

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
January 19, 2016**

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

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 9:01 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Rodman McCray, President; Ron Bean, Vice President; Kevin Murphy, Secretary (arrived at 6:35 p.m.); Evelyn Green; Karen McCray

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandi Gordon; 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, Cory Gold, Brenda Calvin, Robert Tomic, Amanda Godin, Rachel Martin, Krystena Murphy, Shylah Mahone, Chastity Mahone, Gloria Summerville, Martha Banevich, Demarco Gaston, Sylvia Loving, Kristina Smith-Ross, Janet Anderson, Cierra Hayes, Maureen Dawdy, David Tyler, Tanisha Hardiman, Shannon Smith-Ross, Tonya Gunn, Natalie Lewis, Mishay Brooks, Na'tell Griffin, Brittany Myers, David Myers, Chloe Washington, Noelle Payne, Queen Drake, Camilla C., Lorenzo Roque, Suzanne Riley, Lea Nelson, Barnard Johnson, Patrice Johnson, Katie Oberman, Lara Reznick, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Jessica Washington

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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. Gordon and Mr. Simpkins were excused from the meeting. Mrs. Rodman McCray directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation. Mr. Murphy arrived at 6:35 p.m., after the roll call and the vote on the Consent Agenda.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dr. Davis reviewed the "Dates to Remember."

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

Regular Session, December 15, 2015

Personnel

Employment

Approve the employment of Essence Townsend, 10-month secretary at Matteson School, effective January 4, 2016.

Approve the employment of Deana Laster, paraprofessional at Richton Square School, effective January 11, 2016.

Leaves

Approve the maternity leave for Keshia Steele, social worker at Sauk School, effective April 4, 2016, through May 13, 2016.

Approve the leave of absence for Carolyn Cartman, secretary at Indiana School, effective December 15, 2015, through April 1, 2016.

Approve the maternity leave, under FMLA, for Cheryl Kennedy-Meyers, teacher at Arcadia School, effective January 22, 2016, through April 18, 2016.

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Approve the extension of the unpaid leave of absence for William Wells, custodian, from the original end date of December 31, 2015, to the new end date of February 29, 2016.

Termination

Approve the termination of employment of John Chavers, custodian, effective December 31, 2015.

Resignation/Retirement

Approve the resignation of Kimberly Peterz, reading specialist at Illinois School, effective January 15, 2016.

Approve the intent to retire of Heather Vuckovich, special education teacher at Richton Square School, effective June 6, 2016.

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 January 19, 2016, in the amount of \$1,124,923.26.

Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of \$50,045.61.

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

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Payroll Vouchers – Authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the payrolls dated February 12, 2016, and February 29, 2016, 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

McCray

Rodman McCray

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment

Dr. Davis presented an overview of the District's enrollment from December 11, 2015, through January 15, 2016:

Membership January 15, 2016	
School	Total
Arcadia	455
Huth	575
Illinois	401
Indiana	374
Matteson	345
Richton Square	245
Sauk	374
Out-of-District	48
SD 162 Total	2,817

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Membership December 11, 2015	
School	Total
Arcadia	455
Huth	572
Illinois	400
Indiana	373
Matteson	364
Richton Square	251
Sauk	371
Out-of-District	47*
SD 162 Total	2,833

*Data from PowerSchool

Changes in Membership from December 11, 2015 to January 15, 2016

Schools	12/12/15	1/15/16	+/-	Explanation
Arcadia	455	455	+3	Gained two students in kindergarten and one student in 2nd grade; lost two students in 1st grade and one student in 3rd grade.
Huth	572	575	+1	Gained five students in 7th grade; lost two students in 8th grade.
Illinois	400	401	-5	Gained one student in 8th grade.
Indiana	373	374	-3	Gained one student in 4th grade.
Matteson	364	345	+3	Transfers out
Richton Square	251	245	+3	Transfers out
Sauk	371	374	-1	Gained four students in 5th grade; lost one student in 6th grade.
Out-of-District	47*	48	0	Gained one student in PreK and two students in 3rd grade; lost one student each in 1st and 2nd grades.
SD 162 Total	2,833	2,817	-16	

Grants and Awards

Dr. Davis presented a summary of the grants that the District has received, to date:

Olympia Fields Education Commission	Purpose/School	Recipient	Award
	Audiobooks—grades 2nd-8th/Illinois School	Kisha Houston	\$1,000
	Graphing Calculators—grades 7th & 8th/Illinois School	Marisa Banowski	\$820
	In-School Field Trip—1st grade/Illinois School	Kelli Malone & Nicki Gloude	\$1,000
	Peer Mediation—grades 4th-8th/Illinois School	Leah Lacey	\$226
	Spanish Restaurant—Kindergarten-8th grade	Elena Morone	\$1,000
	Art Project—grades 7th & 8th/Huth Middle School	Gloria Chatman	\$972
	Rainbows Program—grades 4th-6th/Sauk School	Michelle Dixon	\$379
			Total: \$8,629

National Council of Jewish Women	Purpose/School	Recipient	Award
	Economics-Everyday, Everywhere/Illinois School	Dawn Gant & Linda Green	\$350
	Holocaust Literature Project/Huth Middle School	Amy Leib	\$336.55
	Student Thinkers & Readers in Science/Matteson School	Suzanne VanSlyke	\$328.92
	Math Can Be Fun with Legos/Sauk School	Paula Jennings	\$330
			Total: \$1,294

Yvonne S. Williams

Yvonne S. Williams, chief special education officer for the District, is the 2016 recipient of the Senator John W. Maitland Jr. Commitment to Education Award. Mrs. Williams, a graduate of Illinois State University, will be honored by the Illinois State University Alumni Association for her work in education, on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at the Illinois State University Alumni Center.

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Spelling Bee

Kian Deguzman, a fifth grader from Sauk School, is the winner of the District's 2016 Spelling Bee. Kevin Carter, a seventh grader from Huth Middle School, placed second in the District bee. Former District 162 Spelling Bee champions, Aliah DeGuzman (sister of Kian), Indya Gettings, and Noor Baig attended the bee as special guests of Superintendent Davis. Kian DeGuzman will represent District 162 in the regional spelling bee to be held on February 4, 2016, at Central Junior High School in Tinley Park.

School Board Recognition Month

In honor of School Board Recognition Month, students and staff representing the District's seven school buildings presented gifts and resolutions to Dr. Davis and the District's school board members as expressions of gratitude for their work on behalf of the District's students.

LEGISLATION

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of the 2014–2015 audit.

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve the 2014–2015 audit.

Mr. Craig Englert, assistant superintendent of business services, presented a brief overview of the audit process. He stated that the District is rated in the highest category for fiscal responsibility as rated by the Illinois State Board of Education. He introduced Ms. Kelly Kirkman, a representative of RSM (formerly McGladrey), to discuss the audit in more detail. Ms. Kirkman stated that RSM issued a "clean" opinion with no audit adjustments made. She further stated that the audit found that the District's financial information is reliable and that there were no exceptions or significant issues. Ms. Kirkman commented that there was a \$10 million increase in the District's pension liability.

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Dr. Davis asked how the \$10 million pension liability was computed. Ms. Kirkman responded to her query.

Mr. Bean asked Ms. Kirkman about the audit as it relates to the District's federally-funded programs. Ms. Kirkman stated that RSM conducted a single audit of the District's federal funding and found no compliance issues with these awards. Mr. Bean further remarked that it is noteworthy that there were no significant deficiencies in the District's audit.

Ms. Kirkman also said that the District has \$600,000 in additional assets that were identified outside of the audit. She noted that these items are fully depreciated and do not impact the audit in any way.

Mrs. Green asked if the audit has any effect on the District's credit rating. Mr. Englert and Mr. Bean responded that it does not have a significant impact on the District's rating.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Green

McCray

Rodman McCray

The Board will consider approval of the contract with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., for the supply of natural gas for all District 162 buildings for the period April 2016, through July 2018.

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mrs. McCray, to approve the contract with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., for the supply of natural gas for all District 162 buildings for the period April 2016, through July 2018.

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Mr. Craig Englert addressed the Board regarding the gas and electric contracts. He explained that the District is a member of the Illinois Energy Consortium (IEC) for the purchase of electricity for all District buildings except Richton Square and the District's administrative offices, which purchase their electricity directly from ComEd. In addition, all District buildings have been purchasing natural gas directly from NICOR Gas, said Mr. Englert. Mr. Englert also stated that the District's electric rates through the consortium have been increasing and are now higher than electric rates on the open market. Moreover, he noted that electric and gas rates are low by historical standards. He further stated that purchasing electricity and gas on a month-to-month basis subjects the District to volatility in the market in the event of future rate increases. Mr. Englert stated that he secured the services of an energy broker to obtain pricing for the electricity and gas service for all District buildings. He noted that the broker approached eight electricity suppliers (seven of which provided bid pricing) and seven natural gas suppliers (three of which provided bid pricing). Mr. Englert explained that each vendor was asked to supply a fixed rate bid option for one, two, and three years at a locked in rate. Mr. Englert announced that based on these parameters, the District accepted the bids of Dynegy Energy Services and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., for the two-year supply of electricity and gas services for all District buildings. Mr. Englert projected that the District will save approximately \$40,000, annually, on electricity and gas. He noted that by locking in the District's electric and gas rates for two years, the District will be better able to predict its energy expenses, which will insulate it from increases in electricity and gas prices. Mr. Englert stated that he will make a call to lock in the rate the day after the Board meeting. He also mentioned that the District will not be penalized for withdrawing from the IEC.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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The Board will consider approval of the contract with Dynegy Energy Services for the supply of electricity for all District 162 buildings for the period April 2016, through July 2018.

Mrs. McCray moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve the contract with Dynegy Energy Services for the supply of electricity for all District 162 buildings for the period April 2016, through July 2018.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

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The Board will consider approval of Matteson District 162 Policy #5105 regarding Student Admission Including Children of Military Personnel.

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Matteson District 162 Policy #5105 regarding Student Admission Including Children of Military Personnel.

Dr. Davis explained that this policy is being presented to the Board for approval and not for "first reading." She noted that time constraints dictated that the policy's approval be expedited. She noted that the Office of the Secretary of Education sent a directive to school districts regarding the treatment of children of military parents. Dr. Davis said that District 162 will take the same measures to serve these students as it does with homeless students. She stated that the children of military personnel do not have to transfer out of the District when their parents are deployed. Further, she stated that the District will bus students of deployed military parents in the same manner as it does homeless students, which guarantees the stability of their education.

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The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

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OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

Mrs. McCray complimented the Huth Middle School administrators, staff, and students for a successful science fair.

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.

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The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Green

McCray

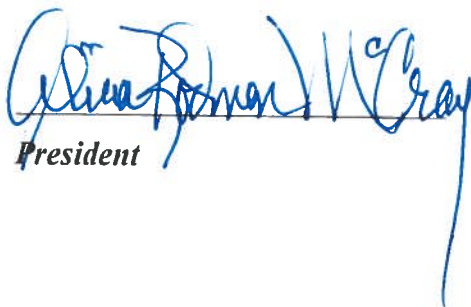
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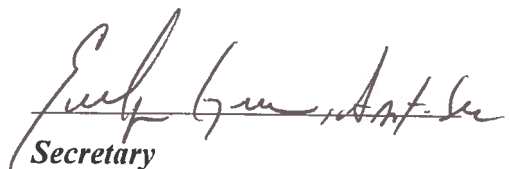
The Board entered Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.


President


Secretary