

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
May 10, 2016**

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

REGULAR SESSION

Convened: 6:35 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:21 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Felix Simpkins

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Lee Stanton, 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, Jason Streeter, Cory Gold, Brenda Calvin, Robert Tomic, Camilla Covington, Amanda Godin, Robert Jones, Adrienne LaCour, Andre LaCour, Varlee Conditt, Taifoor Baig, Loren Rounds, Kayla Doerr, Jeanene Haley, Gerry Howard, Michelle Eddings, Karlin House, Sheila Lamb-Oben, Alola Oben, Cameron Boswell, Carrie Conditt, Rhonda McNair, Dante Maddox, Randall, Cory Gold, James Flint, Bessie Flint, James Flint, Jr., Amriah McClerklin, Makayla Smith, Alexis Badiano, Ta’Vion Wilson, Natalie Lewis, Dollene McIntyre, Andrea Love, Don Ransford, Amy Solola, Inez Valadez, Evelyn Morenos, Trinity Price, Amari Price, Eden Price, Ashley Meeky, Nyah Ware, Gabriel Taylor, Lenora Taylor, Michael Taylor, Nakita McNeal, Marian Dowdy, Shewardia Johns, Kathy Chillmet, Jennifer Williams, Ivy Langs, Leticia Hernandez, Antonio Ferreira, Jocelyn Ferreira, Thursday Flint,

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Thomas W. McNeal, Rowena DeGuzman, Payton Ramsey, Annamarie Ramsey, Craig Atwood, Blaze Atwood, Ebenezer Ekoi, Florence Ekoi, Toby Skonecke, Gail Hartsough, Dr. Strich, JoAnn Jones, Mariah Chapman, Marcus Chapman, Laura Chapman, Ngonde Ekoi, Emilse Jones, Dwayne, Valerie Williams, Rasheedat Said, Syriah House, Trina Matthews, Aubrey Lee, Brooklyn McCollum, Yoselin Gomez, Tracey Scales, Daniella Utoh, Uju Utoh, Nyla Collier, Camari Smith, Theresa Tabor, Tania Richey, Christian Giles, Debbie Szczecina, Lorrie Clayton, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mrs. Rodman McCray called the regular session to order at 6:35 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. Mrs. Rodman McCray noted that Mr. Simpkins was excused from the meeting. Mrs. Rodman McCray directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dr. Davis reviewed the "Dates to Remember." Dr. Davis reported that the Huth Middle School and Southland College Prep bands will be marching in the upcoming Matteson Memorial Day Parade on May 30, 2016. She noted that the parade will stage and step-off from the old District Office facility in Matteson. Dr. Davis stated that there are 400 students in the band program. She commented that the District will graduate 400 eighth graders on June 2, 2016. She noted that she expects approximately 4,000 people to attend the district-wide graduation at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Nothing at this time.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the Consent Agenda dated May 10, 2016, and every item contained therein:

Minutes

Regular Session, April 19, 2016

Executive Session, April 19, 2016, and declare them closed.

Personnel

Leaves

Approve the leave of absence for Kathryn Pazdan, teacher at Sauk School, effective for the 2016–2017 school year.

Approve the maternity leave, under FMLA, of Kelika Baker, teacher at Illinois School, effective October 3, 2016, through January 9, 2017.

Resignations

Approve the resignation of Jonathan Chestang, teacher at Sauk School, effective June 6, 2016.

Policy Matters

Nothing at this time.

Annual Business

Nothing at this time.

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Gifts and Donations

Nothing at this time.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Green

Murphy

Gordon

McCray

Rodman McCray

LEGISLATION

Dr. Davis explained that the State of Illinois has not had a budget for over one year and that there has been no funding for schools. Dr. Davis encouraged parents to contact their state legislators about the need for school funding. She stated that the District's ability to open in the fall is at stake. She said that there needs to be a budget in order for schools to open on time in the fall.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES/REPORTS

Nothing at this time.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Enrollment

Dr. Davis presented an overview of the District's enrollment from April 15, 2016, through May 6, 2016:

Membership April 15, 2016	
School	Total
Arcadia	467
Huth	558
Illinois	402
Indiana	378
Matteson	355
Richton Square	256
Sauk	375
Out-of-District	50
SD 162 Total	2,841

Membership May 6, 2016	
School	Total
Arcadia	466
Huth	554
Illinois	402
Indiana	378*
Matteson	358
Richton Square	258
Sauk	376
Out-of-District	53
SD 162 Total	2,845

*Data from PowerSchool

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Changes in Membership from April 15, 2016, to May 6, 2016

Schools	4/15/16	5/6/16	+/-	Explanation
Arcadia	467	466	-1	Lost one student each in kindergarten and 2 nd grade; gained one student in 3 rd grade
Huth	558	554	-4	Lost three students in 7 th grade and one student in 8 th grade
Illinois	402	402	0	No change
Indiana	378	378	0	No change
Matteson	355	358	+3	Gained one student in 1 st grade and two students in 2 nd grade
Richton Square	256	258	+2	Gained one student each in prekindergarten and kindergarten
Sauk	375	376	+1	Gained one student in 4 th grade
Out-of-District	50	53	+3	Gained one student in kindergarten and 2 students in 8 th grade
SD 162 Total	2,841	2,845	+4	

*Data from PowerSchool

Summary of Monthly Enrollment

Schools	9/11/15	10/16/15	11/13/15	12/11/15	1/15/16	2/11/16	3/11/16	4/15/16	5/6/16
Arcadia	451	451	454	455	455	458	460	467	466
Huth	554	566	567	572	575	566*	559	558	554
Illinois	403	408	403	400	401	403	403	402	402
Indiana	377	379	376	373	374	373	373*	378	378
Matteson	351*	361	364	364	345	353	354	355	358
Richton Square	212*	243	246	251	245	252	252	256	258
Sauk	363	376	375	371	374	374	372	375	376
Out-of-District	40	43	43	47	48	49*	50	50	53
Total	2,751	2,827	2,828	2,833	2,817	2,828	2,823	2,841	2,845

*Data from PowerSchool

Dr. Davis commented that there was a slight increase in the District's enrollment between April 2016 and May 2016. She noted that the District's enrollment peaked in 2008, but since that time enrollment has decreased. She stated that one of the factors affecting the decreased enrollment is lower birth rates. Dr. Davis said that as a result of lower enrollment, several District schools have vacant, unused classrooms. She stated that although the District can do without Richton Square School and Illinois School, she has no intention of closing these buildings at this time. Dr. Davis said that she and the Board want to wait and see what happens with enrollment over the next two years. Dr. Davis said that she and the Board

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believe that the enrollment will rebound. She said that the District will not make any radical changes. She commented that this is belt-tightening time for the District.

Straight A Students

Dr. Davis stated that District students have unlimited potential for academic achievement. She further noted that students need to have quality instruction and opportunities to succeed.

Dr. Davis announced that Chicago Cubs player, Jake Arrieta, visited Arcadia School and awarded the school with a check in the amount of \$5,000 in honor of all of the school's achievements.

Dr. Davis, Board members, and building administrators recognized the following District students with straight A's:

Straight A Students

Alicia Adams	Antonio Ferreira	Tamia Danae Maddox	Camari Denee Smith
Alexis Itzel Badiano	Jocelyn Ferreira	Brooklyn Symone McCollum	Makayla Z. Smith
Maryam Hasan Beg	Yoselin Gomez	Donovan A. McIntyre	Anuoluwapo Ifeoluwapo Solola
Cameron Amari Boswell	Janelle Narie Haley	Myles Christopher McNair	Gabriel Allen Taylor
Alyssa Marie Brigham	Camryn Elise Henry	Nakita Tennae McNeal	Tochi Oluwatobi Ufomba
Mariah Chapman	Syriah Jasmine House	Ashley Shanice Meeky	Daniella Amarachi Utoh
Michael Childress	Gerry Howard	Isabella M. Morenos	Taliyah Inez Valadez
Nyla Soriah Collier	Zachary Michael Johnson	Randall Lawrence Nauden	Lorin Ward
Wynter Conditt	Amira Destiny LaShaun Jones	Nola Frida Oben	Nyah Marie Ware

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Kian Christian Nerizon DeGuzman	Madison N. Jones	Amari Kennedy Price	Samuel Williams
Kayla Doerr	Azaryah Jaanai Lacour	Eden Noelle Grace Price	Sidney E. Williams
Mikala Lucretia Dowling	Ann Tawiah Lamptey	Trinity Alexis Price	Ta'Vion J. Wilson
Micah J. Drigo	Aubrey Grace Lee	Payton Marie Ramsey	
James Wellington Drigo	Mia Star Lewis	Lauren Alese Russell	
Ngonde Ekoi	Hailey Alexandria-Finley Love	Torie Nicole Scales	

Math Bowl

Amanda Godin, gifted teacher at Indiana School, introduced the District students who participated in the annual Math Bowl competition, which took place on April 28–29, 2016. She stated that District students competed against 26 other students in the areas of mental math and critical thinking skills.

Math Bowl Students

<p>1st Grade Savannah Flint-Arcadia Amriah McClerklin-Illinois</p>	<p>5th Grade Kian DeGuzman-Sauk (2nd place individual medal) Adedapo Adeyemi-Sauk</p>
<p>2nd Grade Loren Rounds-Arcadia Christian Giles-Arcadia</p>	<p>6th Grade Timothy Tabor-Sauk (6th place individual medal) Blaze Atwood-Illinois</p>
<p>3rd Grade Cameron Boswell-Arcadia Mia Lewis-Arcadia</p>	<p>7th Grade Tai Jackson-Huth Donovan McIntyre-Huth</p>
<p>4th Grade Michael Childress (Day 1 MVP)-Indiana Franklin DuBose-Indiana</p>	<p>8th Grade Kennedy Jones (Day 2 MVP)-Huth Payton Ramsey-Huth</p>

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Spelling Bee

Mr. Lee Stanton, associate superintendent, introduced Kian DeGuzman, the winner of the 2016 District and Regional spelling bees. Mr. Stanton noted that Kian's sister, Aliah DeGuzman, won the District's Spelling Bee last year. Mr. Stanton stated that Kian DeGuzman received awards for Straight As, Math Bowl, and Spelling Bee.

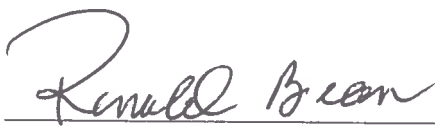
Autism Walk

Dr. Davis stated that Matteson District 162, in partnership with Southland College Prep High School, will field a team comprising staff, students, administrators, and parents, to participate in the 2016 Walk for Autism, Saturday, May 14, 2016, at Soldier Field in Chicago. In addition to the walk, the District's schools have sponsored a variety of activities to raise money for and awareness about autism. Dr. Davis invited the Board members to participate in the walk.

Administrators from each of the District's buildings discussed the autism-related activities going on in their buildings. Activities included: Out of Uniform Day, penny wars, pie in the face competitions, loose change collections, gift card raffles, a sock hop, bracelet sales, matching gift challenges, t-shirt design, and guest speakers. Dr. Davis announced that, to date, the District has raised \$12,800 for autism. She stated that the District is third in the state relative to fundraising for autism research and awareness.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.



Vice President



Secretary