

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

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

President Sharron Davis called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Natalie Myers, Ms. Juanita Jordan (virtual), Ms. Kathy Taylor (virtual), Ms. Nikole Kinney, Ms. Barbara Nettles, Ms. Joyce Dickerson and Ms. Sharron Davis. The following members were absent: None.

Also present were: Dr. Kimako Patterson, Superintendent, Ms. Julia Veazey, Assistant Superintendent (virtual), Dr. Kenneth Scott, Assistant Superintendent (virtual), Dr. Carrie Ablin, Director of Student Services (virtual) and Ms. Deborah Clayton, Chief School Business Official (virtual).

3. Presentations

Mr. Nick Cavaliere, Baker Tilly, presented the 2020-2021 Financial Audit report to the Board.

4. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Patterson presented to the Board the revised Life Safety Summary Report. Dr. Patterson then shared with the Board that she, along with Ms. Clayton and Mr. Bryant, recently met with the Superintendent and other members of ECHO and JMA Architects to discuss the upcoming projects for District 144, as well as, to discuss the timeline for completion of the ECHO facility. Dr. Patterson then informed the Board that the District could possibly receive more ESSERS funds estimated at nearly \$10 million and that the state has issued an extension to September 23, 2023 to submit all District expenditures. In conclusion Dr. Patterson commented briefly on her recommendation to combine the payroll and benefits position, more details to follow.

5. Moody's Rating Discussion

Dr. Patterson announced that the District ratings has increased from a BAA1 to AA1.

6. TRS 457 Plan

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that TRS is now offering the 457 Pension Plan for employees. Dr. Patterson then recommended that the Board consider approving the 457 Plan as an option for employees at the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

7. 8th Grade Graduation Ceremonies Discussion

Dr. Patterson shared preliminary plans for the upcoming 8th grade graduation for in-person students and the remote learning students. Dr. Patterson and the Board then engaged in a brief discussion sharing their ideas and suggestions. Dr. Patterson will continue to update the Board as plans are made.

8. Superintendent Vacation Carryover

Dr. Patterson requested that the Board consider allowing her to carryover 7 vacation days into the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

9. Superintendent Vacation Personal Request

Dr. Patterson requested that the Board consider her personal vacation request as explained in the related memo. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

10. K and V Spa Studios LLC

Dr. Patterson recommended to the Board that they give consideration to adding the K & V Spa Studios LLC to the District's Vendor list for the purpose of using their services at the 2020- 2021 End of the Year Event. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

11. IAR Testing Information Updates

Dr. Patterson informed the Board that there has been no progress and/or changes related to the administering of the IAR Test (IL Readiness Assessment) Test.

12. Bremen Township Treasurers Office Billing

Ms. Clayton shared with the Board that the Bremen Township billing has not been generated due to delays in surrounding Districts. Ms. Clayton stated that once the invoice is received she will be prepared to present for approval.

13. Reduction in Force/Non-Renewals

Dr. Scott informed the Board that there will be no Reduction in Force (RIF's) for the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Scott then informed the Board that the Non-Renewals list has been uploaded and that he is seeking approval at the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

14. 2021-2022 Staffing Plan Discussion

Dr. Patterson presented the proposed 2021-2022 staffing plan. Dr. Patterson is seeking approval at the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

15. Memorandum of Understanding-Oak Forest Fire Department

Dr. Ablin presented a MOU for the Oak Forest Fire Department to continue their partnership during the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Ablin is seeking approval at the March 15, 2021 Regular Business Meeting.

16. New Business

Dr. Patterson began by requesting permission to allow the Senior Cabinet members to return in-person for the Board Meetings. Dr. Patterson then informed the Board that the Emergency Preparedness order is expected to end at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Dr. Patterson explained, the Emergency Preparedness Order allowed for remote learning as such, once the order ends schools will not be able to offer remote learning as an option. Finally, Dr. Patterson shared a letter sent to Principal K. Smith, Prairie-Hills Jr. High, giving kudos to teacher, Ms. Anderson.

17. Executive Session (2:200)

N/A

18. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Jordan moved and it was seconded by Ms. Myers to adjourn the March 2, 2021 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 7:10p.m.

Submitted by,

Sharron Davis, President

Barbara Nettles, Secretary