

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
December 16, 2014**

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

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 6:31 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:29 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Rodman McCray, President; Ron Bean, Vice President; Kevin Murphy, Secretary; Sandi Gordon; Felix Simpkins; Karen McCray

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Evelyn Green

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, Carl Cogar, Natalie Bumpers, Robert Tomic, Jo Ross, Pat Ransford, Gail Hartsough, Dr. Jason Streeter, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Michael Jones, Mike Erickson, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Rodman McCray called the regular session to order at 6:31 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. Mrs. Rodman McCray directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dr. Davis reviewed the “Dates to Remember.”

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the consent agenda dated December 16, 2014, and every item contained therein:

Minutes

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Personnel

Employment

Approve the employment of Kristol Scott-Jordan, special education teacher at Arcadia School, effective December 1, 2014.

Approve the employment of Ashley Sroka, lunchroom monitor at Arcadia School, effective December 4, 2014.

Leaves

Approve the intermittent FMLA leave of Derek Alexander, assistant principal at Huth Middle School, effective November 11, 2014.

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 December 16, 2014, in the amount of \$894,051.98.

Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of \$18,859.65.

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

Payroll Vouchers – Authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the payrolls dated January 15, 2015, and January 30, 2015, 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

Murphy

Gordon

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

School Resource Officer

Dr. Davis introduced Mr. Michael Jones, Matteson police chief. Chief Jones addressed the Board of Education regarding community policing and the school resource officer program. Chief Jones explained that due to financial constraints, the Matteson Police Department has been forced to cut staff positions and may have to dismantle the school resource officer program. Chief Jones stated that he met with both Dr. Davis and the superintendent of District 159 about the possibility of District 162 and District 159 underwriting the cost of a school resource officer who would serve both districts. According to the Chief, District 159 has agreed to split the cost of a school resource officer with District 162. Chief Jones requested that District 162 enter into a similar agreement.

Mr. Bean, speaking on behalf of the Board of Education, remarked that the Board appreciates and understands Chief Jones' concerns. Mr. Bean further remarked that District 162 had to cut 53 employees this year due to its own budget and funding constraints. He stated that it would not be fair for the District to give priority to the school resource officer over the 53 staff members who lost their jobs. Mr. Bean also noted that if the District entered into an agreement with the Matteson Police Department, it would open the door for police departments in other neighboring communities to request similar assistance. Speaking for the Board, Mr. Bean informed Chief Jones that the District must make "hard choices" and, as a result, the District has decided not to enter into an agreement to underwrite the cost of retaining a school resource officer.

Chief Jones responded that other villages do not have the same financial constraints that Matteson has, and therefore, are not likely to request the same arrangement from the District. The Chief also mentioned the possibility of the District applying for grant funding to offset the cost of a school resource officer.

Mr. Simpkins noted that in the event that the District made a 911 call to the police department, the police department would respond to the school's call for assistance

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regardless of whether there was a school resource officer assigned to the District. Mr. Simpkins further stated that the school resource officer is a “luxury.” Chief Jones responded that he considers the school resource officer a “necessity.” Chief Jones asked the Board to reconsider its decision; however, he noted that, ultimately, he will respect the Board’s final decision on the issue. Chief Jones encouraged the Board members to contact him at mjones@villageofmatteson.org.

Dr. Davis asked Mr. Craig Englert, the District’s chief financial officer, to meet with the administrators from the Village of Richton Park to investigate the viability of grant funding to offset the cost of a resource officer.

Dr. Davis informed the Board that she has attempted to reach out to District 159 about applying for grants to underwrite the cost of a school resource officer, to no avail. She said she will not contact District 159 again about the matter. She noted that District 159 will not disclose its financial information or discuss financial matters with District 162.

Matteson District 162 Enrollment

Dr. Davis presented a comparative analysis of the District’s student enrollment numbers as of November 14, 2014, and December 12, 2014. Dr. Davis noted that she anticipates that by yearend, there will be 3,000 students enrolled in the District:

November 14, 2014		December 12, 2014	
School	Total	School	Total
Arcadia	441	Arcadia	438
Huth	600	Huth	596
Illinois	446	Illinois	444
Indiana	394	Indiana	398
Matteson	360	Matteson	367
Richton Square	266	Richton Square	266
Sauk	388	Sauk	387
Out-of-District	39	Out-of-District	41
Totals	2,934	Totals	2,937

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Summary of Monthly Enrollment				
School	9/12/14	10/17/14	11/14/14	12/12/14
Arcadia	451	444	441	438
Huth	618	607	600	596
Illinois	410	437	446	444
Indiana	385	394	394	398
Matteson	370	360	360	367
Richton Square	235	266	266	266
Sauk	380	388	388	387
Out-of-District	40	39	39	41
Totals	2,889	2,930	2,934	2,937

Changes in Membership from November 14, 2014 to December 12, 2014				
School	November 14, 2014	December 12, 2014	+/-	Explanation
Arcadia	441	438	-3	Lost 3 students in 3 rd grade
Huth	600	596	-4	Lost 2 students each in 7 th and 8 th grades
Illinois	446	444	-2	Lost 1 student each in 1 st and 8 th grades
Indiana	394	398	+4	Gained 2 students in 5 th grade and 1 student each in 4 th and 6 th grades
Matteson	360	367	+7	Gained 2 students in 1 st grade, 4 students in 2 nd grade, and 1 student in 6 th grade
Richton Square	266	266	0	No change
Sauk	388	387	-1	Lost 1 student in 6 th grade
Out-of-District	39	41	+2	Gained 1 student each in 5 th grade and 7 th grade
Totals	2,934	2,937	+3	

2014 Levy

The Board of Education approved the final 2014 levy and several other levy-related resolutions. Mr. Craig Englert, the District's chief financial officer, made a formal presentation on the proposed levy to the Board of Education at the November 2014 Board meeting. Mr. Englert reiterated the following points regarding the levy:

- The levy is designed to provide the District with the amount it received from the 2013 levy plus 1.5% (2014 CPI).
- The 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 levy is set high to allow for any new property and a possible decrease in Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV).
- The non-bonded levy is projected to be approximately \$21.5MM.

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- 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%.

In addition, Mr. Englert addressed the Board on state revenue and funding issues. He stated that budget and funding matters will be difficult to assess until the new governor takes office. He also commented that there have been “hints” from State of Illinois sources that two categorical fund payments may not be remitted to the District at the end of the year.

District 162 Receives Grants and New Funding

Dr. Davis announced the award of several grants to District teachers and additional new funding:

National Council of Jewish Women			
School	Teacher	Topic	Award
Arcadia	Mrs. Walker	Math & Literacy Learning	\$350
Matteson	Ms. Summerville	Math Strategy Placemats	\$105
Illinois	Mrs. Jennings	Enhancing Math Comprehension through Literacy Centers	\$313
Indiana	Mrs. Godin	Bringing the Outside In	\$240
Huth	Ms. Keel & Mr. Brown	Famous People in History	\$200
Total Awards			\$1,208

Target Field Trip Grants			
School	Teacher	Topic	Award
Matteson	Mr. Price	2 nd Grade Trip to MSI, Chicago	\$800
Indiana	Mrs. Godin	Gifted Classes Visit to Central Park Wetlands	\$800
Total Awards			\$1,600

New Funding			
Program	Original Budget	New Funds	Total Allotment
Title I NCLB	\$545,830	\$247,165	\$792,995
Title II NCLB	\$58,906	\$1,787	\$60,693
RT-3 Mentoring	\$10,566	\$16,409	\$26,975
		Total New Funds	\$265,361

Dads' Day in District 162

The principals from Illinois School, Sauk School, and Indiana School reported on the Dads' Day events that took place at their respective schools. Principal Cogar stated that 85 dads attended the Illinois School event. Dr. Cogar stated that one of his dads traveled from Atlanta to attend the event. Principal Calvin announced that 133 dads attended the Sauk School program. Mrs. Calvin noted that one of her dads traveled from Alabama to participate.

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Principal Tomic stated that 161 fathers participated in the Indiana School Dads' Day program. Mr. Tomic thanked Dr. Jason Streeter, assistant principal at Huth Middle School, and Mr. Bryan Hale, director of Southland College Prep High School, for their assistance in managing the Indiana School Dads' Day activities while he was ill.

General Information

Dr. Davis showed a brief video showcasing the various holiday programs presented by District schools.

Dr. Davis announced that there would be 400 students participating in, and 1,200 parents attending the District's Winter Concert at Governors State University on December 17.

Dr. Davis announced the passing of Assistant Superintendent Lee Stanton's mother. She noted that his mother was 100 years old at the time of her death.

LEGISLATION

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of the 2014 Levy Resolution.

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, to approve the 2014 Levy Resolution.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Gordon

McCray

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Simpkins

Rodman McCray

The Board will consider approval of the 2014 Levy Taxes for Certain Purposes Resolution.

Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Mr. Simpkins, to approve the 2014 Levy Taxes for Certain Purposes Resolution.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Gordon

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

The Board will consider approval of the 2014 Levy Extension Reductions Resolution.

Mrs. Gordon moved, seconded by Mrs. McCray, to approve the 2014 Levy Extension Reductions Resolution.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Gordon

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

Nothing at this time.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Nothing at this time.

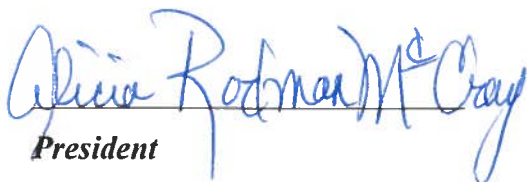
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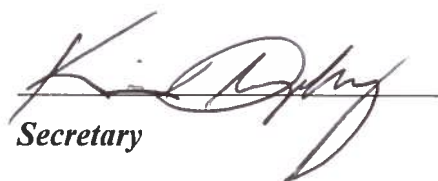
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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.


Alina Rodman McCray
President


Kim D. King
Secretary