

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
February 10, 2020**

“Excellence Is the Expectation.”

SPECIAL MEETING

Convened: 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Felix Simpkins, president; Ron Bean, vice-president; Kevin Murphy, secretary; Karen McCray; Dr. Major Armstead

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Sandi Gordon; Alicia Rodman McCray

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Craig Englert, Robert Hall, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Mr. Simpkins called the special meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. Mr. Simpkins asked for a motion to enable Board Member Ron Bean to participate in the Board meeting via telephone, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Mrs. McCray moved, seconded by Dr. Armstead, pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7, to approve the attendance of Board Member Ron Bean at this special meeting of the Matteson School District 162 Board of Education, via telephone.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

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McCray

Armstead

Simpkins

Mr. Bean was conferenced into the meeting at 2:01 p.m. Mr. Bean directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will consider approval of the State of Illinois School Maintenance Grant Application.

Mr. Murphy moved, seconded by Dr. Armstead, to approve the State of Illinois School Maintenance Grant Application.

Mr. Craig Englert, assistant superintendent of business services, addressed the Board about the School Maintenance Grant. He said that the State of Illinois has appropriated approximately \$4 million in maintenance grants for school districts. He stated that District 162 is applying for \$50,000 in maintenance grant funding. Mr. Englert noted that this is a matching grant. He said that the district will use the grant to fund the installation of key card access systems in four of the District's buildings, including the administrative office. Mr. Englert noted that key card access systems for the remaining District schools will be funded through a different grant source. He discussed the benefits of converting to a key card access system. Mr. Englert noted that it will enable the District to control access to its buildings.

Dr. Davis commented that the District also is considering piloting a student key card system that is linked to the attendance function of PowerSchool.

Mrs. McCray asked what prevents a sibling from swiping the key card of an absent sibling to

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make it appear that the absent student is present. Mr. Murphy responded that there are other notification functions in PowerSchool that could be used to cross check a student's attendance.

Mr. Simpkins commented that the key card system is a great start in controlling entrée into the District's buildings. He noted that it would help with people management. He also noted that the system will be a good source of data on the people accessing the District's buildings.

Dr. Armstead commented that cameras are an option to monitor students as they swipe their key cards.

Dr. Davis remarked that the District no longer permits food delivery services, such as Grubhub, DoorDash, and Uber Eats, to deliver food to students in the District's buildings. She said that the deliveries were discontinued due to the "aggressive" behavior of some of the delivery people.

The motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote:

YES

NO

Bean

Murphy

McCray

Armstead

Simpkins

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Simpkins adjourned the special meeting at 2:15 p.m.



President



Secretary