43**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to return to open session. On roll call members voting 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 9:10**

**21. Adjournment**

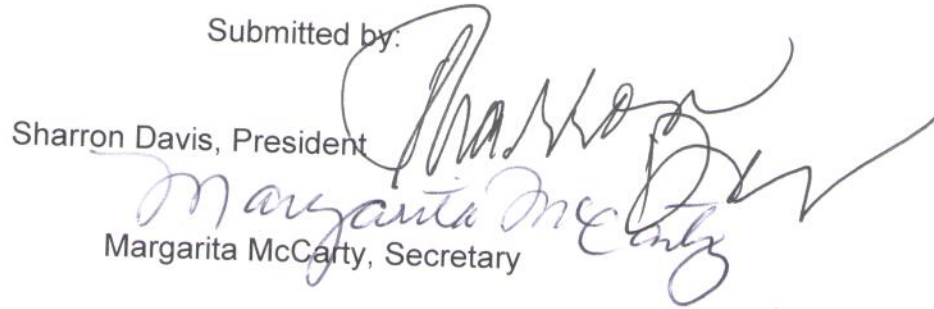
Juanita R. Jordan moved to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried 9:10 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Sharron Davis, President

Margarita McCarty, Secretary

Handwritten signatures of Sharron Davis and Margarita McCarty. The signature of Sharron Davis is written over the printed name 'Sharron Davis, President'. The signature of Margarita McCarty is written over the printed name 'Margarita McCarty, Secretary'.