

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
January 20, 2015**

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

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 6:31 p.m.

Adjourned: 8:36 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Dr. Doug Hamilton, Earnestine Foster, Mark Walczak, Yvonne Williams, Deborah Duskey, Linda Disney, Corey Levy, Michael E. Gettings, Derek Alexander, Pamela J. Powell, Narishea Parham, Bill Howard, Dr. David Rupert, Dr. Latunja O. Williams, Dr. Janiece Jackson, Sheloanda Porche-Box, Brenda Calvin, Dr. Carl Cogar, Natalie Bumpers, Robert Tomic, Jo Ross, Pat Ransford, Gail Hartsough, Dr. Jason Streeter, Debbie Szczecina, Barbara Manning, Dennis Pieper, Valerie Pieper, Amanda Godin, Lara Reznick, Kim Smith, Eric Olson, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Rodman McCray called the regular session to order at 6:31 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. 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 administration of the Terra Nova Exam was delayed due to the District's weather-related closing of the schools. Dr. Davis mentioned that Mrs. Yvonne Williams, chief special education officer, will address the Board of Education at a future meeting on pending changes to the kindergarten report card.

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 January 20, 2015, and every item contained therein:

Minutes

Regular Session, December 16, 2014

Personnel

Leaves

Approve the maternity leave of Amanda Torres, teacher at Sauk School, from March 18, 2015, through June 5, 2015.

Approve the maternity leave of Megan Smart, teacher at Sauk School, from April 13, 2015, through June 5, 2015.

Approve the medical leave, under FMLA, of Wendell Stewart, custodian at Matteson School, from January 2, 2015, through May 4, 2015.

Suspension

Approve the suspension, without pay, of Mozell Brown, custodian, from January 16, 2015, through January 30, 2015.

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Resignations

Approve the resignation of Doris Spencer, lunchroom supervisor at Indiana School, effective December 20, 2014.

Approve the resignation of Ken Carr, custodian at Illinois School, effective December 30, 2014.

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 20, 2015, in the amount of \$1,085,889.49.

Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of \$43,978.66.

Financial Statement – The December 2014 Financial Statement is presented for review.

Payroll Vouchers – Authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the payrolls dated February 13, 2015, and February 27, 2015, including all bills for payroll deductions and contributions by the school district.

Gifts and Donations

Nothing at this time.

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The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

Green

Gordon

McCray

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Eric Olson

Dr. Davis introduced Mr. Eric Olson, formerly of Arcon Associates, Inc. Mr. Olson addressed the Board regarding his recent departure from Arcon after 29 years, to spend more time with his family and to volunteer. Mr. Olson stated that he values the friendships and connections that he has made in District 162. He thanked Dr. Davis and the Board for their support, particularly after the passing of his son. Mrs. Rodman McCray remarked that the quality of Mr. Olson's work was outstanding.

Enrollment

Dr. Davis presented a comparative analysis of the District's student enrollment numbers as of December 12, 2014, and January 16, 2015. Dr. Davis noted that she anticipates that by yearend, there will be 3,000 students enrolled in the District; however, she noted that she anticipates that the enrollment at Huth Middle School will eventually decrease by approximately 45 students, as the drop in enrollment that is currently affecting the lower grades reaches the middle school level:

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December 12, 2014		January 16, 2015	
School	Total	School	Total
Arcadia	438	Arcadia	436
Huth	596	Huth	598
Illinois	444	Illinois	443
Indiana	398	Indiana	398
Matteson	367	Matteson	372
Richton Square	266	Richton Square	270
Sauk	387	Sauk	390
Out-of-District	41	Out-of-District	42
Totals	2,937	Totals	2,949

Calendar Changes to Make-Up Emergency Days

Dr. Davis announced changes to the District's calendar in order to accommodate make-up days for two of the three days that the District's schools were closed in January, due to extreme weather conditions. Dr. Davis stated that she will bring a final revised calendar to the Board for its approval at the March 2015 Board meeting.

Emergency Day 1

- Friday, February 13, 2015, will be a student attendance day.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be rescheduled for the evening of Thursday, February 12, 2015, from 3:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Emergency Day 2

- Monday, March 2, 2015 (Casimir Pulaski Day), will be a student attendance day.
- An ISBE Holiday Waiver was approved last school year.

Financial News

Mr. Craig Englert, the District's assistant superintendent of business, addressed the Board of Education regarding the District's finances relative to the December 2014 Consumer Price Index. Mr. Englert explained the following:

- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures the change in consumer prices over time.
- Tax cap legislation limits the increase in property tax revenue to the increase in the CPI.
- The increase equals 0.8% over December 2013.
- It represents the second smallest December to December increase in the last 50 years.
- The major cause of the small increase is the decrease in the price of gasoline.

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Impact on District 162

- The property tax revenue in 2016–2017 will only increase 0.8% or about \$160,000.
- This does not take into account refunds or new property.
- This does not affect the bond levy.

Mr. Englert stated that the impact of this small increase will affect the District in approximately two years. He further stated that he is investigating ways to mitigate the impact on the District's revenues.

Supplemental Bond Levy

- The bond levy is approved each year as part of the 2011 Working Cash Fund Bond issue.
- Increases in the ceiling on the bond levy to allow for the full payment due on the 2011 bonds.
- The increase is limited to CPI.
- The supplemental bond levy will be presented to the Board of Education at the February 2015 Board meeting.
- Once approved by the Board, the supplemental bond levy will be filed with Cook County by March 1, 2015.

Mr. Englert reported that the District's expenditures and revenues are on track with projections.

Mr. Bean asked if there was any way to address the issue of taxpayer appeals. Mr. Englert responded that there is currently proposed legislation to address this issue. Mr. Englert stated that the number of tax appeals has dropped off this year and that the District is seeing more property tax revenue this year.

Spelling Bee 2015

Dr. Davis announced that Aliah DeGuzman, an 8th grader from Huth Middle School, is the winner of the District's 2015 Spelling Bee. She further stated that Aliah's younger brother, Kian DeGuzman, took 2nd place at the bee. Dr. Davis stated that Aliah will compete at the regional competition on Monday, February 2, 2015, at Prairie Junior High School in Alsip, Illinois.

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PARCC EXAM

Dr. Davis reported that the District is preparing for the PARCC Exam. She noted that the Chicago Public Schools (CPS) have declined to administer the PARCC, despite the fact that it is considered a mandatory exam. Dr. Davis remarked that CPS could be sanctioned. Dr. Davis stated that the District will administer the PARCC. She further remarked that the District has petitioned the state to administer the exam in paper/pencil format. She believes that districts will be permitted to proceed with the PARCC in paper/pencil format until all districts have the technology to conduct online testing.

Paul Caulfield

Dr. Davis announced that Paul Caulfield, science teacher and science fair coordinator at Huth Middle School, will be retiring at the end of this school year. She stated that the District will celebrate his retirement at a future Board meeting when science fair winners are announced.

LEGISLATION

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

Mrs. McCray congratulated the Huth administration, staff and students on a successful Science Fair. She said that the students exhibited “good ideas and great projects.”

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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

Bean

Murphy

Green

McCray

Gordon

Simpkins

Rodman McCray

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:59 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.


Alicia Rodman McCray
President


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Secretary