

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

**May 12, 2015**

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Convened: 6:30 p.m.**

**Adjourned: 7:21 p.m.**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Karen McCray

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Doug Hamilton, Lee Stanton, Earnestine Foster, Mark Walczak, Yvonne Williams, Deborah Duskey, Linda Disney, Corey Levy, Michael E. Gettings, Derek Alexander, Pamela Powell, Narishea Parham, Bill Howard, David Rupert, Latunja O. Williams, Sheloanda Porche-Box, Brenda Calvin, Carl Cogar, Natalie Bumpers, Jo Ross, Pat Ransford, Gail Hartsough, Jason Streeter, Robert Tomic, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Amanda Godin, Leon Dubose, Franklin Dubose, Stephanie Healy, Sharlean Gettings, Kennedy Barksdale, Farrah Baig, Mary McNeal, Ashley Meeky, Tina Preston, Gerry Howard, Taylor Nash, Maya Nash, Tiffany Davis, Ariel Davis, James McKinney, Elizabeth Weihert, Erin Smutniak, Mr. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson, Vanessa Doerr, Natalie Lewis, Wali Lewis, Noelle Hutchinson, Lori Crabtree, Rashid Higgins, Cheryl Rasmussen, Rosalind Harvey, Aaron Harvey, Bill Myers, Carl Braxton, Mrs. Braxton, Shon Burnett, Suzanne VanSlyke, Rickey Nesbitt, Karen Nesbitt, Rowena DeGuzman, Rayshonda Lewis, Renee Covert, Don Ransford, Rebecca Santiago, Cory Santiago, Damola Adeyemi, Charles McLemore, Shawntia McLemore, O’Brian Jenkins, Cassandra Jenkins, Shannon Smith-Ross, Kristina Smith-Ross, Karolyn Smith-Ross, Olumide Adesioye, Leticia

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Hernandez, Peace Lamptey, Ann Lamptey, Jamie Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Emanuel Salazar, Robert Jones, Jr., Ramon Cross Hurd, Nikole Childress, Bennie Bryant III, Mrs. Bennie Bryant III, Brandi Thompson, Diamond Lee, Podgiee Scott, Mrs. Podgiee Scott, Andrew Bell, Trina Matthews, Denise Hines, Shewandia Johns, Lauren Russell, Mr. Sarfo, Stephen Sarfo, Tracey Scales, Clarissa Keyes, Eric Keyes, Kofie Andoh, Rachel Ware, Jocelyn Ferreira, Emilse Jones, Mary Ann Maglia, Lethaniel Harris, Angela Boyd, Joseph Boyd, Antonio Ferreira, Yuka Allen, Kathy Collinet, Albert G. McIntyre, Theresa Tabor Maddox, Family of Jaxon Mason, Maila Pointer, Kevin Carter, Tarshana Carter, Anthony Scales, Clivens LaGuerre, Marie Benjamin, Amaiya Binder, Camille Coleman, Mary Brown, Cheryl Coleman, Myles Jenkins, Edwina Shaw, Jennifer Williams, Ericka Foster, Andrea Love, Hailey Love, Jeanine Price, Amari Price, Lisa Henry, Camryn Henry, Chenille Boswell, Cameron Boswell, Lynn C. Chandler Jr., Nathan Chandler Jr., Heloise Smith, 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.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dr. Davis reviewed the "Dates to Remember." She noted that the District would administer a second round of the PARCC exam again from April 27–May 22, 2015, as an end of the year assessment. Dr. Davis also commented that, to date, the District has raised \$8,000 for the Walk Now for Autism Speaks fundraiser. She invited the members of the audience to join the District/Southland Team at the walk on Saturday, May 16, at Soldier Field. Dr. Davis stated that she anticipates seating over 4,000 parents and guests at the District's graduation on June 4, at the Tinley Park Convention Center. Dr. Davis reported that the District will be adopting a new math series. She stated that the District will provide an in-service on the new series, as well as the Common Core, during the Teacher Institute Day scheduled on June 10. Dr. Davis announced that the District's summer school programming will begin on June 15, at

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Matteson School and Huth Middle School. She noted that Mrs. Pat Ransford and Mrs. Pamela Powell will be the administrators assigned to Matteson School, and that Dr. Carl Cogar and Mr. Corey Levy will be the administrators in charge at Huth Middle School.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Nothing at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

Regular Session, April 21, 2015

**Personnel**

*Employment*

Approve the employment of Daveeshea Bryant, lunchroom supervisor at Richton Square School, effective April 21, 2015.

*Leaves*

Approve the leave of absence, under FMLA, of John Chavers, custodian at the District Office, effective April 24, 2015, for up to twelve weeks.

*Resignations/Retirements*

Approve the resignation of Tiffany Ryan, teacher at Illinois School, effective June 10, 2015.

**Policy Matters**

Nothing at this time.

**Annual Business**

Approval of the renewal of the contract with Preferred Meal Systems, effective August 1, 2015, through July 31, 2016.

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Mr. Craig Englert, assistant superintendent of business, addressed the Board about the Preferred Meal Systems contract. He stated that the District is entering its third year of a 3-year contract with Preferred Meal Systems for student lunches. The contract and National School Lunch Rules require that the lunch prices do not increase more than the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for "Food Away from Home" each year. The CPI for this year is 3.1% and Preferred Meal Systems is asking for a 3.0% increase in its rates.

Approval of the contract with Guaranteed Technical Services and Consulting, Inc. (GTSAC), to provide technology services, including maintenance and oversight of technological equipment and the system-wide network.

Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between District 162 and the Matteson Education Association (MEA) regarding an Additional Health Insurance Plan.

Mr. Englert addressed the Board on the Memorandum of Agreement. He stated that the memorandum of understanding with the MEA addresses a new health insurance plan that the District will be offering in addition to its other plans. He noted that this is mandatory under the Affordable Care Act, which requires the District to offer a plan to full-time employees with a premium that does not cost more than 9.5% of his or her annual income. Mr. Englert said that because the District does not offer such a plan, Blue Cross Blue Shield developed a very high deductible, lower benefit plan that allows employees to enroll in insurance at a lower premium. He noted that because the current union contract with the teachers does not address the possibility of such a plan, the District must add language to the contract to address the new plan, which splits the plan cost 15% to employees and 85% to the District. Mr. Englert strongly encouraged those who are interested in the new plan to discuss it with a member of the Business Office to ensure that they understand how much lower the benefit levels of the plan are compared to what they have now.

Approval of the 2015–2016 District 162 School Calendar.

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**Gifts and Donations**

Nothing at this time.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

**YES**

**NO**

Bean

Murphy

Green

Gordon

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

**LEGISLATION**

Dr. Davis reported that the Illinois House of Representatives and Senate are both in session. She stated that all school districts are facing cuts in funding. She further stated that school districts have already absorbed 2.25% cuts in funding, and now may have to suffer additional funding cuts. Dr. Davis noted that there is a possibility of a property tax freeze, which will also hurt school districts because a sizeable amount of school funding is derived from property taxes. She reported that District 162 is currently in a stable financial position, but that the legislature is considering pushing more responsibility to individual school districts to pay outstanding pension obligations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS**

Nothing at this time.

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**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Nothing at this time.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Enrollment*

Dr. Davis presented a comparative analysis of the District's student enrollment numbers as of March 2015, April 2015, and May 2015. Dr. Davis noted that the District's year-end enrollment will be slightly under the 3,000 that she had initially anticipated. She stated that the District will require families to re-prove residency again this year in order to prevent families who do not legitimately reside in the District from registering in the District.

March 2015		April 2015		May 2015	
School	Total	School	Total	School	Total
Arcadia	442	Arcadia	445	Arcadia	447
Huth	596	Huth	597	Huth	599
Illinois	441	Illinois	437	Illinois	434
Indiana	398	Indiana	399	Indiana	399
Matteson	378	Matteson	380	Matteson	380
Richton Square	275	Richton Square	275	Richton Square	275
Sauk	394	Sauk	395	Sauk	395
Out-of-District	41	Out-of-District	46	Out-of-District	46
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,974</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,975</b>

*Olympia Fields Education Commission Grants*

Dr. Davis announced that the Olympia Fields Education Commission and the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation & Dance, awarded grants to several District 162 teachers:

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<b>Olympia Fields Education Commission</b>				
<b>Teacher Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Amy Boyle	Sauk School	Reading & Literacy Materials	4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	\$508
Dana Calderon	Sauk School	Reading & Literacy Materials	5 <sup>th</sup>	\$972

<b>Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation &amp; Dance</b>				
<b>Teacher Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>	<b>Grant Amount</b>
Penny Kukuck	Arcadia	Purchase of UltraFit Circuit Pro strength training pack to provide vigorous workout station activities for all P.E. classes	K-3	\$2,364.83

*Straight A Students*

Dr. Davis stated that there are 70 students in the District with straight As. She noted that these students have internalized the District's high standards and expectations for achievement. The following students were awarded certificates and gift cards for their Straight A achievement:

<b>Student</b>	<b>School</b>
Alicia Adams	Huth
Olumide Adesioye	Sauk
Adedamola Adeyemi	Matteson
Akquia Andoh	Sauk
Noor Baig	Huth
Kennedy Barksdale	Huth
Juliette Benjamin	Huth
Amaiya Binder	Arcadia
Allegra Biney	Arcadia
Christian Boyd	Matteson
Christopher Brown	Sauk
Kandace Bryant	Arcadia
Destiny Burnett	Indiana
Kevin Carter	Indiana
Michael Childress	Arcadia
Camille Coleman	Indiana
Nyla Collier	Illinois
Kyle Crabtree	Matteson
Aliah DeGuzman	Huth

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Kian DeGuzman	Sauk
Hayley Doerr	Sauk
Micah Drigo	Huth
Zoe Drigo	Illinois
Franklin Dubose	Arcadia
Jocelyn Ferreira	Illinois
Ericka Foster	Huth
Indya Gettings	Huth
Jasmine Hampton	Sauk
Gabriella Harris	Indiana
Aaron Harvey	Arcadia
Camryn Henry	Illinois
Kennedy Hood	Illinois
Amaia Howard	Huth
Danielle Howard	Huth
Noelle Hutchinson	Arcadia
Lauren Jenkins	Huth
Zachary Johnson	Illinois
Madison Jones	Indiana
Ariana Keyes	Sauk
Clivens LaGuerre	Illinois
Ann Lamptey	Huth
Diamond Lee	Arcadia
Valarie Loekle	Illinois
Hailey Love	Indiana
Knyiema Martin	Matteson
Jaxon Mason	Illinois
Donovan McIntyre	Illinois
James McKinney	Arcadia
Nakita McNeal	Huth
Ashley Meeky	Huth
Thomas Mick	Arcadia
Maya Moore	Illinois
Taylor Nash	Huth
Raven Nesbitt	Huth
Maila Pointer	Huth
Nigel Preston	Arcadia
Amari Price	Illinois
Payton Ramsey	Huth
Mikhal Riggins	Matteson
Lauren Russell	Illinois
Stephen Sarfo	Arcadia
Jalen Scales	Huth
Torie Scales	Indiana
Kai Scott	Arcadia
Karolyn Smith-Ross	Huth
Nathan Utoh	Arcadia
Rosalio Walker	Arcadia
Mia Ware	Arcadia
Nyah Ware	Indiana
Sidney Williams	Indiana



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*Math Bowl*

Mrs. Amanda Godin, gifted teacher at Indiana School, introduced the winners of the South Suburban Math Bowl, which took place at Prairie State College from April 30–May 1, 2015.

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Loren Rounds <i>Arcadia</i>	Cameron Boswell <i>Arcadia</i>	Michael Childress <i>Arcadia</i>	Leon Dubose <i>Indiana</i>
Tyler Williams <i>Matteson</i>	Mia Lewis <i>Arcadia</i>	Stephen Sarfo <i>Arcadia</i>	Zachary Johnson <i>Illinois</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Katelyn Ingles <i>Indiana</i>	Nyah Ware <i>Indiana</i>	Kennedy Jones <i>Huth</i>	Ramon Cross Hurd <i>Huth</i>
Timothy Tabor <i>Sauk</i>	Tai Jackson <i>Sauk</i>	Ariel Davis <i>Huth</i>	Keita Allen <i>Huth</i>

Mrs. Godin reported that Mia Lewis placed fifth among all 2<sup>nd</sup> graders; Zachary Johnson placed third among all 4<sup>th</sup> graders and was named the District's Day-One MVP; and Ramon Cross Hurd was the District's Day-Two MVP. She added that Cross Hurd has participated in the Math Bowl every year except one since 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Mrs. Godin also noted that the District's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade team placed second among competitors representing 26 Districts and that the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade team placed first out of 26 teams.

*Regional Science Fair-State and Regional*

Mr. Paul Caulfield and Ms. Renee Covert, teachers at Huth Middle School, and Ms. Mary Ann Maglia, teacher at Illinois School, introduced the state and regional science fair winners:

State			
Student Name	School	Grade	Result
Justin Johnson	Huth	8	Bronze Honors at State
Myles Jenkins	Huth	8	Silver Honors at State
Angelica Ferguson	Huth	8	Silver Honors at State and a special award from the SIU Department of Medicine
Aliah DeGuzman	Huth	8	Silver Honors at State and a special award from Takeda Pharmaceutical Company

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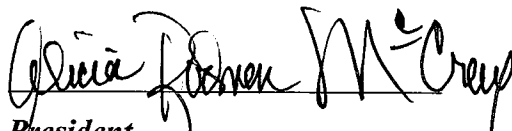
<b>Regional</b>			
<b>Student Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Result</b>
Lillian Weihert	Huth	8	Outstanding
Carl Braxton	Huth	7	First Place
Juliette Benjamin	Huth	7	First Place
Asia McLemore	Huth	7	Second Place
Maya Nash	Huth	7	Second Place


Dr. Davis announced that she recently competed in the Shamrock Shuffle marathon.

Dr. Davis invited the students and their families to remain after the meeting for cake in celebration of the students' achievements.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

  
*President*

  
*Secretary*