

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471**

November 18, 2014

“Against All Challenges—This Will Be Our Finest Hour.”

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:04 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Rodman McCray, President; Ron Bean, Vice President; Kevin Murphy, Secretary (arrived at 6:37 p.m.); Evelyn Green; Sandi Gordon; Felix Simpkins (arrived at 6:33 p.m.); Karen McCray

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Lee Stanton, Earnestine Foster, Mark Walczak, Yvonne Williams, Deborah Duskey, Linda Disney, Corey Levy, Michael E. Gettings, Derek Alexander, Pamela J. Powell, Narishea Parham, Bill Howard, David Rupert, Latunja O. Williams, Janiece Jackson, Sheloanda Porche-Box, Brenda Calvin, Natalie Bumpers, Robert Tomic, Jo Ross, Pat Ransford, Gail Hartsough, Dr. Jason Streeter, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Sharon Rossiter, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Rodman McCray called the regular session to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. Mrs. Rodman McCray directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation. Mr. Simpkins arrived at 6:33 p.m., after the roll call vote. Mr. Murphy arrived at 6:37 p.m., after the roll call vote and the vote on the Consent Agenda.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dr. Davis reviewed the "Dates to Remember." Dr. Davis announced that on Saturday, November 22, 2014, the District's Special Education Department will be hosting an in-service for special education teachers at the District's administrative offices. She noted that the in-service will focus on supporting autistic students in the general student population. Dr. Davis asked Mrs. Deborah Duskey, the District's special education director, to report on the outcome of the in-service at the December Board meeting.

Dr. Davis reported that Dr. Carl Cogar was not present at the meeting due to illness.

Dr. Davis reported that Mr. Fred Nelson will direct the District's upcoming holiday concert at Governors State University on December 17, 2014.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve the consent agenda dated November 18, 2014, and every item contained therein:

Minutes

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Personnel

Nothing at this time.

Policy Matters

Nothing at this time.

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Annual Business

Nothing at this time.

Bill Listing – Authorization of the administration to pay the schedule of bills payable and authorize the District Treasurer to sign the checks dated November 18, 2014, in the amount of \$1,085,889.29.

Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of \$19,525.56.

Financial Statement – The October 2014 Financial Statement is presented for review.

Payroll Vouchers – Authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the payrolls dated December 15, 2014, and December 30, 2014, including all bills for payroll deductions and contributions by the school district.

Gifts and Donations

Nothing at this time.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Green

Gordon

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Davis recognized the presence of Dr. Sharon Rossiter, superintendent of SPEED Co-op. Dr. Rossiter addressed the Board of Education, stating that she was visiting all of SPEED's 15 feeder districts.

Matteson District 162 Enrollment

Dr. Davis presented a comparative analysis of the District's student enrollment numbers as of October 17, 2014, and November 14, 2014. Dr. Davis noted that she anticipates that by year-end, there will be 3,000 students enrolled in the District.

October 17, 2014		November 14, 2014	
Schools	Total	Schools	Total
Arcadia	444	Arcadia	441
Huth	607	Huth	600
Illinois	437	Illinois	446
Indiana	394	Indiana	394
Matteson	353	Matteson	360
Richton Square	270	Richton Square	266
Sauk	386	Sauk	388
Out-of-District	39	Out-of-District	39
Totals	2,930	Totals	2,934

Mothers' Day in District 162

Mr. Robert Tomic, principal of Indiana School, Mrs. Brenda Calvin, principal of Sauk School, and Dr. Latunja Williams, assistant principal of Huth Middle School, reported on the Mothers' Day events that took place at their respective schools. Mr. Tomic reported that 200 moms attended Indiana School's Mothers' Day. He stated that the theme of the school's event was "The Power of Mom." Monica Moss was the guest speaker at the event. The topic of her discussion was "Why Mothers Matter." Mrs. Calvin reported that over 175 mothers attended Sauk School's Mothers' Day event. She noted that the mothers and their children worked together on an "I Love You Because..." project. Monica Moss also spoke at Sauk's event. Dr. Williams reported that over 100 parents and grandparents participated in Huth Middle School's Mothers' Day event. She stated that 30 vendors offered products and services to the participating families.

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2014 Tentative Levy

The Board of Education approved the Tentative 2014 Levy. Mr. Craig Englert, the District's chief financial officer, made the following presentation about the levy to the Board of Education:

What Is a Levy?

- A levy is a request to Cook County for the amount to be raised by property taxes from District 162 residents for all purposes *except* bond payments.
- A bond levy is separate and completed at the time of a bond issue.

Tax Caps

- Tax caps are designated by the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) implemented in 1994 in Cook County.
- Tax caps limit increases in the actual amount paid to school districts from existing properties, to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or 5%, whichever is less, plus new property.
- The CPI for the 2014 levy is 1.5%.

CPI History-Past Five Years

- 2013: 1.7%
- 2012: 3.0%
- 2011: 1.5%
- 2010: 2.7%
- 2009: 0.1%

Tax Formula

- Property Value x Tax Rate = Tax Revenue

Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV)

- The EAV is reassessed every three years.
- The reassessment for the south suburbs is in 2014.
- The actual 2014 EAV will not be known until summer 2015.
- The EAV has been declining since 2010.
- As of 2013, the EAV is back to pre-2002 levels.

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Tentative Levy

- The Tentative Levy is designed to provide the District with the amount it received from the 2013 levy plus 1.5% (2014 CPI).
- The Tentative Levy = \$22,285,000 (this is a 4.9% increase over the prior year's actual extension).
- The District **will not** receive a 4.9% increase in taxes.
- The Tentative Levy is set high to allow for any new property and a possible decrease in the EAV.

Actual 2014 Levy Projection

- The non-bonded levy is projected to be approximately \$21.5MM.
- The average increase for existing homeowners will be 1.5%.
- With bond and interest payments, the total projected average increase for homeowners will be 1.8%.

Mr. Englert discussed the District's recent efforts to prevent further decreases in the EAV:

What's New This Year

To guard against further decreases in EAV:

- The District has reinstated a tort levy.
- The District has put additional funds into the transportation levy.

Mr. Englert presented a timeline for the District's completion of the levy process:

Timeline

- Vote to approve the Tentative Levy at the November 2014 Board Meeting
- Vote to adopt the Final Levy at the December 16, 2014 Board Meeting
- File levy with Cook County no later than the last Tuesday in December

LEGISLATION

Dr. Davis discussed Senate Bill 16. She remarked that the bill is unlikely to pass. Dr. Davis stated that the Superintendent's Association is against the bill, as are State Superintendent Chris Koch and Governor-elect Rauner. She noted that many school districts have organized

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against Senate Bill 16, and have mounted substantial opposition to the bill. Dr. Davis further noted that south suburban and downstate districts support the bill; however, the Chicago Public School System, districts on Chicago's north side, and west suburban districts oppose the bill. Dr. Davis stated that if the bill passed, District 162 would receive approximately \$3.9 million.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of the adoption of the Tentative 2014 Tax Levy.

Mrs. McCray moved, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, to approve the adoption of the Tentative 2014 Tax Levy.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Green

Gordon

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

Mrs. McCray complimented Dr. Rossiter on SPEED's "Trunk or Treat" program; Mrs. McCray noted that the program was "well organized" and a "wonderful opportunity for families and staff to get together."

Mr. Bean commented that the \$97,000 that the District pays SPEED for student services is money well-spent.

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Mrs. Rodman McCray thanked the Matteson Education Association for the Taffy Apples they received in honor of American Education Week.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.


President


Secretary