

Board of Education
Regular Business Meeting
3015 West 163rd Street

Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144
Annex Board Room
Markham, IL 60428

December 18, 2023

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)

Due to technology limitations as Ms. Dickerson was virtual, Vice-President Black served as President Pro Temp.

President Black called the meeting to order at 5:00p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge, Ms. Black called roll call.

B. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Carlene Matthews, Ms. Yvette Black, Ms. Sharron Davis (virtual illness), Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Vicki Walker and Ms. Joyce Dickerson (virtual illness).

Also present were: Dr. Denise Julius, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Terence O'Brien, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology, Dr. Dominique Moore, Director of Human Resources, and Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, Director of Student Services.

C. Presentation (3:60 & 8:30)

Dr. Wright, Principal of Prairie-Hills Junior High, introduced her leadership team and two groups of students presented from the Junior High. The first group was the choir, who performed Holiday songs for the Board. The second group of students did a presentation on the eco-system and the environment.

D. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Crain moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Business Minutes of the November 20, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Ms. Black called for a voice vote.

Motion Carried

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to approve the Work Session Minutes of the December 4, 2023 Work Session. Ms. Black called for a voice vote.

Motion Carried

E. President's Report

Due to technology limitations, no report was presented

F. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Julius and Dr. O'Brien shared information on the December 22, 2023 Teachers' Institute Day; the L.E.A.D. Executive Report; the Draft Newsletters; and an update on Phase III of the Facilities Project (security and drop-off upgrades at Highlands and HVAC at District Office).

G. Board of Education – Consent Agenda Action Items (2:10 & 2:20)

The 21 CentEd Contract was removed from the Consent Agenda.

Ms. Matthews moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to Approve the Consent Agenda as Amended.

G1. Approve American Institute for Research Contract
Approved on Consent Agenda

G2. Approve the Frontline Software Upgrade Contract
Approved on Consent Agenda

G3. Approve Intergovernmental Agreements: Grand Prairie Public Library
Approved on Consent Agenda

G4. Approve Intergovernmental Agreements: Village of Hazel Crest

On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker and Ms. Dickerson.

Motion Carried

H. Board of Education – Action Items (2:10 & 2:20)

1. Approve SPN Contract Extension
Additional information was requested and the contract was tabled for further consideration.
2. Approve Superintendent Search
Ms. Black asked the Board to share their votes on which firm. Two firms were finalized (B.W.P. & Associates and IASB). After a majority review, Ms. Matthews motions for B.W.P. & Associates to be selected as the Superintendent Firm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Dr. Musaindapo and Ms. Walker.

The following members voted no: Ms. Davis and Ms. Dickerson.

Motion Carried

I. Audience Participation

Ms. Black opened the floor to audience participation. There was none.

J. Administration – Action Reports (2:20)

J1. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Ms. Matthews moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to approve Personnel Recommendations.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker and Ms. Dickerson.

Motion Carried

J2. Approve Student Services Educational Placement Vendor

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to approve Learn Well Hospital as a vendor.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker and Ms. Dickerson.

Motion Carried

J3. Approve Professional Assignment Request

Ms. Matthews moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the Professional Assignment Request.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker and Ms. Dickerson.

Motion Carried

J4. Approve Invoices

Invoices were tabled until after Closed Session.

J5. Approve Payroll and Benefits

Ms. Matthews moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to approve the Payroll as presented.

On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker and Ms. Dickerson.

Motion Carried

K. Administration – Information Reports (3:50)

Departmental updates from staff were provided for Business Affairs; Curriculum and Instruction; Human Resources; Student Services; and Technology.

L. New Business (2:20)

1. Holiday Breakfast Program

Discussion took place on how the District could recognize students during the Holiday season, including, but not limited to, a pancake breakfast with hot cocoa.

M. Executive Session (2:20)

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to go to Executive Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Ms. Black called for a voice vote.

Motion Carried

N. Administration – Action Reports (2:20) (TABLED)

J4. Approve Invoices

Following Closed Session, Ms. Crain moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to approve the invoices presented.

Ms. Walker moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:30p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Crain.

Ms. Black called for a voice vote.

Motion Carried 6:30p.m.

Submitted by:

Ms. Joyce Dickerson, President

Ms. Aubry Crain, Secretary