BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF WORKSESSION MEETING ANNEX BOARD ROOM

3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

February 02, 2026

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)**
   President Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo called the meeting to order at 6:31 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. Sharron Davis, Ms. Vicki Walker, Ms. Joyce Ratliff and Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo Absent: Ms. Carlene Matthews

   Also, present were: Interim Superintendent, Dr. Taqula Hylton, and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Equity, Dr. Jamie Crosen.

3. **Board President Report-** President Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, **-** None

4. **Superintendent Update-** None

5. **Presentation**-None

6. **Discussion-**

   6.01 NSBA Conference April 10-12 (District Admin Support)

   Dr. Hylton, share with the Board that she and a team would come along on the conference for support. The team would be Dr. Crosen, Dr. Hylton, Ms. Bogan and Mr. Green, through the duration of the conference. So, it would only be four district administrators to be able to travel with the Board.

   6.02 Board Transportation for travel-
   Dr. Crosen spoke about having transportation for the Board during their travels, so what we did, we worked on just finding some companies that could provide door to door transportation. For you guys, so anytime we have travel, we'll submit that if you approve it, we'll ultimately submit that company as a vendor. That transportation company will stop in front of your door, pick you up, and they'll drop you off in front of the hotel. And then what we'll do also is when we get to locations, we'll have a similar setup as well.

   6.03 HR ELL Teacher Recruitment Event

   Dr. Oliver shared information with the Board of Education regarding, teacher recruitment. She is submitting a proposal to attend the Seoul Ross University Career Fair.

They have approximately of their graduates, 91% of their graduates have either ESL, bilingual, or both of those endorsements. So, we feel like it's a pretty good ground for us to cover. What we did find out before even making, I called the education department myself and asked them what do those numbers look like as far as graduates. If you're only graduating three or four people, it doesn't make any sense to make that. So, their numbers have gone up increasingly. They should be graduating. He told me about 128 persons that are coming out with teacher certification degrees. So, we feel like we have a pretty good pool to try to tap into. He would also be spreading the word. He said that Dean of education said that he does have students that would like to come to the Midwest.

6.04 Contract Template for outside vendors

Dr. Crosen, shared with the Board of Education that he created somewhat of a template. We for outside vendors who work with our children in the district vendors like Robinson Education Talk to Me etc. he stated that the contract was sent to our attorneys. Our attorneys marked it up and sent it back to us. We promised that before we had anyone move forward with that work, we wanted you guys to see what that looked like. And so, you know moving forward, anytime we have a contract with any vendor, that is any vendor that is going to be doing work with our kids directly, that that is the type of contract that they will sign moving forward.

6.05 Administrative Stipends

No Discussion will review at next meeting.

6.06 New Vendors

Dr. Crosen talked about the new vendors he shared that many were for incentives that we have at the junior high. So, we have been encouraging incentives at the junior how to really put our arms around that group of children who have been doing well. And so, four of those vendors are being used for incentives. And then one is for our supports for our specialized services for our students with IEPs.

7. **Policy**-None

8. **Audience Participation**-None

9. **Executive Session**-
   None

Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, share that I am going to resign my seat as the president of the Board of Education for Illinois 144. The last eight to 10 weeks or so, there have been several decisions made that are in direct misalignment with my own ethical and more violence imputed, including this being the hundred celebration of Black History Month in the United States and us canceling it. So, while I stand in solidarity with the board and I will continue to be a voting participant, I am going to propose per Illinois school code five, 10 through 13 that our vice president moving forward act as the president pro tem. Can we have a motion to adjourn or questions?

10. **Adjournment (2:200)** Meeting Adj 6:45pm

Submitted by:

Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo,, President

Ms. Aubry Crain, Secretary