

Monday, November 6, 2023

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

President Joyce Dickerson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

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

Also present were Dr. Denise Julius, Interim Superintendent (virtual), Dr. Terry O'Brien, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology, Ms. Sheryl Coleman, Chief School Business Official, Dr. Dominique Moore, Director of Human Resources, and Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, Director of Student Services.

3. Presentations

Ms. Sheryl Coleman, Chief School Business Official, presented the Tax Levy information for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Coleman's presentation of the Tax Levy explained the adoption and approval process and timeline. Ms. Coleman will be seeking approval at the December 18, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

4. Annual Board Planning Calendar Review

The Board reviewed the Annual Planning Calendar for pending, updated, and completed items for the months of October and November.

5. Superintendent Search Proposals

Dr. O'Brien introduced the search firms that submitted proposals for the Prairie-Hills ESD 144 Superintendent Search. *Further discussion was moved to New Business.*

6. Lifetouch School Photography Contract Renewal

Dr. O'Brien presented the Lifetouch School Photography Contract Renewal for review. Dr. O'Brien is seeking approval at the November 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

7. 2023 IL School Report Card

Dr. O'Brien, along with Dr. Julius, presented the PHESD 144 school designations from the IL State Assessments during the 2022-2023 school year. Dr. Julius explained that all schools with 'Comprehensive' designations has been appointed a consultant by ISBE (the Illinois School Board of Education). Each principal will be required to produce a School Improvement Plan with the guidance of the consultant and the Superintendent; the 1st meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2023.

Dr. Musaindapo arrived at 5:25p.m.

8. ISBO Contract Addendum Revised Per Attorney

Ms. Coleman shared with the Board that there is a need to amend the current ISBO Contract to add additional hours, as well as, extending the time beyond June 30, 2024. The Board engaged in a brief discussion with Ms. Coleman to determine if the number of additional hours, as well as, the extension date requested, would be adequate for the department. Ms. Coleman is positive that the extension will produce favorable results for the department and is seeking approval at the November 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

9. Community Partnership Agreement- ECHO Family Enrichment Program

Discussion for the Community Partnership Agreement for the ECHO Family Enrichment Program was moved to new business while the document was being uploaded.

10. Skylands e-Rate Proposal and Contract

Mr. Hill presented the Skylands e-Rate proposal/contract for the Board to review. Mr. Hill is seeking approval at the November 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

11. Finals site (Blackboard)

Mr. Hill presented the Finals site contract agreement along with his recommendation to move forward with Finals site to replace Blackboard for the PHESD 144 District website. Mr. Hill is seeking approval at the November 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

12. District Memorandums of Understanding

Dr. Jones-Redmond presented the FY24 Memorandum of Understanding for; the Acorn Public Library, City of Country Club Hills, Country Club Hills Police and Fire Department, the City of Oak Forest, as well as, the Markham Public Library. The MOU's were presented to the Board for consideration to continue their partnership with the District. Dr. Redmond is seeking approval at the November 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

The Board then requested that administration seek partnership with the Village of Hazel Crest, the Grand Prairie Library, as well as, the City of Markham.

13. Compensation for Non-Union Member for the 2023-2024 School Year

Dr. Moore submitted the FY24 Compensation amount for a non-union staff member and is seeking approval at the November 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

14. Interim Principal for Mae Jemison Discussion

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to move Item 14 to discuss in Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

15. Resignation of Administrator Discussion

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to move Item 14 to discuss in Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

16. Audience Participation (2:30)

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to open audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Walker, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

During audience participation a Mae Jemison parent requested that the Board provide information to the parents of Mae Jemison regarding their process for selecting a new principal, including when they're expected to make the decision. The next audience participant requested that the list of school designations be repeated.

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to close audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Walker, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried

17. New Business

The Board began by reviewing the Community Partnership Agreement for ECHO Family Enrichment Program and will vote at the November 20, 2023 Regular Business Meeting. Next, the Board discussed adding a Special Board Meeting to present search firms that were not included on the agenda. After discussion the Board decided to add a Special Board Meeting on November 27, 2023 at 5:00p.m. for the purpose of the newly added firms to present their proposals. Finally, Ms. Davis expressed explicit concerns related to the STEAM Academy; administration will address concerns accordingly.

18. Executive Session (2:200)

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to go into Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried at 5:50p.m.

Ms. Crain moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to adjourn the Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Walker, Ms. Davis, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Black, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried at 6:45p.m.

19. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Matthews to adjourn the November 6, 2023 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 7:15p.m.

Submitted by,

Joyce Dickerson, President

Aubry Crain, Secretary