

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM  
OCTOBER 20, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting was held via Zoom and the meeting was called to order at 7:07 P.M. by Ms. Rayya Ghani, Board President.

Pledge of Allegiance – was said by all.

**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray Everett Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman. Absent: Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray Everett (**Mrs. Gray Everett arrived at 7:14pm**), Mr. Castillo (**Mr. Castillo arrived at 7:30pm**).

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Twyla Harris, Cedric Lewis, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, April Brown, Carmen Canales, David Ormsby, Dr. Vedia Y. Smith Page, James Vasselli, Board Attorney, Terry Casey Board Attorney, April Davis, Carolyn Franklin, Laura Wolf, Akil Khalfani, Karen Slate, Dellnora Winters, ZaRita Beal, Christal Washington, John Johnson, Dellnora Winters, Maria Liggins, Latricia Lewis, Jamar Everett, Alfred Thompkins, John Smida, Jeannie Dryan, Sparkle Tiffith, John Shields, Jennifer Walsh, Nina Martin, Jorie’s iPhone, Benita’s iPhone, Dr. Nichole Smith, Sarah Winbush, and Jennice Turner.

**Board Member Comments and Questions**

Mr. Tillman asked a few questions regarding Blue Streak Math and Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones and Carolyn Franklin answered with clarity.

Mrs. Liggons asked a question on item #3 under the Information Items and Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones and Board Attorney, James Vasselli answered with clarity.

**Mrs. Gray Everett arrived at 7:14pm**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to go into closed session at 7:22 p.m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act matters, related for the purposes of consideration of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Dolton School District 149.</li><li>2. 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 and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).</li></ol>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
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<p>3. Student Disciplinary Case. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to come out of closed session at 8:03 p.m. and resume regular session.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>RESUME REGULAR SESSION</p>

**Mr. Castillo arrived at 7:30pm.**

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

**Business Session** Began at 8:05 P.M.

**Meeting Open to the Public for Comments for Board Agenda** – No public comments were made.

**Board President Consent Agenda**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. , seconded by Mr. Tillman to consolidate the President Consent Agenda G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13 G14 and G15; Old Business J1 and J2; New Business K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8, K9, K10 and K11; Approval of Personal L1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of the minutes of the regular budget hearing board meeting held September 21, 2021.</li> <li>2. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 21, 2021.</li> <li>3. Approval of the payroll summaries for September 3, 2021 in the amount of \$919,705.43.</li> <li>4. Approval of the payroll summaries for September 7, 2021 in the amount of \$92.43.</li> </ol>	<p>CONSOLIDATE THE PRESIDENT CONSENT AGENDA G1, G2, G3, G4, G5,G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13, G14 AND G15</p> <p>OLD BUSINESS J1 AND J2; NEW BUSINESS K1, K2, K3, K4, K5, K6, K7, K8, K9,</p>
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**Cabinet Reports –**

Dr. Shelly Davis Jones –Administrative Report

I have emailed Mr. Kevin Nunley and Dr. Darcie Moeller of Cook County Health Department and shared the following dates of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in an effort to host a Virtual Parent Town Hall meeting with the families of Dolton School District 149 at 6:30 pm. They have received my email and will get back to us at a later time. The Parent Town Hall meeting was set for Thursday October 21<sup>st</sup> at noon but at 5:26 pm Mr. Kevin Nunley sent an email to tell us it was canceled due to the low turn out of parents, but, I want to thank the following parents who

showed an interest: Ms. Kizzie Sherrod, Ms. Lyncoya Bates, Ms. Marqueitta Owens, Mr. Tristan Ball and Mrs. Takalia Curry. It is my hope that we will have a Parent Town Hall meeting for the Dolton School District 149 families in the future.

With the Board's approval I would like to post a one question survey to our middle school parents regarding their interest in the district providing optional weekly COVID-19 student testing. The question would be placed on class Dojo or Google platform to obtain more parental input. Question: Would you be in favor of your child taking a weekly COVID-19 test and have results sent to you? Yes or No.

As we continue to navigate through the probable COVID-19 cases, close contact and positive cases, we would like to ask the Board of Education to consider a recommendation shared with me by Mrs. Beal of CCA allowing the middle school to serve as a pilot program for weekly COVID-19 testing for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, if parents agree. We would use the data from the survey and conduct a few meetings with medical professional, middle school parents, staff and our head and school nurse regarding a non-evasive screener tool for our students. Dr. Cunneen will report back regarding a possible pilot program for the middle school students at the November 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Per the input of board members during the Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 13th our first Virtual Parent University will address School Crisis's on Tuesday October 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm. This PU will be an informative session to help our parents understand what constitutes a school crisis, what soft and hard lock downs mean and the full crisis protocol used across the district. Moving forward when we are placed in a lock down by our police municipalities a phone blast will be shared with the communities we serve.

Mr. Tillman would like to schedule a BoardBook presentation for the board and the administrative staff at a Committee of the Whole Meeting. BoardBook is a paperless on-line service that provides effective Board of Directors software solutions for agendas and board meeting documents. I will await dates regarding the next Committee of the Whole meeting and schedule time for a virtual presentation with Mr. Hal Frazier with the Board's approval.

Dr. Cunneen has been assigned as the administrator to work with Calumet City representative regarding the Nature Conservatory, (TNC). The team is looking to meet virtually on the following dates Tuesday, Nov 2, at 10am, Wednesday, Nov 3, at 10am or Friday, Nov 5, at 10am. Dr. Cunneen will schedule the meeting and report back to the board at the next regular board meeting on November 17, 2021.

The District was able to complete claim forms for unclaimed property in the amount of \$1,888.45. The 13 claim forms were completed with Illinois Treasurer ICASH on October 19, 2021 notarized and mailed to Illinois State Treasurer for Unclaimed Property Division at 1 E. Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, Illinois 62701 by April Brown.

We have made a few slight revisions to the COVID-19 guidance and will send out to all staff by the close of the week. I know the CDC has lessened the days, but as I stated at the last board meeting we will continue with our guidance until further notice. Please note students are not

required to return with a negative COVID-19 test if they have tested positive because it is a great chance they could test positive again. The CDC recommends waiting 90 days.

As I close, I would like to place the Spotlight on all of our principals who are working around the clock when needed and our custodians who are working so hard to keep the schools clean. We appreciate your hard work and efforts.

Dr. James Cunneen – HVAC Replacement and Matters of the District

Dr. James Cunneen stated they had a wonderful Committee of the Whole Meeting where they discussed climate change and this fall was one of the warmest falls in the city of Chicago.

The district experienced many problems with HVAC. With the ESSER III Fund, the Board has committed to solve the HVAC problems for the next 30 years. They are going to be investing over eleven million dollars in HVAC work and two million in new windows. It will bring a wonderful climate change to our students and create a much better learning environment.

Dr. Cunneen thanked the Board for their dedication to the students.

Secondly, Dr. Cunneen talked to the Board about replacing the existing security cameras with State-of-the-Art Surveillance cameras and equipment.

Permanent Guest Teachers were discussed in the Committee of the Whole Meeting and to give them stipends when they are coming into full-time substitution for classroom teachers doing lesson plans. Dr. Cunneen commended the Board for making this commitment for the better meant of our students.

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**Correspondence – None**

**Bulletins and Reports - None**

**Public Comments – There was no public comments.**

**Final Action on Closed Session Items, if needed - None**

**Adjournment**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to Adjourn at 8:17 P.M.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Rayya Ghani, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary