

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

**May 9, 2017**

*“We take the hopes and dreams of the community and turn them into reality!”*

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Convened: 6:32 p.m.**

**Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alicia Rodman McCray, President; Ron Bean, Vice President; Kevin Murphy, Secretary (arrived at 6:40 p.m.); Evelyn Green; Felix Simpkins; Sandi Gordon; Karen McCray

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Doug Hamilton, Lee Stanton, Earnestine Foster, Mark Walczak, Yvonne Williams, Deborah Duskey, Linda Disney, Michael E. Gettings, David Rupert, Latunja O. Williams, Sheloanda Porche-Box, Pat Ransford, Joanne Ross, Carl Cogar, Narishea Parham, Lara Reznick, Amanda Godin, Bill Howard, Gail Hartsough, Stephanie Healy, Camilla Covington, Cory Gold, Brenda Calvin, Robert Tomic, Greg Huelsman, Kim McGuire, Sandra Banger, Don Ransford, Lakiyah Webb, Antionette Gaines, Kamren Colquitt, Andrea Allen, Natilee Benson, Gina Lipscomb, Tamia Renee Fuqua, Tameeka Spurlock, Emmanuel Boafo, Josephine Boafo, Cynthia Hammond, David Tyler, Monique Davis, Isaiah Adegoye, Itohan Salami, Ruth Greene, Ervin Greene, Elizabeth Holman, Elijah Greene, Danielle Myrick, Richard Kay, Racheal Taiwo, Oluwatomsin Arogundade, Tiara Wright, Sestina Oduro, Michellelin Oduro, Brendon Mensah, Terri Mensah, Naiyah Crump, Angie Denham, Stephen Osei-Asibey, Jr., Kavon Harris, Jamar Harrington, Michael Davis, Myka Moore, Danyelle Dew, Shilynn Rife, Monique N., Adeyemi Adedapo, Adeyemi Adedamola, Tola Keith, Anthony Howard, Adonys Ferrell,

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Reginald Mosley, Pearleen Wiley, Kisha Houston, Denise Davis, Taylor Brister, Damico Cocroft, Calab Lane, Peggy Banks, Robert Davis, Tracye Hutson, Janaiya Flemming, Tracey Mensah, Sidney Morris, Janna Moultrie, Makenzie Fincher, Anitra Fincher, Lauren A. Russell, Trinity Mitchell, Isabella Morenos, Precious Oyende, Devin Dale, Jeanine M. Haley, Ja'Keyah Haley, Patrice L. Cogar, Kedar Jenkins, B. Reed, Jeremy Hill, Reginald Mosley, Lynda Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell, Amari Myrick, Andre Samuel, Elizabeth H., Michelle Sudberry, Andre Calhoun, Armani Calhoun, Jakeyah Haley, Ian Shipps, Teti Johnson, Marco Carmona, Michael Igbinoba, Valayah Crawford, Osasu Osaro-Alohan, Osazee Osaro-Alohan, Antonio Ferreira, Leticia Hernandez, Gadalupe Ferreira, Jerry Pierson, Diane Pierson, Jordan Pierson, Amaryah Pierson, Kendelle Pierson, Erik Archie, Kayla Doerr, Anitra Clayton, Craig Clayton, Arielle Clayton, Dana Burns, Kylah Burns, Kevin Johns, Jeremiah Johns, Joey Washington, Beltina Smith, Felicia Green, Takiyah Green, Joslyn Smith, Rosalynn Smith, Theresa Tabor Madden, Shavonna Hunter, Amiyah Hunter, Nasha Palm, Asia Hinton, Michelle Jones, Tawana Ellington, Ramona Arce, Kailah Burns, Milanna Thornton, Thawayi Johnson Idehen, Michael Idehen Jr., Debbie Szczecina, Lorrie Clayton, Jessica Washington

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

Mrs. Rodman McCray called the regular session to order at 6:32 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. Mrs. Rodman McCray directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation. Mr. Murphy arrived at 6:40 p.m., after the roll call.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

Dr. Davis reviewed the "Dates to Remember." Mr. Greg Huelsman, principal of Matteson School and Richton Square School, addressed the Board and the audience about the Matteson School Curriculum Fair. He stated that the Curriculum Fair will be Disney-themed with each grade level presenting curriculum-based information aligned with various Disney movies.

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Dr. Davis stated that 4,000 people are expected to attend the District's graduation ceremony at the Tinley Park Convention Center on June 1.

Mrs. McCray asked how many students will be graduating. Dr. Davis responded that 432 students will be graduating.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Nothing at this time.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Minutes**

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**Personnel**

*Employment*

Approve the employment of Connie Wood, tray washer at Illinois School, effective April 24, 2017.

Approve the employment of Sandy Simmons, media specialist, effective August 21, 2017.

*Leaves*

Approve the medical leave, under FMLA, for Deborah Keller, custodian at Sauk School, effective March 24, 2017, with an unknown return date.

Approve the medical leave, under FMLA, for Patrick Vital, teacher at Huth Middle School, effective April 13, 2017, with an unknown return date.

Approve the change in date of the medical leave, under FMLA, for Cassandra Gathings, paraprofessional at Sauk School, to April 27, 2017, through July 21, 2017 (rather than ending on May 26, 2017).

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*Retirements*

Approve the intent to retire of Carolyn Clark, paraprofessional at Arcadia School, effective May 31, 2017.

**Policy Matters**

Nothing at this time.

**Annual Business**

Nothing at this time.

**Resolutions**

Approve the Resolution Concerning the Appointment of District Representatives to the SPEED Operating Committee and SPEED Governing Board.

Mr. Bean discussed the resolution related to the appointment of District representatives to the SPEED Operating Committee and the SPEED Governing Board. He explained that the purpose of the resolution is to provide for two alternate members—one for the 15-member Operating Committee and one for the 15-member Governing Board—in order to ensure that there is always a quorum.

**Bill Listing** – Authorization of the administration to pay the schedule of bills payable and authorize the District Treasurer to sign the checks dated May 9, 2017, in the amount of \$10,161.01.

**Gifts and Donations**

Nothing at this time.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

**YES**

**NO**

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**LEGISLATION**

Nothing at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board will consider approval of the contract with Quality Control Systems, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder for mechanical and HVAC services at Indiana School.

Mr. Simpkins moved, seconded by Mrs. McCray, to approve the contract with Quality Control Systems, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder for mechanical and HVAC services at Indiana School.

Mr. Craig Englert, assistant superintendent of business services, addressed the Board and the audience regarding this matter. He stated that Quality Control Systems, Inc., is the lowest qualified bidder with its bid of \$467,610.

Dr. Davis stated that this project will provide air conditioning to all of the classrooms at Indiana School. She noted that all of the District's schools will be completely air conditioned within two years.

Dr. Camilla Covington, principal of Indiana School, said that she and the Indiana School staff are excited about the air conditioning. She exclaimed, "We are going to have air!"

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**

Nothing at this time.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

*Enrollment*

Dr. Davis presented a report comparing District membership by school for April 7, 2017, and May 5, 2017. Dr. Davis noted that the District's enrollment is just five students shy of projections. She said that the District's enrollment is up 150 students compared to last year's closing enrollment.

**Membership: April 7, 2017**

School	Total
Arcadia	443
Huth	561
Illinois	381*
Indiana	373
Matteson	467
Richton Square	182
Sauk	369*
Out-of-District	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,827</b>

\*Data from PowerSchool

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**Membership: May 5, 2017**

School	Total
Arcadia	445
Huth	563
Illinois	381
Indiana	373
Matteson	466
Richton Square	197
Sauk	372
Out-of-District	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,848</b>

\*Data from PowerSchool

*State Budget*

Mr. Englert addressed the Board regarding the state budget. He reported the following:

- There has been no Illinois state budget for the past two years
- K-12 schools received an appropriation in July so schools could open last year
- The District is waiting to see if there will be a budget for 2017-2018

Dr. Davis stated that the budget issues are significant. She said that she does not anticipate that there will be a state budget in place by May 30, which could spell trouble for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Davis encouraged parents to contact their state representatives to express their concerns about the state's budget issues and school funding. Dr. Davis reported that the District has cash reserves on hand. She noted that the District has been fiscally conservative. She further noted that the District will continue to support fine arts programming despite budget and funding issues. Dr. Davis said that she feels confident about the district's funding, but conceded that politics is controlling the state's budget situation.

*K-12 School Funding*

Mr. Englert addressed the Board about K-12 school funding. He noted the following:

- Although an appropriation was put in place for 2016-2017 for K-12 schools, the State of Illinois does not have enough cash in the bank to pay all of its bills

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- The State of Illinois is over \$12 million behind in paying its bills
- School districts are receiving General State Aid on time
- Categorical funding is behind

*Outstanding State Categorical Payments*

Mr. Englert addressed the Board regarding categorical payments owed to the District by the state. He noted that the following payments are still due to the District:

Month	Outstanding Payment
August 2016	\$31,053
October 2016	\$1,137
November 2016	\$1,081
December 2016	\$779,444
January 2017	\$139,867
February 2017	\$47,251
March 2017	\$785,547
April 2017	\$47,598
May 2017	\$472,062
<b>Total owed by State of Illinois</b>	<b>\$2,305,040</b>

State Categorical Collections to Date
Collected to Date: \$1,676,791
Total Categorical Budget 2016–17: \$3,531,105
Percent Collected to Date: 47% (District 162 has cash reserves to use until payments from the state are disbursed)

*Breakfast Grant*

Dr. Davis announced that the “Share Our Strength & Illinois No Kid Hungry Campaign has awarded the District \$14,500 to be used during the 2017–2018 school year to:

- Increase student participation
- Extend the breakfast serving window
- Purchase additional food service equipment



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*Illinois Elementary School Association Competition*

Mr. Robert Tomic, principal of Huth Middle School, announced that the Huth concert, symphonic, and jazz bands received superior ratings at the recent Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) competition. He reported that the band also received a perfect score and Best Band recognition. Mr. Tomic commented that many judges and observers stated that the band played at the level of a high school band.

*District 162 Athletics*

Mr. Tomic reported that the District's 7th grade boys basketball team and 8th grade girls basketball team both had championship seasons this year.

**7th Grade Boys Basketball: Coach Rogalski**

- Regional champions
- Sectional champions
- State Elite 8
- Season: 20-4

Mr. Tomic stated that the team lost to the team from East St. Louis, Illinois, in the Elite 8 competition. He noted that given the team's success as 7th graders, he has high hopes for the 8th grade team.

**8th Grade Girls Basketball: Coach Schmidt**

- Marion Catholic champions
- Regional champions
- Conference champions-regular season
- Conference tournament champions
- Season 20-3

Mr. Tomic commented that several of the girls on the team may be talented enough to play Division I basketball in the future. He noted that all of the students are succeeding academically and athletically.

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*Autism Awareness*

Dr. Davis reported that several of the District's teachers took pies in the face to raise money for autism awareness. She said that they raised over \$700.

Mrs. Yvonne Williams, chief special education officer, announced that, to date, the District has raised \$17,112 for autism. She stated that the autism fundraisers that are going on throughout the District have helped to celebrate differences and promote understanding. She said that the children in the District are learning that being different is okay. Mrs. Williams invited the audience to walk with the District 162/Southland College Prep Team at Soldier Field on Saturday, May 13. She noted that the Opening Ceremonies will begin at 10:00 a.m., and the walk will commence at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Davis stated that the District is still fundraising for autism. She noted that the District would like to raise \$20,000.

*Perfect Attendance*

Dr. Davis thanked the parents and guardians of the students with perfect attendance for ensuring that their children attended school every day. The following students were recognized for two or more years of perfect attendance:

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Arcadia	Years	Matteson	Years
Kamren Dionte Colquitt	2	Alana Arae Agee	2
Valayah Genelle Crawford	2	Brooke D. Ellington	2
Trinity Myaire Moore	2	Latayah Petrina Webb	2
Terrance Rashon Palms	2		
Jayden Malik Williams	2		
Haylee Aline Denham	4		
Tracey Lynn Mensah	4		
Indiana		Sauk	
Hannah Arika Denham	2	Isaiah Ayomide Adegoye	2
Kedar A. Jenkins	2	Trinity Oluwatosin Adeyemi	2
Myka Krystal Moore	2	Natilee J. Benson	2
Randall Lawrence Nauden	2	Destiny D. Dilworth	2
Kelly R. Jones	4	Jakeyah Nicole Haley	2
Terry Mensah	4	Isabella M. Morenos	2
Nathan C. Utoh	4	Sidney Morris	2
Marco Carmona	5	Omotunde Oyende	2
		Shilynn Rife	2
		Qesean Lee Tracy	2
		Adedapo Adeyemi	3
		Jamar D. Harrington	3
		Adedamola Adeyemi	4
		Richard Myles Kay	4
		JShawn Jason Kelley	4
		Calab Isaiah Lane	4
Illinois			
Josephine Boafo	2		
Kailah Burns	2		
		Huth	
Waheed Erogbogbo	2	Jamal Crawford	2
Adonys Ferrell	2	Jamela Crawford	2
Carlos DuShawn Henderson	2	Justin Xavier Denham	2
Jeremy German Hill	2	Jaryn Alena Houston	2
Michael Aisosa Igbinoba	2	Anthony Trevonne Howard	2
Andrew Mitchell	2	Michael Orhue Idehen	2
Reginald Tyler Mosley	2	Trinity Angela Mitchell	2
Diane Beverly Pearson	2	Jaylon Matthew Nauden	2
Tadre Darnell Spurlock	2	Osasu Osaro-Alohan	2
Stephen Osei-Asibey	2	Jayla Jalisa Butler	3

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Illinois Continued		Huth Continued	
Daniel Neal	2		
Jeremiah Johns	2		
Laiyah Crump	2	Kylie Hughes	3
Gadalupe Ferreira	3	Kayla Doerr	4
Arielle J. Gaines	3	Deontae Dontrell Farrow	4
DeAnthony Jamal Garner	3	Janice Gracie Green	4
Cherie Joi Lytle	3	Bakairi Douglas McGhee	4
Dorcas Sekyere Asiedu	4	Amari Symone Myrick	4
Michael Isaac Fleming	4	Lauren Alese Russell	4
Daliyah Leaira Stephenson	4	Oluwatomisin Arogundade	5
Damicco Cocroft	5	Arielle Simone Clayton	5
Sestina Faith Oduro	6	David Eric Tyler	5
		Taylor Marie Brister	6
		Janaiya Amelia Flemming	6
		Timothy William Tabor	6
		Joslyn Anita Smith	7
		Kavon Damonte Harris	8

Mr. Lee Stanton, assistant superintendent, congratulated students and their parents on their commitment to coming to school every day. He complimented their perseverance.

Mrs. Rodman McCray stated that the teachers must be making school a fun place to be to have so many children with perfect attendance.

**AUDIENCE TO VISITORS**

Mr. Friday Igbinoba, a parent, thanked the Board and Dr. Davis for what they are doing for the District's students. Mr. Igbinoba asked why it has taken so long to install air conditioning in the District's schools. Dr. Davis responded that the delay has been a result of school funding issues relative to the state's unstable financial condition. She explained that the District does not float bonds. She noted that the District will pay cash from its reserves to finance the HVAC upgrades.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bean moved, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

**YES**

**NO**

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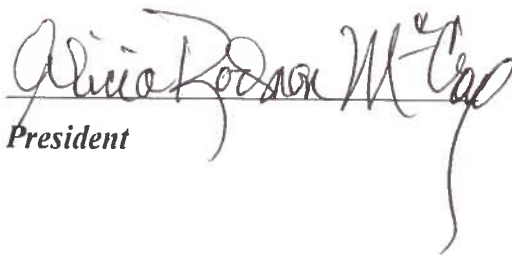
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Mrs. Rodman McCray adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

  
*Rodman McCray*

*President*

  
*Secretary*

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