

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL SESSION
DISTRICT OFFICE
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
MATTESON, IL 60443
May 5, 2009**

**Convened: 7:05 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:17 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Rodman McCray, President, Kevin Murphy, Secretary, Evelyn Green, Karen McCray, and Felix Simpkins

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: Ron Bean, Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Earnestine Foster, John Gibson, Lee Stanton, Muriel Cozzi, George Farris, Debbie Szczecina, Pat Ransford, Carl Cogar, Carolyn Palmer, Jordan Murphy, Robert Tomic, Brenda Calvin, Susan Friedericks, Patricia Fears, Daryll Lacey, Monica McCabe, Monica Benton, Roger Priezt, Denise Farris

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

President Rodman McCray called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and directed the recording secretary to make a roll call notation.

President Rodman McCray said the purpose of the meeting was to administer the Oath of Office to four members. She called Evelyn Green, Felix Simpkins, Kevin Murphy, and Sandi Gordon forward and administered the Oath of Office to them. The members were seated.

Mr. Murphy said he has had a long relationship with the District and its excitement has not waned. He said people were gathered together for a common cause-the best interest of children. Mr. Murphy thanked his family for their encouragement and the Superintendent for her patience in regard to what she deals with on a day-to-day basis. He also thanked the administrative team and the teachers.

Mrs. Green thanked people for their support. She said the community spoke with this election. She said her goal is success for everybody.

Mr. Simpkins thanked the people who supported him and who understood that this team works. He said he looked forward to continuing the District's success.

Mrs. Gordon thanked people for their support and said she was thrilled to be working with the Board.

Mrs. McCray commented that Mrs. Gordon has been a pillar of the District and she welcomed her to the Board. She also welcomed Mr. Simpkins, Mr. Murphy and Mrs. Green back to the Board and noted that they had contributed much. Mrs. McCray also thanked the administration for its work.

President Rodman McCray said she was grateful to the people who work with the children. She said that people said that the District is doing a great job and she noted that the teachers and administrators make the difference.

Approval of Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve that the following regular meetings, and special meetings as indicated, of the Board of Education of Matteson School District No. 162 shall occur on the dates outlined below. Unless otherwise indicated, each of the below-listed meetings shall be held in the Board Room located at the Central Offices of Matteson School District No. 162, 3625 West 215th Street, Matteson, Illinois 60443, at 7:00 p.m.:

- (1) June 16, 2009;
- (2) July 21, 2009;
- (3) August 18, 2009;
- (4) September 22, 2009;
- (5) October 20, 2009;
- (6) November 17, 2009;
- (7) December 15, 2009;
- (8) January 19, 2010;
- (9) February 16, 2010;
- (10) March 16, 2010;
- (11) April 20, 2010;
- (12) May 18, 2010; and
- (13) June 15, 2010

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

No

Yes
Gordon
Green
McCray
Murphy

Simpkins
Rodman McCray

At this point, President Rodman McCray turned the meeting over to Dr. Davis.

Nomination for Board President

Dr. Davis asked for a name to be placed into nomination for Board President. Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, to nominate Alicia Rodman McCray for President of the Board. Dr. Davis asked if there were other nominations. There being none, Mr. Murphy moved to approve a unanimous vote for Alicia Rodman McCray as Board President. Mrs. Green seconded this.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Yes
Gordon
Green
McCray
Murphy
Simpkins
Rodman McCray

No

President Rodman McCray conducted the meeting from this point forward. President Rodman McCray thanked the Board for its vote.

Nomination for Board Vice President

Mrs. Simpkins moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that Ron Bean be nominated for Vice President of the Board.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Yes
Gordon
Green
McCray
Murphy
Simpkins
Rodman McCray

No

Nomination for Board Secretary

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. McCray, that Kevin Murphy be nominated for Secretary of the Board.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Yes
Gordon
Green
McCray
Murphy
Simpkins
Rodman McCray

No

President Rodman McCray asked if the Board would consider nominating an Assistant Board Secretary to serve when the Secretary is absent. Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, that Evelyn Green be nominated as Assistant Board Secretary.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Yes
Gordon
Green
McCray
Murphy
Simpkins
Rodman McCray

No

Dr. Davis commented on the swine flu. She said the District has been proactive. She said a parent of a Huth student thought the child had flu-like symptoms. An examination at South Suburban Hospital indicated the child did not have swine flu. However, Dr. Davis said that the janitorial staff was called in over the weekend to sanitize Huth and Indiana, where the student's siblings attend school. She thanked Mark Walzak, director of buildings and grounds, for giving up his weekend to supervise this project.

Dr. Davis said she was looking forward to the Inspirational Choir's concert tomorrow night at Huth.

Audience to Visitors

Bob Hall, attorney for the Board of Education, said he sent flowers to the Board of Education and Dr. Davis. He said the election was a mandate for no change in the direction the District is moving. Mr. Hall said the Board, superintendent, administration, faculty, staff and parents are working to provide outstanding opportunities so that children can achieve their best.

President Rodman McCray thanked Mr. Hall for his support.

Executive Session

Mrs. McCray moved, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, that the Board go into executive session to consider information regarding a student discipline case and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees or public officials, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Yes
No

Gordon
Green
McCray
Murphy
Simpkins
Rodman McCray

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.
The Board returned to Open Session at 8:17 p.m.

Finding of Fact for Student G

Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mr. Simpkins, that the finding of fact regarding Student G contained in the Hearing Officer's Report dated April 28, 2009, as conducted by Attorney Robert Hall be sustained.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Yes
No

Gordon
Green
McCray
Murphy
Simpkins
Rodman McCray

Expulsion of Student G

Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that Student G be expelled from Matteson District 162 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year ending June 9, 2009, and be required to attend summer school and maintain a C or better average as a requirement for summer graduation.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Yes

Gordon

Green

McCray

Murphy

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

Finding of Fact for Student H

Mr. Simpkins moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, that the finding of fact regarding Student H contained in the Hearing Officer's Report dated April 28, 2009, as conducted by Attorney Robert Hall be sustained.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

No

Gordon

Green

McCray

Murphy

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

Expulsion of Student H

Mr. Simpkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that Student H be expelled from Matteson District 162 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year ending June 9, 2009, and be required to attend summer school and maintain a C or better average as a requirement for summer graduation.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

Yes

Gordon

Green

McCray

Murphy

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

Dr. Davis said that if people encounter her this week, they would see a cameraman following her. She related that she has been named the Educator of the Decade by Loyola University and the filming is for Loyola. President Rodman McCray congratulated Dr.

Davis on the honor and said a press release was in order. She also congratulated the Board members.

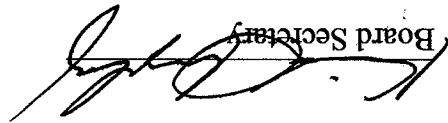
Mrs. Green thanked President Rodman McCray for her support and advice during the election. President Rodman McCray said the team was worthy of support.

Adjournment

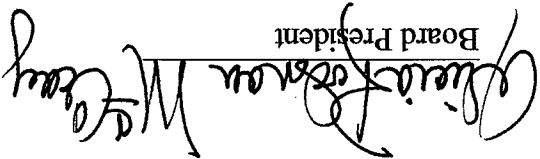
Mrs. McCray moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Board Secretary



Board President