

School District 161 Board Meeting – September 11, 2017

Observer: Sharon Cooper

School Board President Michelle Hoert called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present: District Superintendent Dr. Dana Smith; Board Members: Stephen Parades, Merel Huckabee, Misha Lynn Blackman, Dr. Carolyn Briggs. Board member Cameron Nelson arrived after roll call.

Dr. Smith gave his report which included the following:

- Parents' concerns re: bus routes
- His meeting with PTO officers
- A meeting with school board members of Districts 153, 161, 233. The board members discussed common goals and will meet again in January.
- Dr. Smith thanked teachers and staff who helped at the Flossmoor Fest on September 9.

Approved: Minutes for August 14, 2017 Board of Education Meeting and Executive Session; Board Retreat August 28, 2017; Committee of the Whole Meeting August 28, 2017, and Personnel Report.

Committee Reports:

- Board member Stephen Parades shared an update of the Community Engagement Committee.
- Dr. Smith will complete a time line re: audit.
- Goals: improve clarity and communication, establish priorities to meet at all schools during the school year.

Information/Action Items:

- Approval of Payroll, Board approved
- Approval of Bills, Board approved
- Approval of request to add MLK Day of Service to D 161 Calendar, Board approved

Associate Superintendent Frances LaBella shared a school funding update.

Anabel Crawford/Tony Le shared information with the board re: disposal of property: Curriculum and Technology.

Dr. Smith said that there is data on S.D. 161 website re: administrator and teacher salary report. Dr. Smith stated that enrollment has increased by 39. There was a discussion re: concerns of class size.

P.J. Lewis, operations manager for Paige Bus Enterprises, answered questions about route changes and delays.

There was a report and discussion about the summer reading program.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.