BOARD OF EDUCATION — PRAIRIE-HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF WORKSESSION MEETING — ANNEX BOARD ROOM

3015 WEST 163RD STREET — MARKHAM, ILLINOIS

May 4, 2026

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)**
President Ms. Carleen Matthews called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.

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

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

2. **Board President Report-** Ms. Carlene Matthews Board president greeted everyone with a hello as she proceeded with tonight's meeting.

4. **Superintendent Update-** Interim Superintendent Taquia Hylton, announce happy teacher/nurse appreciation week to all

5. **Presentation-**

5.01 Debt Services- Mr. Robert Lewis, from PTMA Financial solutions came and presented the Board of Education with the District Debt Review and review and a review of options to address payment increases

5.02 Teacher Vacancy Grant- Ms. Jamacia Canady address the Board of Education and provided them with information/proposal for The Teacher Vacancy Grant. This grant will allow funding to be used to address the teachers' vacancies within our district.

5.03 CSU Teacher Residency Program-Dr. Crosen, presented the to the Board of Education information and proposal for the CSU Teacher Residency Program. He stated that this program Recruits, Develop and retain. He also shared that this will be an opportunity to convert substitute reliance into a teacher pipeline, remove contracted staff and sub with CSU student teachers and build a stable workforce as well as retain talents in PHSD144.

5.04 CSU El Summer Course-Dr. Crosen, presented information to the Board of Education regarding the CSU EL Summer Course. He stated that it is a Title II Initiative and that Prairie Hill will partner with Chicago State. This is a course that is open to certified teacher only. He also shared that he would like to implement this by the beginning of fall with Bd approval.

5.05 Summer Staff PD Plan- Dr. Crosen, Shared that the reason for this summer staffing professional development was to Strengthen Tier 1 instruction in literacy and mathematics Purpose of Professional Development • Build internal leadership capacity across all roles • Support implementation of MTSS, Improved Instructional Practices and Equity Practices • Provide coherent, aligned Pre-K–8 systems • Invest in staff through high-quality, grant-funded professional learnin

5.06 Sunburst- Dr. Crosen, presented the Bd of Education information on Sunburst Mission this company will help streamline staffing processes so our team can regain time, budgets. Due to the fact that they will manage our staffing for us.

5.07 SY 26-27 Registration-

6. **Discussion**

6.01 "The Chromebook warranty quote was presented and discussed. The total amount was included in the quote."

6.02 Stipend for Graduation Speaker-Memo presented for this year's graduation speaker was discussed.

6.03 8th Grade activity cost sheet-Dr. Hylton discussed 8th grade end of the activities with the Board of Education.

6.04 New Vendor-Dojo was presented to the Board of Education and discussed

6.05 Education Association Underpayment-Dr. Hylton, discussed with the Board of Education Association Underpayments and how they would move forward.

6.06 Personnel Recommendation-Dr. Hylton and the Board of Education discussed information regarding personnel recommendation that were unloaded.

7. **Policy- None**

8. **Audience Participation-** 8:28pm

9. **Executive Session-** None

10. **Adjournment (2:200)** Meeting Adj 8.31pm

Submitted by:

Ms. Carlene Matthews, President

Ms. Aubry Crain, Board Secretary