

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
December 15, 2015**

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

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 5:31 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Rodman McCray, President; Ron Bean, Vice President; Evelyn Green; Karen McCray; Felix Simpkins

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Murphy, Secretary; Sandi Gordon

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Doug Hamilton, 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, Daryll Lacey, Jennifer Kopec, Jeff Pazdan, Estella Tolbert, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Rodman McCray called the regular session to order at 5:31 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. She stated that Mrs. Gordon was excused from the meeting and that Mr. Bean would be arriving late to the meeting. Mrs. Rodman McCray directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation. Mr. Bean arrived at 5:45 p.m., after the roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda, and the vote on New Business items A, B, and C.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dr. Davis reviewed the "Dates to Remember." Dr. Davis stated that the Indiana School Winter Concert at Governors State University is scheduled immediately following the Board meeting.

Mrs. McCray asked Dr. Davis about AIMS Web. Dr. Davis explained that AIMS Web is a testing instrument that the District has used for several years to assess student academic progress.

Dr. Davis reported that the Illinois State Board of Education went out to bid for standardized testing vendors (ACT, SAT, etc.) She noted that SAT won the contract with the lowest bid to provide standardized state testing for college-bound students. Dr. Davis stated that the SAT will become the official college admission exam administered in Illinois.

Mrs. Rodman McCray asked Dr. Davis to provide a presentation on the SAT, ACT, and other state tests at a future Board meeting. Dr. Davis responded that she may have a presentation for the January Board meeting.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

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Executive Session, November 17, 2015, and declare them closed.

Personnel

Employment

Approve the employment of Jennifer Green, custodian, effective November 3, 2015.

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Approve the employment of Lisa Green, paraprofessional at Huth Middle School, effective November 18, 2015.

Approve the employment of Nicholas Ratajczak, PE teacher at Huth Middle School, effective December 7, 2015.

Approve the employment of Tiffanie Harris-Chavers, tray washer at Sauk School, effective November 30, 2015.

Approve the employment of Victoria Caldwell, media specialist at Sauk School, effective December 2, 2015.

Leaves

Approve the maternity leave for Erin Van Howe, teacher at Matteson School, effective April 3, 2016, for up to six weeks.

Approve the leave of absence, under FMLA, for Denise Taylor, teacher at Illinois School, effective January 4, 2016, through March 28, 2016.

Approve the leave of absence for Susan Torrance, teacher at Arcadia School, effective November 30, 2015, through December 14, 2015.

Resignation

Approve the resignation of Dana Hamilton, paraprofessional at Richton Square School, effective December 14, 2015.

Policy Matters

Nothing at this time.

Annual Business

Nothing at this time.

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Bill Listing – Authorization of the administration to pay the schedule of bills payable and authorize the District Treasurer to sign the checks dated December 15, 2015, in the amount of \$1,005,614.82.

Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of \$14,198.42.

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

Payroll Vouchers – Authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the payrolls dated January 15, 2016, and January 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

Green

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Nothing at this time.

LEGISLATION

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of the 2015 Tax Levy Resolution.

Mrs. McCray moved, seconded by Mrs. Green, to approve the 2015 Tax Levy Resolution.
Mr. Craig Englert, assistant superintendent of business services, presented a brief overview of the levy process.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

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| <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
| Green | |
| McCray | |
| Simpkins | |
| Rodman McCray | |

The Board will consider approval of the Levy 2015 Taxes for Certain Purposes Resolution.

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Simpkins, to approve the Levy 2015 Taxes for Certain Purposes Resolution.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

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| <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
| Green | |
| McCray | |
| Simpkins | |
| Rodman McCray | |

The Board will consider approval of the Resolution to Instruct the County Clerk on How to Apportion 2015 Tax Levy Extension Reductions.

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Simpkins, to approve the Resolution to Instruct the County Clerk on How to Apportion 2015 Tax Levy Extension Reductions.

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The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Green

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

The Board will consider approval of the Resolution approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for the District, authorizing the President of the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application.

Mr. Simpkins moved, seconded by Mrs. Green to approve the Resolution approving an application to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for qualified school construction bond designation for obligations to finance certain capital projects in and for the District, authorizing the President of the Board of Education of said School District to execute said application and directing an official of said School District to submit said application.

Mr. Craig Englert addressed the Board regarding this matter. He stated that Governor Rauner moved funds to the Illinois State Board of Education to be used for school construction projects. Mr. Englert further stated that under this program, the federal government will cover the majority of the construction expenses. Mr. Englert explained that this motion does not authorize the District to float any bonds or to commence any construction projects at this time; he further explained that the motion enables the District to submit an application to ISBE indicating its interest in obtaining qualified school construction bond designation in the event that it should plan future District construction projects.

Dr. Davis commented that the state has not made construction funding available to the schools for many years. She noted that ISBE will consider district construction needs, debt level, etc., when awarding construction funding to districts.

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The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Green

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

Nothing at this time.

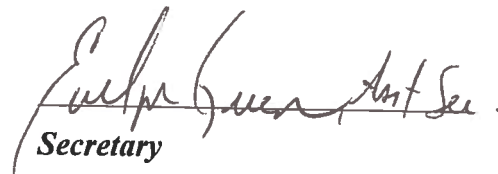
AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.


President


Secretary