

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 25, 2023

The Regular Board Meeting was held via Zoom.

The Board Meeting convened at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, , Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Jolly.
Absent: Mrs. Gray-Everett and Ms. Jemine.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney James Ciesel, Janene Preston, Dr. Twyla Harris, Janice Opitz, Akil Khalfani, Laura Wolf, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, Dr. Dellnora Winters, Ernesta Ransom, ZaRita Beal, Christal Washington, BeNita Parker, Sparkle Tiffith, Nicole Taylor, Karen Slate, Dr. Nicole Robinson, John Johnson, Tia Williams, Lynn McAfee, Latricia Lewis, Gerald Scott, John Shiels, Jamar Everett, Alfred Thompkins, Ms. Randell-Homere, Cathleen Mancini, Jennifer Walsh, Yvette Shackelford, Sheena Dixon, Laura Anderson, John Smida, Sheila Colone, Ms. Muszynski, Tonya Thomas, Rayya Ghani, Doug Ibendahl, Mary Edmunds, John Kraft, Ms. Gentile-Kelly, and Ali (parent).

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Board Member Comments and Questions:

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question regarding Budd Mechanical and Dr. White answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman made a statement in regards to the Violence Prevention Grant for \$150,000 and that he would like the Board members to work with him and Dr. White is regards ideas for community outreach, such as the Male Youth Summit, Mr. Tillman also thanked Mr. Donnie Trotter for helping secure additional funds for the district.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked Mr. Tillman about other ideas for the grant money and Mr. Tillman answered with clarity.

Cabinet Report

Dr. White reported on enrollment, current vacancies, NWEA testing, Restorative Justice Training and the Violence Prevention Grant.

Both Principal Taylor and Principal Slate boasted about the NWEA testing, the pep rally, motivational support and the excitement of the students.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons requested to table item F7 on the consent agenda for further discussion. Board members agreed to table F7.

<p>MOTION by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to ratify Board poll to approve consent agenda items F1-F6 & F8-F14.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held December 14, 20222. Approval of the payroll summaries for December 9, 2022 in the amount of \$935,170.783. Approval of the payroll summaries for December 22, 2022 in the amount of \$1,087,511.874. Approval Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated January 11, 2023 and January 26, 2023 consisting of 80 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:<table><tr><td>Education Fund</td><td>\$1,483,706.85</td></tr><tr><td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td><td>\$ 243,303.86</td></tr><tr><td>Transportation Fund</td><td>\$ 577,660.81</td></tr><tr><td>Capital Projects</td><td>\$ 190,667.70</td></tr><tr><td>Tort Immunity Fund</td><td>\$ 103,036.36</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>\$2,598,375.58</td></tr></table>5. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jasmine Stephens effective December 26, 2022.6. Motion to accept the letter of resignation from Geraldine Ireland-Bryant effective January 9, 2023.8. Motion to approve employment of Dakeeda Williams, 1st Grade Teacher9. Motion to approve employment of Ashley Coleman, District-wide day-to-day sub10. Motion to approve employment of Jacqueline Drake, District-wide day-to-day sub11. Motion to approve employment of Dorian Rayborn, District-wide day-to-day sub12. Motion to approve employment of La'Trell Tinsley, Custodian13. Motion to approve leave of absence for Alicia Clay-Adams, 3rd Grade Teacher14. Motion to approve leave of absence without pay for Kathleen Randell-Homere, Nurse <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Francisco, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	Education Fund	\$1,483,706.85	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 243,303.86	Transportation Fund	\$ 577,660.81	Capital Projects	\$ 190,667.70	Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 103,036.36	Total	\$2,598,375.58	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-6 & F8-14</p>
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Adjourn to Closed Session

Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:21 p.m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Motion to convene to a closed session meeting for the purpose of discussing the following matters:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Dolton School District 149. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)	<p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance. Or discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3). • Student Disciplinary Cases 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) • Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). <p>2. Motion to adjourn closed session meeting and reconvene open session meeting.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Ms. Francisco, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	
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Adjourn from Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to adjourn the Closed session at 8:50 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Francisco, and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G2</p>
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Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, and Mr. Castillo.
Absent: Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Francisco, and Ms. Jemine.

<p>MOTION by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to accept letter of resignation from Dr. Vedia Page effective January 26th, 2023.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM F7</p>
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Final Action on Closed Session Items

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve student discipline decisions.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H1</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve five-day unpaid suspension for Employee A.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H2</p>

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mr. Castillo to table decision on PPO insurance payments for former employee S.D.J. through 07/01/2029.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Jolly</p> <p>MOTION TABLED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H3</p>
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New Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve new contract with David Ormsby, provider of public information and communication services.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I1</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve agreement with AT&T for wireless communication services.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I2</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve rate increase for Del Galdo Law Group.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Jolly.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I3</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve rate increase for John Kasperek Company.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I4</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve Superintendent to plan programming to utilize funding for violence prevention.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I5</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve Superintendent to attend AASA conference in San Antonio, Texas, February 16-19, 2023.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I6</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve Superintendent to join ELEVATE: IASA’s Women in Leadership Cohort, in the amount of \$2,750 per year for two years.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I7</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve Superintendent to purchase 105 hand held radios in the amount of \$14,531.10.</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I8</p>


ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED	
MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve Principals ZaRita Beal's request to conduct doctoral studies research in District. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM I9
MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve resolution to adopt the Teacher's Retirement System of the State of Illinois Supplemental Savings Plan and related Employer Participation Agreement. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM I10

Meeting Open for Public Comments:

Rayya Ghani stated that we the board is doing is illegal and that Attorney Wong should be ashamed for ill-advising the board members. It is an embarrassment to the district he manner

Adjournment

MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to adjourn the board meeting at 9:17 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM K
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Wilbur Tillman, President



Bertha Jolly, Secretary

