# BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING MARKHAM PARK SCHOOL

# 16239 LAWNDALE AVE. MARKHAM, IL 60428

**NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

# Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was then completed.

1. **Roll Call**

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

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.

Elaine Walker arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Kathy Taylor arrived at 8:00 p.m.

1. **Presentations**

**Integrated Technology**

Mrs. Johnson 4th grade teacher at Markham Park and student Anthony Williams demonstrated Kahoot, a testing program. Anthony read a story about Dr. John B. Watson. He then demonstrated how Kahoot is used in his classroom to test student knowledge on the story that was read. He started by asking the Board to answer questions on the story he read. There is a point system for the answers.

Ms. Johnson stated that she uses Kahoot to determine if a subject taught was learned by all students or if the lesson should be retaught. Mrs. Rucker used MediaCast to show Mrs. Johnson’s class taking a test with Kahoot during a regular school day. The Board and audience enjoyed seeing student reactions during class in real time. The students were very excited when they answered question correctly.

**Levy Presentation**

Dr. Evans presented to the Board the 2015 levy presentation. She informed the Board that this process is required by Cook County for the District to receive tax dollars. She stated that she is estimating the amount of tax dollars required and that we must ensure that we request the amount of money that will be needed because you can’t request more money after the fact.

She stated property taxes are 38 percent of our revenue ($11.9 million dollars last year). She stated that the District is going to levy 4.9 percent for this year (The Levy can’t exceed 5%).

Dr. Evans presented all fund amounts and informed the Board that the final Levy will be presented for approval at the December 21, 2015 Regular Business Meeting.

1. **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Gregory Jackson moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2015 Work Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Kathy Taylor.

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2016 Regular Business Meeting. On roll call the following members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Elaine Walker, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Kathy Taylor.

**Motion Carried**

1. **Presidents Report**

None.

1. **Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Patterson read a resolution proclaiming November 15, 2015 as Board Member Day 2015. She then presented to the board roses donated by Olander’s Florist, a gift card and certificates from Dr. Patterson. Additionally, she presented cards to the Board that were made by the students of Prairie-Hills School District 144

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that she, along with Ms. Walker, attended homecoming festivities at the Junior High during convocation. The Jessie White Tumblers along with Jessie White, Secretary of State, performed during convocation.

She informed the Board that she was nominated and awarded the 2015/2016 Superintendent of Distinction for the Illinois Association of School Administrators South Cook Region.

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that the District will be hosting a half day workshop presented by Robbins Schwartz on senate Bill 100. Additionally the District is hosting a full day workshop for Illinois Association of School Administrators entitled Become an I-administrator.

She also informed the Board that the District received an additional $176,000.00 from The Title 1 grant.

Dr. Jackson stated that he wanted to commend Dr. Patterson on the format of the Town Hall Meeting.

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

Barbara Nettles moved and it was seconded by Juanita R. Jordan to place items G1, G2, I1 and I2 on consent agenda. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Elaine Walker, Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Joyce Dickerson and Sharron Davis. Nays: None. Absent: Kathy Taylor.

**Motion Carried**

Kathy Taylor arrived at 8:00 p.m.

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

**Motion Carried**

**G1. Approve 2015 Preliminary Levy**

Consent

**G2. Approve Castrogiavanni Settlement**

Consent

**G3. Approve Superintendent Evaluation Instrument**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Elaine Walker to table the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument. On roll call the following members voted aye: Barbara Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan, Joyce Dickerson, Elaine Walker and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson. Absent: Kathy Taylor.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Joyce Dickerson to

approve the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument. On roll call the following

members voted aye: Joyce Dickerson, Kathy Taylor, Elaine Walker, Barbara

Nettles, Juanita R. Jordan and Sharron Davis. Nays: Dr. Gregory Jackson.

Absent: None.

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

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

**Motion Carried**

1. **Administration – Action Reports**
   1. **Approve Personnel Recommendations**

Consent

* 1. **Approve Outside Contract Agreement**

Consent

1. **Approve Professional Assignment Request(s)**

None.

1. **Approve Invoices**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

11-16-15 Education $ 657,932.43

11-16-15 Operation & Maintenance $ 111,159.82

11-16-15 Transportation $98,980.06

11-16-15 Debt Service $3,182.38

**Total: $871,254.69**

**Date Fund Amount**

10-29-15 Education $2,164.96

**Total: $2,164.96**

1. **Approve Payroll and Benefits**

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

**Motion Carried**

**Date Fund Amount**

10-15-15 Education $435,141.06

10-15-15 Liabilities $402,541.59

**Total: $837,682.65**

10-30-15 Education $434,212.84

10-30-15 Liabilities $398,254.04

**Total: $832,466.88**

10-30-15 Education $244,243.25

**Total: $244,243.25**

1. **Administration – Information Reports**
   1. **Curriculum Instruction and Technology**

Mrs. Veazey stated that she wanted to highlight the district writing samples. The topic is bullying. And the question for the Jr. High is, Is there a place for corporal punishment in the classroom. The question for the elementary students is, Is food wasted in the USA. The Kindergarten and 1st Graders were asked to write about their favorite foods.

There was a question regarding why the corporal punishment topic was chosen. Mrs. Veazey stated that recently in there have been videos where corporal punishment has been shown in schools which makes it a current event.

She also highlighted the grading and category weights that we will be analyzing in an effort to provide some consistency throughout the District. She stated that there is a discussion going on throughout the District and that she will bring it to the Board after she has discussed with Dr. Patterson and the schools.

There was a question about the homework policy and the amount of time per day. Mrs. Veazey stated that the district has a homework policy that outlines the amount of homework that may be given per day.

* 1. **Business Affairs and Human Resources**

Dr. Evans informed the Board that the final audit was completed by the deadline of Friday, November 13, 2015. She stated that the wellness screenings are scheduled for this week. Dr. Evans stated that if 50% of the staff participates the District will get a rebate check from Blue Cross. She additionally stated that there is an additional Substitute training next week.

Mrs. Jordan inquired about flexible spending accounts and who monitors it. Dr. Evans stated that it is monitored by Aflac by use of a debit card that can only be used for medical services.

* 1. **Student Services**

Mrs. Ablin informed the Board that the Illinois Immunization Report was submitted and that almost all schools were at 100 %. She stated that there were three students still out due to exclusion, but they have since transferred out of the District. She also stated that the end of October was Red Ribbon Week. She also informed the Board that the SWIS Data Referrals are declining throughout the district.

There was a question about Highland trunk or treat. Mrs. Ablin stated that there were police cars with candy in the trunk that allowed the students to trick or treat safely.

There was a question about door to door transportation. Mrs. Ablin stated that no one has door to door transportation unless it’s written in their IEP’s.

Mrs. Taylor informed the board that a high school student was hit by a car on Fountainbleau. She asked if it was possible to have a police officer posted on Fountainbleau. Dr. Patterson stated that she has spoken to Chief Gray and he stated that there will be an officer placed on Fontainbleau. She also stated that she spoke with Bill Kendall, Superintendent of District 228 and he was aware of the student being hit by a car.

Mrs. Nettles apologize to the Board for missing the Town Hall Meeting.

1. **Executive Session**

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

**Motion Carried 8:17 p.m.**

It was moved and seconded to return to open session. On voice vote all members present voted aye. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**Motion Carried 8:50 p.m.**

1. **New**

None.

1. **Adjournment**

Juanita R. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Kathy Taylor to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote all members present voted aye.

**MOTION CARRIED 9:30 p.m.**

**Submitted by:**

**Sharron Davis, President**

**Kathy Taylor, Secretary**