

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
November 17, 2015**

"We take the dreams and hopes of our children and give them wings."

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 6:34 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:10 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Felix Simpkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Lee Stanton, Earnestine Foster, Mark Walczak, Yvonne S. Williams, Deborah Duskey, Linda Disney, Michael E. Gettings, David Rupert, Latunja O. Williams, Sheloanda Porche-Box, Pat Ransford, Jo Ross, Carl Cogar, Narishea Parham, Pamela Powell, Bill Howard, Gail Hartsough, Stephanie Healy, Dr. Jason Streeter, Camilla Covington, Natalie Bumpers, Cory Gold, Brenda Calvin, Robert Tomic, Amanda Godin, Daryll Lacey, Raphaliata McKenzie, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Rodman McCray called the regular session to order at 6:34 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. She noted that Mr. Simpkins was excused from the meeting. 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.” Dr. Davis stated that the Illinois School VIP Day, which combines Moms’ Day and Dads’ Day, is a good idea. She noted that it encompasses all of the people who are important in a child’s life. She announced that Mr. Dwayne Bryant, CEO of InnerVision International, will be the keynote speaker.

Dr. Davis stated that Huth Middle School has a “magnificent” new choral director.

Dr. Davis requested that the Board make a motion to change the start time of the December 15 Board meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to enable the Board members to attend the Indiana School Winter Concert at Governors State University.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Davis welcomed back Mr. Daryll Lacey, former assistant principal at Sauk School, from administrative leave. She noted that he will be working at the District’s Administrative Office.

Minutes

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Personnel

Employment

Approve the employment of Daryll Lacey, administrator, effective November 18, 2015.

Approve the employment of Regina Huston, special education teacher at Huth Middle School, effective October 26, 2015.

Approve the employment of Wendy Patrick, paraprofessional at Huth Middle School, effective November 2, 2015.

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Approve the employment of Rhonda Ford, floating secretary, effective October 15, 2015.

Leaves

Approve the unpaid leave for John Chavers, custodian, effective July 17, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

Approve the unpaid leave for William Wells, custodian, effective November 26, 2015, through December 31, 2015.

Approve the leave, under FMLA, for Martha Martinez, custodian, effective September 1, 2015, through December 1, 2015.

Resignation

Approve the resignation of Yolanda Booker, secretary at Matteson School, effective October 30, 2015.

Termination

Approve the termination of employment of Denise Hamilton, paraprofessional at Illinois School, effective November 6, 2015.

Policy Matters

Nothing at this time.

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 17, 2015, in the amount of \$1,171,033.19.

Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of \$20,285.85.

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Financial Statement – The October 2015 Financial Statement is presented for review.

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

Green

Gordon

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment

Dr. Davis presented an overview of the District's enrollment; she noted that the District's current enrollment is at the same level as it was prior to the District's hiring assistant principals for each school building. She stated that the District's membership numbers have been inconsistent.

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Membership

Schools	October 16, 2015	November 13, 2015
Arcadia	451	454
Huth	566	567
Illinois	408	403
Indiana	379	376
Matteson	361	364
Richton Square	243	246
Sauk	376	375
Out-of-District	43	43
SD 162 Total	2,827	2,828

Summary of Monthly Enrollment

Schools	9/11/15	10/16/15	11/13/15
Arcadia	451	451	454
Huth	554	566	567
Illinois	403	408	403
Indiana	377	379	376
Matteson	351*	361	364
Richton Square	212*	243	246
Sauk	363	376	375
Out-of-District	40	43	43
Total	2,751	2,827	2,828

Changes in Membership from October 16, 2015 to November 13, 2015

Schools	10/16/15	11/13/15	+/-	Explanation
Arcadia	451	454	+3	Lost one student in kindergarten; gained one student each in 2nd and 3rd grades; gained two students in 1st grade
Huth	566	567	+1	Lost one student in 7th grade; gained two students in 8th grade
Illinois	408	403	-5	Lost one student each in 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th grades
Indiana	379	376	-3	Lost two students in 4th grade and one student in 5th grade
Matteson	361	364	+3	Lost two students in 1st grade; gained three students in 2nd grade and two students in 3rd grade
Richton Square	243	246	+3	Gained three students in kindergarten
Sauk	376	375	-1	Lost one student each in 5th and 6th grades; gained one student in 4th grade
Out-of-District	43	43	0	No change
SD 162 Total	2,827	2,828	+1	

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Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Craig Englert, assistant superintendent of business services, 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 2015 levy is 0.8%.

CPI History-Past Five Years

- December 2014: 0.8%
- December 2013: 1.5%
- December 2012: 1.7%
- December 2011: 3.0%
- December 2010: 1.5%

Tax Formula

- Property Value x Tax Rate = Tax Revenue

Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV)

- The EAV is reassessed every three years.
- The last reassessment for the south suburbs was in 2014.
- The actual EAV will not be known until summer 2016.
- The EAV has been declining since 2010.
- As of 2014, 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 2014 levy plus 0.8% (2015 CPI).
- The Tentative Levy = \$22,550,000 (this is a 4.5% increase over the prior year's actual extension).
- The District **will not** receive a 4.5% increase in taxes.
- The Tentative Levy is set high to allow for any new property and a possible decrease in the EAV.

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

Timeline

- Vote to approve the 2015 Tentative Levy at the November 17, 2015 Board Meeting
- Vote to adopt the Final Levy at the December 15, 2015 Board Meeting
- File levy with Cook County no later than the last Tuesday in December

Mr. Englert stated the south suburbs will not undergo another EAV reassessment until 2017. He further stated that a public hearing on the tentative levy is not necessary because the District's levy request is less than 5 percent.

LEGISLATION

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of the adoption of the Tentative 2015 Tax Levy.

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. Gordon, to approve the adoption of the Tentative 2015 Tax Levy.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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Rodman McCray

The Board will consider approval of the resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$11,035,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2016, of School District Number 162, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Mrs. Gordon moved, seconded by Mr. Bean, to approve the issue of not to exceed \$11,035,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2016, of School District Number 162, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Mr. Englert introduced Ms. Raphaliata McKenzie of Speer Financial, who addressed the Board regarding the proposed bond issue. Ms. McKenzie explained that refunding the bonds will result in a projected 6.25 percent or \$75,000–\$80,000 annual savings to the District. She noted that the bond refunding will lower the debt service payment on the original bond issue. Mrs. Rodman McCray complimented Mr. Englert and Ms. McKenzie on being forward thinking relative to the District's finances. Ms. McKenzie commented that it is important to look at potential interest rate increases and to price the bond issue sooner rather than later in order to beat interest rate increases. She stated that her goal is to capture a savings for the District as soon as possible.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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Rodman McCray

The Board will consider approval of the sub-lease agreement between Matteson District 162 and Southland College Prep Charter High School for the lease of real property located at 4601 Sauk Trail, Richton Park, Illinois 60471.

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve the sub-lease agreement between Matteson District 162 and Southland College Prep Charter High School for the lease of real property located at 4601 Sauk Trail, Richton Park, Illinois 60471.

Mr. Englert made a brief presentation to the Board regarding the five-year sub-lease agreement. He stated that the original agreement called for an escalation in the rent rate that matched the increase in District 227's per capita student tuition costs as opposed to matching market rental rates. The new lease establishes a fixed per square foot rental rate during the term of the lease that matches the current market rate that we see in the local commercial rental market (\$17 per square foot), which is what Southland has been paying to District 162 for the past five years. Mr. Englert explained that the lease modification also brings clarity to the agreement between the District and Southland College Prep with respect to security services.

Mr. Bean inquired as to whether Mr. Englert had documented the research that was done to confirm that the \$17 per square foot rate reflects the current market rate; Mr. Englert replied that he had.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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OLD BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of the Matteson District 162 policy #5650 prohibiting Teen Dating Violence.

Mr. Robert Hall, attorney for the District, presented a brief overview of proposed policy number 5650. The policy, which is targeted to students in 7th and 8th grades, requires the District to develop and maintain a program to respond to incidents of teen dating violence.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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The Board will approve the Matteson District 162 policy #5660 regarding Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries.

Mr. Hall presented a brief overview of proposed policy number 5660. The policy requires the District to develop and implement a program to manage concussions and head injuries suffered by students engaged in interscholastic athletics in compliance with applicable laws, including the Illinois Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act, as well as the concussion protocols, policies, and by-laws of the Illinois High School Association.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

Mrs. Rodman McCray announced the passing of Mrs. Jean Bernstein, former superintendent of School District 163. She stated that a memorial service is planned for her at Tall Grass.

Mrs. Rodman McCray also thanked the Matteson Education Association for the taffy apples that they provided in honor of American Education Week.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Nothing at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, 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, or the sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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The Board entered Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:09 p.m.

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FINDING OF FACT

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mrs. Green that the Finding of Fact regarding Student A contained in the Hearing Officer's Report dated November 6, 2015, as conducted by Attorney Robert Hall be sustained.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Gordon

Green

McCray

Rodman McCray

EXPULSION

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, that Student A be expelled from Matteson District 162 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year ending June 3, 2016.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to change the start time of the December 15, 2015 Board meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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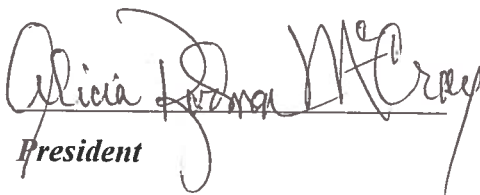
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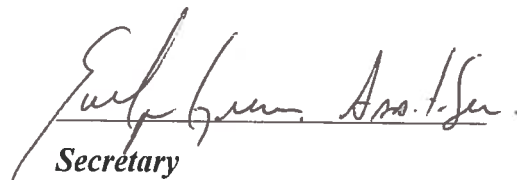
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ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.


Alicia Rodman McCray
President


Julie Green Ass. Sec.
Secretary