

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162  
COOK COUNTY  
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471  
May 19, 2015**

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

**REGULAR SESSION**

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

**Adjourned: 8:36 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, Heloise Smith, Amanda Godin, DeAngela Denham, Haylee Denham, Stephanie Healy, AT Tyler, Andrea Barksdale, Sandy Simmons, Blanche Pruitt, Kya Jones, Kaleb Jones, Ahavah McClerklin, Yehoshua McClerklin, Elyamin McClerklin, Christine Fisher, Monique Newburn-Lane, Valerie Martin, Chinedum Iloegbunam, Kennedi Bates, Leatha Winfrey, Matthew Blevins, Jr., Danielle Kesler, Okoe Lamptey, Cynthia Hampton, Atsuko Atwood, Jalen Roberts, Damola Adeyemi, Ramona Arce, Renee Campbell, Frederick Allen, Kisia Coleman, Le'monne Sherman, Amari Myrick, Mable Jackson, Michelle Jones, Joslyn Smith, Rosalynn Smith, Alyssa Johnson, Timothy Tabor, Samantha Ware, Cindy Iloegbunam, Masika Pointer, Krystal Kay, Richard Kay, Tim Maddox, Theresa Tabor-Maddox, Taylor Brister, Gloria Chatman, Ovid Mitchell, Ron

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Harrigan, Patricia Walker, Kristin Roque, Tamaryllis Williams, Denise Davis, Anita Clayton, Deiang Sain, Jaylen Macklin, Vanessa Doerr, Idoyat Ufensu, Dominique Walker, Susan Newman, Barry Newman, Jon Healy, David Tyler, Bob Ferguson, Linda Ferguson, Dolores Bonner, Katina Tate Phillips, Lamont Lucas, Felicia Lucas, Gregory S. Gordon MD, Elijah Gordon, Linda Green, Deidre Hankins, Jaylan Hankins, David Green, Felicia Green, Takiyah Green, Taj Scott, 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. She stated that Mrs. Karen McCray was excused from the meeting. 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 400 band students will be performing at the District band concert at Governors State University on May 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Davis stated that the District's Hall of Fame Dinner will be moved to the Holiday Inn in Matteson in order to accommodate the number of guests attending. Dr. Davis announced that bus aides will ride the school buses during early dismissal week (June 1-9, 2015).

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

Nothing at this time.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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**Personnel**

*Contracts*

Approve the contract for Craig Fong, psychologist, effective August 10, 2015, through June 10, 2016.

Approve the contract for Farah Quraishi, psychologist, effective August 10, 2015, through June 10, 2016.

Approve the contract for Jaimie Goodley, psychologist, effective August 10, 2015, through June 10, 2016.

Approve the contract for Ester Hope, psychologist, effective August 10, 2015, through June 10, 2016.

Approve the contract for Robert Grefe, psychologist (.5) (not to exceed 100 days of service), effective August 10, 2015, through June 10, 2016.

Approve the contract for Ilundria Bardwell, nurse, effective August 20, 2015, through June 6, 2016.

Approve the contracts with SOS (Staffing Options and Solutions, Inc.) for speech therapy services (Petrina Jackson and Maha Hasan) for the 2015–2016 school year.

Approve the contract with EBS (Educational Based Services, Inc.) for speech therapy services (Demetria Collins-Whitaker) for the 2015–2016 school year.

Approve the contract with EDU/Providastaff for District-wide certified school nurse services (Irma Coleman) for the 2015–2016 school year.

Approve the contract with Omni Therapeutics for occupational therapy services (Dr. Anjali Sane) for the 2015–2016 school year.

Approve the contract with Therapeutic Play for occupational therapy services (Regina Stovall) for the 2015–2016 school year.

Approve the contract with Mediscan for physical therapy services (Dr. Ola Elsaadani) for the 2015–2016 school year.

Approve the contracts with Soliant Health for school nurse services (Megan Miller and Rebecca Darley) for the 2015–2016 school year.

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*Retirement*

Approve the intent to retire of Leatrice A. Simpson-Nelson, media specialist at Matteson School, effective at the end of the 2016–2017 school year.

**Policy Matters**

Nothing at this time.

**Annual Business**

Nothing at this time.

**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 state budget is at a \$4 to 6 billion deficit. She stated that she anticipates a tax increase and a reduction in funding to schools. Dr. Davis also noted that the state legislature may eventually shift the responsibility for funding pensions, to the school districts.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board will consider approval of the employment of Stephanie Healy as assistant principal, effective April 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

Mrs. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Simpkins, to approve the employment of Stephanie Healy as assistant principal, effective April 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

Dr. Davis stated that prior to being recommended to the assistant principal position, Mrs. Healy was a teacher at Illinois School. She noted that during her tenure at Illinois School, Mrs. Healy taught 1st grade, 3rd–6th grades gifted, and middle school. She also noted that Mrs. Healy earned her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her master’s degree in curriculum, instruction and administration from Lewis University. Dr. Davis commented that Mrs. Healy knows the community and has the ability to manage older students. Dr. Davis stated that she respects Mrs. Healy’s tenacity and that she will complement the Huth Middle School staff as an assistant principal. Mrs. Healy thanked Dr. Davis and the Board for the opportunity to continue to serve the District in this new capacity. Mr. Simpkins and Mrs. Gordon commented about the positive influence Mrs. Healy had on their children when they were students in her class. Mrs. Green commented that Mrs. Healy’s teaching style is strong and confident. She stated that Mrs. Healy treats her students with care and concern, but she is also a strict disciplinarian. She stated that she is glad her children had Mrs. Healy as their teacher.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS**

Nothing at this time.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### *Enrollment*

Dr. Davis presented a comparative overview of the District's student enrollment numbers from May 2007 through August 2015 (projected).

Schools	May 2007	April 2008	May 2009	Feb 2010	May 2011	May 2012	May 2013	May 2014	May 2015	Projected Aug 2015
Arcadia	561	527	571	579	556	537	519	477	447	418
Huth	660	672	654	645	630	596	603	641	599	557
Illinois	473	458	487	490	449	437	424	471	434	438
Indiana	501	494	457	434	428	436	430	424	399	379
Matteson	561	529	492	540	530	435	444	403	380	368
Richton Square	187	196	201	172	213	255	245	260	275	268
Sauk	468	464	436	436	477	458	449	378	395	386
Out-of-District	72	71	55	52	55	49	46	44	46	41
<b>SD 162 Total</b>	<b>3,483</b>	<b>3,411</b>	<b>3,353</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>3,338</b>	<b>3,203</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>3,098</b>	<b>2,975</b>	<b>2,855</b>

(Note: Data for May 2008 and May 2010 are unavailable; the yellow highlighted data are the latest data available for that year.)

Dr. Davis stated that there has been a shift in the District's enrollment, which peaked in May 2007. She further noted that as a result of the increase in student enrollment, the District added classrooms in several of its existing school buildings and opened a new early childhood center at Richton Square School. Dr. Davis stated that in 2009, the University of Chicago conducted a demographic study of the District and its surrounding community; the study projected a significant increase in population growth and school enrollment, based on several proposed new housing developments. Dr. Davis noted, however, that the projected growth never materialized, and as a result, the District's enrollment never reached the levels predicted by the University of Chicago study. Dr. Davis stated that the District's closing enrollment for the 2014–2015 school year is 2,975—25 students shy of the 3,000 that she anticipated. Dr. Davis remarked that a change in the birth rates as a result of the recession and lifestyle choices has impacted enrollment. She projects that the enrollment for the 2015–2016 school year will be 2,855.

Dr. Davis noted that lower enrollment numbers are an issue for many school districts, including Lincoln-Way District 210, which, at one time, had projected 10,000 students but

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currently has 7,000 students. Dr. Davis noted that Linclon-Way now projects that its enrollment will drop to 6,000 students by 2020. Dr. Davis stated that Huth Middle School's enrollment will be less than 600 students for the first time in many years. Dr. Davis stated that due to the lower enrollment, Matteson School could comfortably house the preschool and kindergarten classes currently located at Richton Square. She noted, however, that she has no plans to close Richton Square at this time. She said that she will continue to monitor the demographics relative to Richton Square's viability. Dr. Davis stated that low enrollment may cause high schools to close some of their buildings. She noted that low enrollment will also affect staffing, to some degree. Dr. Davis said that despite the enrollment issues, the District will close the school year with a balanced budget.

Mrs. Rodman McCray stated she had heard reports that housing sales were improving; she noted, however, that these improvements may not trickle down to our local municipalities.

#### *Summer School*

Dr. Davis announced that the District's summer school program will be in session from June 15–July 10, 2015, from 8:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. She noted that the primary instructional focus will be on reading and math. Dr. Davis stated that kindergarten–4<sup>th</sup> grade will be housed at Matteson School; 5<sup>th</sup> grade–8<sup>th</sup> grade will be housed at Huth Middle School. Dr. Davis noted that Mrs. Pat Ransford and Mrs. Pamela Powell will be the administrators at Matteson School, and Mr. Corey Levy and Dr. Carl Cogar will be the administrators at Huth Middle School.

#### *District 162 Band Concert*

Dr. Davis announced that the District-wide band concert is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., at Governors State University in University Park.

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*IESA State Band Competition*

Dr. Davis announced that the Huth Middle School band recently participated in the 2015 IESA State Band Competition. She stated that the school's symphonic band performed "Star Trek into Darkness" and "The Billboard," which earned them a Division 1 Excellent rating. She further stated that the jazz band received a standing ovation and a Division 1 Superior rating for its renditions of "Must Be the Blues" and "Stompin' at the Savoy."

*Huth State Bound!*

Dr. Davis announced that the Huth Middle School Boys' and Girls' track and field teams competed at the Illinois Elementary School Association Sectional Track Meet held at Rich South High School on May 16, 2015. The following thirty students represented Huth and the District at the meet:

Student Name	Event
Ashanti Denton, Ajah Edward, Amani Ford, Zena Roberts, Camari Smith	7 <sup>th</sup> grade girls 4x100 meter relay
Carl Braxton, Kemarrio Kellogg, Chris Rouse, Brandon Wester	7 <sup>th</sup> grade boys 4x100 meter relay
Shanta Butler, Danielle Howard, Raven Nesbitt, Myah Sherman	8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls 4x100 meter relay
Marcus Coleman, Zachary Roebuck, Leon Tanna, Sean Tyler, Javon Venson	8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys 4x100 meter relay
Christopher Bell, Joshua Dale, Armani Griffin, Jovan Guy	8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys 4x200 meter relay
Ashanti Denton, Arianna Ferguson, Ashley Meeky, Laila Middleton, Payton Ramsey	8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls 4x400 meter relay
Christopher Bell, Marcus Coleman, Jovan Guy, Mekhi Miller, Javon Venson	8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys 4x400 meter relay
Marcus Coleman	8 <sup>th</sup> grade boys 200 meter dash
Myah Sherman	8 <sup>th</sup> grade girls 100 meter dash
Darius Mahone	7 <sup>th</sup> grade boys shot put

*Autism Walks*

Dr. Davis stated that a team comprising District 162 and Southland College Prep staff and students participated in the Walk Now for Autism Speaks fundraiser at Soldier Field on May 16, 2015. She announced that at the time of the event the team had raised \$11,500; however, the team ultimately raised \$12,545 for the cause.



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*SSJHSA Art Festival*

Mrs. Gloria Chatman, art teacher at Huth Middle School, announced that Christopher Rapp, a Huth Middle School student, was awarded “Best in the Show” honors for his painting entitled, “Roarrrr,” at the recent South Suburban Junior High School Association Arts Festival. Mrs. Chatman stated that middle schools and junior high schools in the District’s conference participate in the competition. She noted that art teachers from each school in the conference submitted 15 projects to be judged by professional artists.

*Perfect Attendance*

The following students were awarded certificates and gift cards for achieving two or more years of perfect attendance. Students with one year of perfect attendance were honored at their individual school buildings.

Student	School	Years
Haylee Denham	Arcadia	2
Ian Kimble	Arcadia	2
Terri Anne Mensah	Arcadia	2
Tracey Mensah	Arcadia	2
Jalen Roberts	Arcadia	2
Taj Scott	Arcadia	2
Nathan Utoh	Arcadia	2
Adedamola Adeyemi	Matteson	2
Jevan Andrews	Matteson	2
Richard Kay	Matteson	2
Dalayah Stephenson	Matteson	2
Isaiah Sain	Matteson	3
Jaylen Macklin	Matteson	4
Trenyce Bonner	Indiana	2
Takiyah Green	Indiana	2
Alyssa Johnson	Indiana	2
Kelly Jones	Indiana	2
Brandon Mensah	Indiana	2
Amari Myrick	Indiana	2
Ozioma Ufomba	Indiana	2
Marco Carmona	Indiana	3
Arielle Clayton	Indiana	3
Kaleb Jones	Indiana	3

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Kya Jones	Indiana	3
Savannah Mitchell	Indiana	3
Jada Phillips	Indiana	3
Solomon Sayles	Indiana	3
Taylor Brister	Indiana	4
Jameel Clare	Indiana	4
Janaiya Flemming	Indiana	4
Chinedum Iloegbunam	Indiana	4
Ari Lewis	Indiana	4
Martel Tyms	Indiana	4
Kavon Harris	Indiana	5
Joslyn Smith	Indiana	5
Frederick Allen	Sauk	2
Matthew Blevins III	Sauk	2
Kayla Doerr	Sauk	2
Deontae Farrow	Sauk	2
Javion Fox	Sauk	2
Jamya Harrington	Sauk	2
Jessica Jenkins	Sauk	2
JShawn Kelley	Sauk	2
Caleb Lane	Sauk	2
Ahavah McClerklin	Sauk	2
Daniela Perez	Sauk	2
Shawn Scott	Sauk	2
Cakoia Coleman	Sauk	3
Sanaya Johnson	Sauk	3
Kristine Roque	Sauk	3
David Tyler	Sauk	3
Timothy Tabor	Sauk	4
Ajoni Taylor	Sauk	4
Dorcas Asiedu-Sekyere	Illinois	2
Emmanuel Boafo	Illinois	2
Xavier Buford	Illinois	2
Alan Cooper	Illinois	2
Zoe Drigo	Illinois	2
Michael Fleming	Illinois	2
Arbrianna Gaines	Illinois	2
Nina Jones	Illinois	2
Bakairi McGhee	Illinois	2
Genesis Payne	Illinois	2
Mikayla Pointer	Illinois	2
Raul Rosas	Illinois	2
Lauren Russell	Illinois	2
Oluwatomisin Arogundade	Illinois	3
Kelly Barksdale	Illinois	3
Kendall Barksdale	Illinois	3
Damicco Cocroft	Illinois	3
Michael Patton	Illinois	3

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Connor Rasmussen	Illinois	3
Drew Rasmussen	Illinois	3
Daniel Neal	Illinois	4
Sestina Oduro	Illinois	4
Micah Pointer	Illinois	4
Alexis Segura	Illinois	4
Kelton Stokes	Illinois	4
Kera Woods	Illinois	4
Jayvin Coffie	Huth	2
Jaylen Hankins	Huth	2
Maureen Tchatchoua	Huth	2
Kennedi Bates	Huth	3
Lauren Jenkins	Huth	3
Okoe Lamptey	Huth	3
Emmanuel Omovie	Huth	3
Payton Ramsey	Huth	3
Anuoluwapo Solola	Huth	3
Juli-Anne Atwood	Huth	4
Angelica Ferguson	Huth	4
Maila Pointer	Huth	4
Imani Wheeler-Smith	Huth	5
Chinemelum Iloegbunam	Huth	6
Ajah Lucas	Huth	7
Makiah Sherman	Huth	7
Kennedy Barksdale	Huth	8
Terenz Bonner	Huth	8
Gavina Carmona	Huth	8
Myah Sherman	Huth	8

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Mr. Andre Satchell, Southland College Prep parent and trustee of the Village of Matteson, addressed Dr. Davis and the Board. He thanked Dr. Davis and the Board for their work with children. Mr. Satchell inquired whether Southland students would be able to take classes during the summer at either Southland or in conjunction with Southland at a local junior college. Mrs. Rodman McCray explained to Mr. Satchell that Southland College Prep and District 162 are separate entities and that his questions should be posed to Southland administrators or Board members. Dr. Davis agreed to speak privately with Mr. Satchell regarding his questions.

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Ms. Cynthia Harrington, a District 162 parent, addressed Dr. Davis and the Board. She congratulated the District's teachers and principals for their dedication to students. She stated that while a student in District 162, her son had an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) until 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She further stated that he is now an honor student in high school. Ms. Harrington praised the District for the foundation it provided for her son's success.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board Secretary polled each Board member, individually, for his/her approval to adjourn to Executive Session. All members present at the meeting agreed to adjourn to Executive Session:

**YES**

**NO**

Bean

Murphy

Green

Gordon

Simpkins

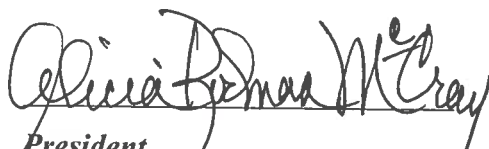
Rodman McCray

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

  
*President*

  
*Secretary*