BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION ANNEX BOARD ROOM

3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

JULY 7, 2025

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)**
   President Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo called the meeting to order at 5:56 PM. She then led the Board and Audience in the pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Roll Call (2:220)**
   The following members were present: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Carlene Matthews, (5:03) pm, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Sharron Davis Absent: Ms. Joyce Dickerson and Ms. Vicki Walker.

   Also, present were: Superintendent, Dr. Kinasha Brown, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Equity, Mr. Jamie Crosen.

3. **Board President Report-**President Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, took the opportunity to **welcomed** all who were in attendance.

4. **Superintendent Update-** Superintendent, Dr. Kinasha Brown, spoke and provided the Board of Education with the monthly fund balance which was requested by the Board of Education. She also took time out to celebrate the district leadership team going to the I-S-T-E-/A-S-C-D conference In San Antonio". Dr. Brown then shared part of strategic planning update, were she looked at five focus areas.

   - 4.01 Monthly Fund Balance -
   - 4.02 ISTE/ASCD Conference -
   - 4.03 Strategic Planning Update -

5. **Presentation (2:30) 5.01 Magnet Designation Status** –

   Extensive presentation about implementing magnet programs at STEAM Academy and Prairie Hills Junior High. Comprehensive presentation on implementing magnet programs at district schools

   Key points:

   Proposal to address declining enrollment through innovative academic programs

   Benefits include resource alignment, attracting families, and fostering innovation

   Timeline presented for implementation through 2026

   Curriculum would build on existing STEAM foundation with enhanced technology focus

   Discussion of lottery system for admission

Addressed funding sources (primarily state funding, not federal)

Board members asked questions about implementation, funding sustainability, and student assessment

6. **Policy**

- **6.01 Early Kindergarten Admissions-First Reading** - Presented as the first reading of a policy allowing academically ready children to enroll in kindergarten before turning five
- Will be posted for 30 days before second reading
- Uses AIMS test (95th percentile) for academic readiness and includes social-emotional assessment

7. **Audience Participation-** Occurred during the special meeting

   "We have a motion to open for audience participation" followed by "We have a motion to close audience participation"

   No specific audience comments were recorded in the transcript

8. **Executive Session-** The board voted to go into executive session during the special meeting

   After executive session, they voted to approve "the appointment of the interim director of student services"

9. **Discussion-**None

10. **Adjournment (2:200)** Meeting Adj 7:00pm

Submitted by:

Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo,, President

Ms. Aubry Crain, Secretary