BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF WORK SESSION MEETING DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER

3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

September 2, 2025

1.Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)
President Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. She then led the Board and Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.Roll Call (2:220) The following members were present: Ms. Aubrey Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Carlene Matthews, Ms. Vicki Walker, Ms. Sharron Davis, Ms. Joyce Ratliff and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo **Absent:** None

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

3.Board President Report (4:10)
None

4.Superintendent Update: Superintendent Dr. Brown present to the Board of Education our debt service replenishment strategy. This is a follow up to that wonderful work that we did on our financial retreat, on our financial wellness. And so, we know that as a community we have some debt that was in prior years that we need to take care of. So, it's a couple of things that I want to make sure we are absolutely transparent with our community and we are walking this financial journey together. When we look at our fiscal efficiency tonight, we're going to be talking about our debt service fund. And again, our debt service fund is a type of governmental fund that is used by school district to account really for our tax dollars. So, our tax collection, when we talk about percentages, that all impacts our debt service. (23:08): Dr. Brown also made mention that the Board of Education will have a monthly fund balance at every work session meeting so that you would be able to see those.

5. Discussion:
1. CSBO Search Firm Decision
There was open discussion with the Board of Education

4. Presentation:

1. CIE SY 24-25 Student Achievement- Mr. Huffaker, our district level data manager came and shared information and presented data alongside with Dr. Crosen, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Equity, Student Achievements throughout the district.

2. Ms. Coffie -Nob-Hill School- Principal, Coffie and the assistant principal, Ms. Shockley, shared with the Board of Education the great things that are going on at Nob-Hill School. She shared that approximately 175 students are enrolled as of today, kindergarten, fifth, our celebrations thus far because it's the beginning of the year so far,

we've had our student and staff birthday shoutouts. Our students receive a book, a pencil and a birthday silicone bracelet. Ms. Mabry, our clerk introduced them, announced them for the intercom the first of the months. So, we did our August and now we just did our September. Our staff receive a small bun cake and an intercom announcement for their birthday student and staff of the month. Students receive a certificate and a lunchbox and a little bitty cardboard box is made by the lunchroom staff and the staff receive a certificate, a lunchbox, and a parking space. Thank you for our parking space. The opportunities, our areas of growth at Knob Hill are our attendance. We have a new attendance incentive clowning our way to 100%. Ms. Shockley has spearheaded that shows so far. Our data has been awesome for the last two weeks. We notice every class at 97% thus far.

3.Lightspeed- Dr. Hylton, Presented Lightspeed to the Board of Education. She shared that lights Speed technologies is a component of our learning that we brought before you just mentioning it in passing. It was one of the vendors that we saw at one of the conferences that we attended with our SLT and with some of our principals this year. And so what struck me about it is this opportunity for students, one who have ocular implants, who have trouble hearing it magnifies the teacher's voice in the classroom. So that gives an equal sound throughout the classroom. And I have it far away from us and not held correctly so that you can hear me, but I want you all to still get the point. The other portion that I love about it is the idea of a whisper coaching. She shared that It's a classwork audio system that ensures that every student hears every word that is being said throughout that classroom. It distributes the teacher's voice evenly throughout the classroom. So, where the headset is sitting in the classroom, it just magnifies as if it's a stereo system. It's simple, it's wireless. It's designed for every classroom, every educational space. It improves students focus and comprehension when they're just focusing on where the teacher is moving out the classroom. And so what you see is with the whisper for coaching, there's a discreet earpiece that looks like the one that I'm wearing right now. And so the teacher can talk to this where the instructional coach can talk right into this piece right here. The teacher would have on a similar one that the earpieces will go in their ear. And so when it is on that mode, then nobody can hear this, but the instructional coach and the teacher.

4. Intersection Media- Dr. Brown presented to the Board of Education Intersection Media to the Board of Education. Intersection Media, which handles the advertisement for our CTA and bus companies, she ask that the Board take in consideration for them to become a vendor so that we can partner with them.

7.Policy:

1. Board Policy-Reimbursement/Expenditures-Discussion, Board discussed, Board policy, reimbursements and expenditures for Board travel. The recommendation is that they would receive $175.00 for advances.

2. Prairie Hills Elementary School District 144 Accelerated (First Reading) Superintendent, Dr. Brown shared that this was the first reading for the accelerated placement policy to be reviewed. She shared that she would also have these policies sent to you so that you will have time to review them and make revisions like we had with the last early kindergarten. Our early kindergarten admission, which will be

approved the next time, was a requirement for Illinois State Code for us to be able, or parents or families that wanted to apply for kindergarten early. We also needed to do a placement for our first grade through eighth grade students in case a parent wanted to have the opportunity to accelerate their child as well.

8.FOIA
Justin Wenig- Discussion

9.Audience Participation:

Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Sharron Davis, to **go into audience participation.** On roll call members voting aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Vicki Walker, Ms. Sharron Davis, Ms. Joyce Ratliff, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Carlene Matthews and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo. Nays: None.

Motion Carried

Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Ratliff, to **come out of executive session.** On roll call members voting aye: Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Vicki Walker, Ms. Sharron Davis, Ms. Joyce Ratliff, Ms. Juanita Jordan and Ms. Carlene Matthews and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo. Nays: None.

Motion Carried

10. Executive Session (2:200)
None

Adjournment: Meeting Adj 7:08pm.

MOTION CARRIED 6:08 pm

Submitted by:

Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, President

Ms. Abury Crain, Secretary