BOARD OF EDUCATION PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF WORKSESSION DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL CENTER

3015 WEST 163RD STREET MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

April 6, 2026

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: (2:220)**
   Vice President Ms. Sharron Davis, 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. Aubry Crain, Ms. Juanita Jordan, Ms. Carlene Matthews, Ms. Joyce Ratliff, Ms. Vicki Walker and Ms. Sharron Davis, Absent: Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo.

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

3. **Board President Report: (4:10)** Ms. Sharron Davis, stated
   Prior to attending the National School Boards Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas, the Board of Education shared that the upcoming professional development opportunity would provide valuable insights into effective governance, emerging educational trends, and strategies to support student success.

4. **Interim Superintendent Update:** The Interim Superintendent, Dr. Hylton shared highlights of current initiatives and ongoing activities across the district, providing the Board with an overview of key developments and progress.

5. Discussion:

5.01 – ***HYA CSBO Candidates*** - Ms. Ratliff stated that the district should not utilize an external firm to conduct the CSBO search, and instead recommended that the process be handled internally.

5.02 ***PHSD 144 Superintendent Search*** - A request was made for the job description for the Superintendent position to be provided for review. Regarding the Superintendent search, it was suggested that this matter be discussed in greater detail during Executive Session.

6. Presentation:

6.01 – ***SY27 District Calendar*** - Dr. Crosen presented the proposed 2026–2027 school year district calendar to the Board of Education, outlining two options for consideration: aligning the district's days off with those of Bremen District or continuing with the district's customary schedule.

During the discussion, Ms. Matthews inquired whether students would be off on Election Day or if the day would be utilized for e-learning or a field trip for students in buildings that serve as polling locations.

6.02 ***District Camera Presentation*** - Mr. Hill presented on the Alert Protector camera system, sharing footage from each school to highlight areas lacking adequate camera coverage and identifying locations where upgrades are needed.

Ms. Crain added that she would like to review comparative quotes, along with the pros and cons of both the Alert Protector and Fisheye camera systems, before moving forward.

6.03 ***Baker Tilly Audit Engagement*** - A brief discussion was held regarding the pursuit of bids for auditing services outside of Baker Tilly. Ms. Jordan noted the increasing difficulty in securing auditors, as many firms have reduced or discontinued services to school districts, and recommended that the Board carefully reconsider the decision to move away from Baker Tilly in light of these challenges.

7. **Policy**: None

8. **Audience Participation:**

9. **Executive Session:**

Executive Sessions: Ms. Sharron Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Vicki Walker, to **Go into 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. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo

Motion Carried

Ms. Sharron Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Vicki Walker 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. Nays: None. Absent: Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo

Motion Carried

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting Adj 7:48pm

MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by:

Ms. Sharron Davis, Vice President

Ms. Abury Crain, Secretary