BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING ANNEX BOARD ROOM

3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

September 15, 2025

A. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)

B. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews, Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

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

C. President Report (3:60 & 8:30) Board None

D. Superintendent Report (3:60 & 8:30)

- Superintendent Dr. Brown shared **Attendance rates** are strong across most schools - averaging over 90% (state average is 91%), with some sites reaching 95%
- **September 24th "Heels Roundup"** event was announced
- Students participated in outdoor learning through partnership with **Lateral Arena**

E. Discussion-None

F. Presentation: None

G. Department Updates

Curriculum and Instruction Update: Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Equity, Dr. Jamie Crosen. Shared that we have opened up our application for our afterschool programming. This year we're focused on both academic and enrichment opportunities for our students. So this year we actually did an application process. So our schools will now send us information and we will then approve it and give them feedback just to ensure that we have the most enrichment opportunity for our kids. Secondly, we also have started. So over the next month you're going to see me highlight some of our CTE courses. This month I'm highlighting our aviation course. So we have a teacher, which is a plus. The teachers that we have actually, we were able to find a teacher that in some respects don't need actual background in aviation. The professional learning is actually what then supports them to teach the class. So in this case, we have a teacher that will be undergoing the training for flight simulation.

Operation & Maintenance- **As Presented**

Human Resource Update: Dr. Oliver shared that they are currently looking at policies. There's a couple of policies that you will be reviewing today that should be included in your packet and that should be the, we are looking at public press one, issue number 1 1 17 through one 19 as far as our current vacancies that we have on campus, where we are sitting as of now, and I do have a personnel update as far as with our principal Brown. We are looking at a return before the end of the month and so also that vacancy is nine. Fieldcrest has zero, Highlands has zero Maison. We're looking at six Markham Park. We have two two POC, two Prairie Hill Junior High is 14 special education, 16 STEM Academy two operations, zero district office four for a total of 55. And this does include both certified teachers as well as paraprofessional staff and those positions that we were looking at for the district office as well.

Specialized Services: -Ms. Winter shared after going through all of our data, we realized that we have far larger numbers in PTO ot, so we have to get request a different space. So we're now moving the PTO OT suite to that multi-purpose room that's right at the entrance by door four. So now you'll go in and it's kind of one of those, you can go left or go right, but that's a bigger room because we recognize that our numbers for PT were not that high. OT was higher in the hundreds, so we need to have a space that works for those kids. So we adjusted that. We also adjusted, adjusted what we were going to purchase because what I had in mind was not what our kids need. So we have to fix that. Also, our family and community engagement, I'm really excited.

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Last week our district hosted the new family mixer and we got six parents to shine up for the new PTO of our exceptional ed department. So, they scanned their QR code already giving us their information. So, we are going to be starting to plan our first exceptional night out for October. We're thinking more of like a fall theme, something like that for next month. Shout out to Principal Williams at Fieldcrest. She is the first principal to have all of her drills complete for the year. We streamlined the communication process with the principals, so now they have an easier way to track their drills, making sure we're in compliance with the state. So we have Principal Williams already leading the pack that way. But thank you for your continued support. And that's it for our date.

Technology Update: As Presented

Family & Community Engagement- Mr. Smith talk about the FEC class and the number of attendees, He also shared about the Successfully hosted new family mixer, discussed 6 parents for the new PTO with plans for an "Exceptional Night Out" in October.

MTTS-Ms. Lisa Green discuss the care teams that are in place she then shared that we are in the process of establishing our MTSS primary level of care teams. She also sent out notices to all of our staff members and we have about 30 staff members that have responded. And that's a compilation of teachers. We have parapros. Yes, they have a nurse, the media specialists, so several diverse staff members that are going to be a part of our primary level care teams. We're going to have a meeting scheduled for next week. And at that meeting we're going to do a needs assessment for each building. So we've given them that information when they return it to us.

Then we're going to talk about where each school is and then how we proceed with MTSS. The other thing I wanted to highlight is there are regulation rooms

Athletics Update

- **Junior high baseball season** concluded with a young team (only losing 3 eighth graders)
- **Cross country** is mid-season, hosting other schools on Saturday
- **Flag football** kicked off at elementary level with new uniforms ordered

H. Audience Participation Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to go into **Audience Participation**. On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

During the audience participation, **there were several concerns brought to the Board of Education. The board closed audience participation after these presentations**, indicating they would have administrators follow up on the concerns raised.

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain, to close **Audience Participation**. On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

I. Policy

1. Approve New School or program Development (Magnet, Thematic, or Specialized program

2. Approve Prairie Hill School District 144 Accelerated Placement (2nd Reading) (105 ILCS 5/14A-32

3. Approve First Reading Press Plus Policy

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to place items I. 1-3 **Policy on Consent Agenda**. On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Matthews to **Approve Policy** items I. 1-3 on **consent agenda.** On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

J. Board of Education Action Items

1. Approve of Invoices and Supplemental-Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to approve **Invoices and Supplemental.** On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Ms. Joyce Dickerson and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo. Nay: Ms. Carlene Matthews
Abstain: Ms. Juanita Jordan. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

2. Approve Personnel Recommendations- Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to **Approve Personal Recommendation.** On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms, Carlene Matthews, Ms. Joyce Dickerson and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

3. Approve of Business Department Payroll-Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to approve **Business Department Payroll** On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Joyce Dickerson, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

4. Approve Lightspeed-Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to Table **LightSpeed.** On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Joyce Dickerson, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

5.Approve New Vendors Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to Table **New Vendors.** On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Joyce Dickerson, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

6. Approve School Yr. 25/26 Finalized Budget

7.Approve CSBO Search Firm -HYA

8.Approve Non-Union 25/26 School Yr. Raise

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan to place items **J. 6, 7** and 8 **on Consent Agenda**. On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Crain to **approve** items **J. 6, 7** and **8 on Consent Agenda**. On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker

Motioned Carried

9.Approve Professional Development

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Matthews to table **Professional Development. on Consent Agenda**. On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

10 Approve Board Mtg Time

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Jordan **to approve New Board Mtg Time. on Consent Agenda**. On roll call voting Aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, Ms. Carlene Matthews, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. Absent: Ms. Sharron Davis and Ms. Vicki Walker.

Motioned Carried

K. FOIA
1. Jailyn Clark-No Discussion

L. Executive Session
None

M. Adjournment

MOTIONED CARRIED 7:19p.m.

Submitted by:

Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, President

Aubry Crain, Secretary