

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

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

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:00 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandi Gordon

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Lee Stanton, Earnestine Foster, Mark Walczak, Yvonne Williams, Deborah Duskey, Linda Disney, Corey Levy, Michael E. Gettings, Derek Alexander, Narishea Parham, Bill Howard, David Rupert, Latunja O. Williams, Janiece Jackson, Sheloanda Porche-Box, Brenda Calvin, Carl Cogar, Natalie Bumpers, Jo Ross, Pat Ransford, Gail Hartsough, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Amanda Godin, Lara Reznick, Angela Clifton, 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 noted that Mrs. Gordon was excused from the meeting. Mrs. Rodman McCray directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation. Mr. Simpkins arrived at 6:32 p.m. and Mr. Murphy arrived at 6:34 p.m., both after the roll call.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Dr. Davis reviewed the “Dates to Remember.” Dr. Davis stated that Mrs. Powell, principal of Matteson School and Richton Square School, was ill and was excused from the meeting. She noted that Mr. Robert Tomic, principal of Indiana School, was excused from the meeting due to a family illness. She also noted that Dr. Jason Streeter, assistant principal at Huth Middle School, was excused from the meeting due to his recent surgery.

Dr. Davis asked Dr. Carl Cogar, principal at Illinois School, to discuss the Science Bus that will be visiting Illinois School from February 24–25, 2015. Dr. Cogar explained that the Science Bus program is sponsored by the University of Chicago. He further explained that Illinois School’s 3rd–6th grade students would have the opportunity to participate in Science Bus activities during the two-day visit. Dr. Davis stated that there continue to be protests across the State of Illinois regarding the PARCC Exam. She noted that the protests revolve around the format of the exam, the technology required to administer the exam and whether the exam will accomplish what it purports to relative to assessing student progress. Dr. Davis stated that districts that choose to opt out of the PARCC will be penalized. She further noted that only eight states nation-wide will be administering the PARCC. Dr. Davis remarked that District 162 will administer the exam from March 9–April 3, 2015, using paper and pencil instead of the online facility. She said that students in grades 3–8 will be tested over the course of the two-week period. She noted that had the District opted to administer the exam via the online facility, it would take one month to administer.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nothing at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the consent agenda dated February 17, 2015, and every item contained therein:

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Minutes

Regular Session, January 20, 2015

Executive Session, January 20, 2015, and declare them closed.

Personnel

Leaves

Approve the maternity leave, as provided for in the employment contract of Ilundria Bardwell, nurse at Indiana School, effective February 17, 2015, through April 10, 2015.

Approve the maternity leave, under FMLA, of Donna Ferretti, teacher at Matteson School, effective the end of March 2015, through the end of the 2014–2015 school year.

Approve the leave of absence, under FMLA, of Denise Hamilton, paraprofessional at Huth Middle School, effective February 9, 2015, through March 23, 2015.

Suspension

Approve the 5-day suspension, without pay, of Denise Hamilton, paraprofessional at Huth Middle School, for the period February 2, 2015, through February 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 February 17, 2015, in the amount of \$967,169.89.

Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of \$15,095.71.

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

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Payroll Vouchers – Authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the payrolls dated March 13, 2015, and March 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

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Enrollment

Dr. Davis presented a comparative analysis of the District’s student enrollment numbers as of January 16, 2015, and February 13, 2015. Dr. Davis noted that the February enrollment numbers are up slightly compared to January’s enrollment numbers. She stated that by yearend, she anticipates that there will be 3,000 students enrolled in the District.

January 16, 2015		February 13, 2015	
School	Total	School	Total
Arcadia	436	Arcadia	439
Huth	598	Huth	598
Illinois	443	Illinois	445
Indiana	398	Indiana	401
Matteson	372	Matteson	375
Richton Square	270	Richton Square	272
Sauk	390	Sauk	395
Out-of-District	42	Out-of-District	41
Totals	2,949	Totals	2,966

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School Health Services

Dr. Davis presented the following report about measles:

What Is Measles?

- Measles is a serious, highly contagious disease caused by a virus.
- The virus is spread easily through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes or by direct contact with infected nose or throat secretions.

How Common Is Measles?

- Now measles occurs typically only in
 - preschool-age* children who have not had the vaccine
 - school-age children/young adults* who have had only one shot of the measles vaccine.
- Cases in the United States, Canada and other countries with effective immunization programs have dropped by 99 percent.

Symptoms?

- A rash that starts on the face and neck and then spreads
- A high fever, runny nose, cough and red, watery eyes
- The fever starts about 10 days after exposure.
- The rash appears about 14 days after exposure. Infants and adults usually are sicker than children and teenagers.

In the United States, death from measles has occurred at a rate of about two to three per 1,000 cases, in recent years.

What Is the Treatment for Measles?

- Treatment includes bed rest, lots of fluids and medicine for fever and headache.
- Antibiotics do not help—either to cure measles or to prevent it.

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- There are no anti-viral drugs for treating measles.
- Stay home—it is highly contagious.

Immunization Recommendations

- The vaccine is recommended for children at 12 months of age. The shot is given as the measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine.
- A second shot of the measles vaccine, usually the MMR, is now required in Illinois for all children kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Measles can be prevented by the measles vaccine. Acquired immunity after illness is permanent.

Illinois State Requirement

- The state mandates that all children are vaccinated unless they have a religious or medical exemption. (These children are considered unprotected.)
- If a case of measles is confirmed, all unprotected students must be excluded for 21 days after the onset of the last confirmed case.
- With a doctor's written approval, the district may provide homebound services.

Responsibilities of Key Staff

- Immediately report suspected cases of measles to the school principal.
- On the same day that the school receives a report of a suspected case of measles, conduct an inquiry into absenteeism to determine whether there are any other cases of the illness in the class and school of the student involved.
- Within 24 hours, make a telephone report to the local health authority.
- A notice must be sent home with each unprotected student stating that the student will be excluded effective the following morning, until 21 days after the onset of the last reported measles case.

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Matteson SD162 Actions to Date

- Identified all unprotected students (35) due to religious or medical exemption
- Provided each family with the notice informing them of the mandated exclusion if a measles case is confirmed in their child's school
- Made calls to each family to confirm that they are aware of the mandated exclusion
- Offered assistance to any family who may wish to vaccinate their child

Mrs. Yvonne Williams, Chief Special Education Officer, responded to a query about adult vaccinations. She stated that adults who are not vaccinated are susceptible to contracting the measles. She further stated that adults should have had two doses of the vaccine. She noted that adults who had measles in their youth are immune from the disease.

Economics Concepts Poster Contest

Dr. Davis announced that Noor Baig, eighth grader at Huth Middle School, was one of 12 winners, statewide, of the Economics Concepts Poster Contest sponsored by ECON Illinois and several universities including Governors State University. Baig's entry was based on one of several economic concepts taught in the classroom. All entries were submitted for judging, and 24 entries were selected from each region. The top 12 entries in the state were recognized with awards.

Sectional Spelling Bee

Dr. Davis announced that Huth eighth grader, Aliah DeGuzman, placed 2nd at the regional spelling bee. She will now represent District 162 at the sectional spelling bee to be held at McClure Junior High School in Western Springs, Illinois, on February 19. Dr. Davis noted that DeGuzman will compete against 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finalists from North, South and West Cook County.

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Speech Finalists from District 162

Dr. Davis announced that five of the 15 members of the Southland College Prep Speech/Forensics Team who will compete in the IHSA Speech State Finals in Peoria on February 21, 2015, are former District 162 students.

Name	School	Placement at Regionals
Kristen Carter	Illinois	1 st Place/Performance in the Round
Kaitlyn Barksdale	Huth	1 st Place/Performance in the Round
Ta’Kiyah Brown	Illinois	1 st Place/Performance in the Round
Erik Thomas	Huth	1 st Place/Dramatic Duet Acting & Poetry Reading
Malik Bibbie	Huth	3 rd Place/Original Comedy

Dr. Davis stated that Mrs. Cheryl Frazier, Southland speech coach, is the winningest speech coach in Illinois. Dr. Davis thanked the Board and District 162 staff for the foundation they have built for the success of these students. Mrs. Rodman McCray thanked the District’s administrators and teachers for the positive achievement of District 162 students as they matriculate to high school.

LEGISLATION

Dr. Davis stated that she and Mr. Craig Englert, the District’s assistant superintendent of business, will be watching Governor Rauner’s State of the State address on February 18, 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Tax Levy to pay the principal and interest on outstanding limited bonds of the District.

Mrs. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Simpkins, to approve a resolution authorizing a Supplemental Tax Levy to pay the principal and interest on outstanding limited bonds of the District.

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Mr. Englert briefly addressed the Board on the Supplemental Tax Levy.
The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Bean	
Murphy	
Green	
McCray	
Simpkins	
Rodman McCray	

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

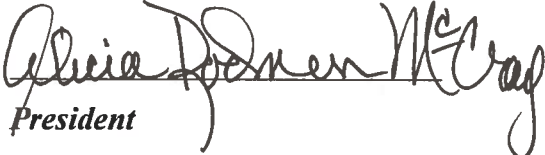
Nothing at this time.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.


President


Secretary