

**Minutes of the special meeting of the
Hazel Crest School District No. 152.5
School Finance Authority
Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.
At the Hazel Crest Administrative Center**

A special meeting of the Hazel Crest School District No. 152.5 School Finance Authority was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 3:30 p.m. at the Hazel Crest Administrative Center.

Call to Order: Larry Hupe called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Mary Grant
Larry Hupe
Barb Toney
Linda Laster-Wilson

Others
Present: Rob Grossi
Deb Vespa, State Board of Education (via telephone)
Robert Kelly, Business Manager
Dr. Sheila Harrison-Williams, Superintendent

Approval of Prior Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the 2/22/05 meeting was made by Barbara Toney, seconded by Linda Wilson. A voice vote was taken.

Motion Carried 3-0 (Grant abstained)

Approval of District Bills

Approval of the bills from the prior school board meeting of Hazel Crest School District 152.5 in the amount of \$631,522.90 was considered. (accounts payable = \$261,282.97, estimated payroll = \$370,239.93) Bob Kelly answered questions and after some discussion, Mary Grant motioned to accept and Linda Wilson seconded.

On the motion: Ayes: Grant, Hupe, Toney, Wilson
Nayes: None

Approval of SFA Bills

Approval of the bills from the SFA in the amount of \$17,285.84 was considered. A motion was made by Mary Grant, seconded by Barbara Toney to approve said bills.

On the motion: Ayes: Grant, Hupe, Toney
 Nays: None
 Abstain: Wilson

Report of Business Manager

Bob Kelly reported that at the end of February, total revenues have exceeded total expenses by \$822,000. He cautioned that by fiscal year end, this surplus will diminish pursuant to general cash flow trends.

Report of Superintendent

The Superintendent reported that ECHO, the District's special education cooperative has returned to the District \$196,585.68 stemming from a refund to all member districts. The Superintendent also reported that the District is focused on end of year testing and a successful completion of the school year.

Public Comments

There was a brief discussion about expenses paid by the SFA. The SFA pointed out that all approved expenses were from the attorney. Most of these expenses were related to negotiations and the SFA is hopeful that most will be non-reoccurring.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Barbara Toney, seconded by Linda Wilson at 4:25 p.m. to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters, collective negotiations matters, and pending litigation.

On the motion: Ayes: Grant, Hupe, Toney, Wilson
 Nays: None

Return to Open Session:

The SFA returned to open session at 5:47 p.m. A motion to approve the closed session minutes was made by Linda Wilson, seconded by Barbara Toney. A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried 4-0

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Linda Wilson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mary Grant seconded. A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried 4-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

ATTEST:

Rob Grossi, Chief Executive Officer

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APPROVED:

Larry Hupe, Chairman

March 22, 2005