

Monday, February 5, 2024

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

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

3. Presentations

Mr. Eric Harwell, School Psychologist did a presentation on his role in the District as it relates to the Social and Emotional Learning culture and environment in Prairie-Hills Elementary School District 144. In his presentation Mr. Harwell proposed to bring a program by which he conducts SEL Professional Development for teachers, administrators, bus drivers, etc. The Board will await the written proposal for further consideration.

Ms. Sharron Davis arrived at 5:05p.m.

4. Superintendent Updates

Dr. O'Brien and Dr. Julius presented to the Board their recommendations for opening the newly remodeled old junior high as a 6th grade center. The presentation included pros and cons of adopting a middle school model for only 6th grade students. With that, administration stated that they are prepared, if the Board so choose, to perform a feasibility study to present more in-depth findings including what has been successful versus not so successful in other districts already using this model.

Next, Dr. O'Brien informed the Board that the Support Personnel Association Negotiations has been Completed and that it will be presented for approval once it has been reviewed by the attorney and ratified by the association.

5. Construction Update

Dr. O'Brien gave the Board a brief construction updates as it related to Markham Park and Highlands.

6. Annual Board Planning Calendar

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

7. 2023-2024 Staffing Plan Discussion

The Interim Superintendents requested that the discussion be moved to Executive Session.

8. Board of Education Meeting Location

Dr. O'Brien polled the Board to see if they would like the remainder of the meetings to be held in the Annex Board Room due to the upcoming interview schedule for the Superintendent Search or if they preferred to continue going into the school buildings.

9. Audience Participation

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

Motion Carried

Members of the audience were allowed to address the Board with comments and concerns they may have had related to the District and/or their school building. Each participant is given 2 minutes.

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Walker to close audience participation. 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

10. New Business

No new business was discussed.

11. Executive Session

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

Motion Carried 6:20p.m.

12. Ms. Walker moved and it was seconded by Ms. Black to adjourn the Executive Session. 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 7:10p.m.

13. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to adjourn the February 5, 2024 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