

Monday, July 3, 2023

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

President Joyce Dickerson called the meeting to order at 5:35pm.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Yvette Black, Ms. Carlene Matthews, Ms. Sharron Davis, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Vicki Walker, and Ms. Dickerson. The following members were absent: None.

Also present were Dr. Terry O'Brien, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Denise Julius (Virtual), Interim Superintendent, Dr. Tiffany Burnett (virtual), Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology, and Ms. Sheryl Coleman, Chief School Business Official.

3. Presentations

No presentations.

4. Superintendent Update

Dr. O'Brien began the Superintendent's update by stating that on June 30, 2023 he and Dr. Julius were able to meet with former Superintendent, Dr. Patterson for a final transition meeting. Dr. Julius then commented on her opportunity to meet with Ms. Dickerson, Board President and Dr. Patterson, former Superintendent; stating both meetings were a success. Following that, Dr. Julius, as well as, the Board gave brief highlights and takeaways from the recent AASA Demonstration District Conference that several Board members, administrators, and staff members attended in Washington, D.C.

5. Data Strategist Contract

Dr. Julius spoke briefly about her recommendation to bring in a Data Strategist to disaggregate all of the current assessment data from K-8th grade in all areas. Dr. Burnett then commented that she has data that supports this need. Dr. Burnett and Dr. Julius will discuss further and bring results to the Board at a later date.

6. Construction Update

Dr. O'Brien gave a brief update on the completion and/or progress of all of the District's summer projects as we narrow in on opening day. Dr. O'Brien commented on kitchen upgrades, the floors at the District Office, as well as, the HVAC project at Highlands Elementary School.

7. Markham Park Construction Update

Dr. O'Brien spoke briefly about the Markham Park renovation project based on information obtained during the weekly meetings with JMA Architects there will be a delay in the re-opening of the building. Dr. O'Brien invited the Board to take a tour of the Markham Park facilities along with himself, Ms. Coleman, and Mr. Bryant to assess the progress and deficiencies.

8. Defined Learning Professional Development Discussion

Dr. Burnett presented the Defined Learning PD information for the August 21, 2023 Teacher Institute Breakout Sessions. Dr. Burnett is seeking approval at the July 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

9. GEC Update

Dr. Burnett gave brief updates on the status of the incoming GEC (Global Educational Concepts) teachers and stated that she and Ms. Jarrett will be meeting on Monday, July 10, 2023, where she'll get a list of teachers and their anticipated arrival dates.

10. Meyers Briggs Training Contract-Dr. Susan Cain

Dr. O'Brien presented the Meyers Briggs Training Contract and invoice for the upcoming Board Retreat. Dr. O'Brien is seeking approval at the July 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

11. Prairie-Hills Foundation Discussion

The Board of Education requested the Articles of Incorporation for the Prairie-Hills Foundation for Excellence in Education. Administration will gather information and present once received.

12. Professional Development- Opening Day Discussion

Dr. Burnett spoke briefly about various PD's that will be offered during the August 21, 2023 Teacher Institute Breakout Sessions. Dr. Burnett explained that these are companies we already do business with who offers Professional Development services free of charge. Dr. Burnett is seeking approval at the July 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

13. Staffing Needs Discussion

Dr. O'Brien spoke briefly about the staffing plan and stated he will be meeting with Ms. Jarrett when she return on Monday, July 10th. More information will be presented once received.

14. Teacher Vacancy Grant Discussion

Dr. Julius and Dr. Burnett commented on the Teacher Vacancy Grant stating that the District will be submitting for it. As information becomes available Dr. Julius and Dr. Burnett will update the Board accordingly.

15. WiDA Professional Development Discussion

Dr. Burnett presented the WiDA PD information for the August 21, 2023 Teacher Institute Breakout Sessions. Dr. Burnett explained that this is part of the compliance report and is a nationally mandated training for the EL Program. Dr. Burnett is seeking approval at the July 17, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

16. New Business

The Board and administrators continued discussion on the clear bookbags. The Board made a final determination to write a policy that clear bookbags will be mandated for the 2023-24 school year. A final decision on whether the District will purchase the bookbags will be made once all samples are in.

17. Executive Session (2:200)

No Executive Session.

18. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Black to adjourn the July 3, 2023 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: None.

Motion Carried 6:35p.m.

Submitted by,

Joyce Dickerson, President

Aubry Crain, Secretary