

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
JANUARY 27, 2016

The Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by Mrs. Darlene Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room in the Administrative Center at 292 Torrence Avenue in Calumet City, Illinois.

**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Jolly. Absent: Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman. (Mrs. Eldridge arrived during closed session). Also in attendance were Administrators, Teachers and Support Staff.

ROLL CALL

**The Pledge of Allegiance.** Was said by all.

**Board President's Agenda**

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the Board President Consent agenda items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE BOARD PRESIDENT  
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS  
1,2,3,5,6,7,8,9,13,14,15,and 16

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2015; payroll summary for December 18, 2015 in the amount of \$880,664.63 and January 4, 2016 in the amount of \$884,293.99 and authorizing Township Treasurer to pay the invoices dated January 27, 2016 consisting of 30 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE MINUTES 12/17/15  
APPROVE INVOICE LISTING 1/27/16  
APPROVE PAYROLL SUMMARY  
12/18/15 & 1/4/26

Education Fund	\$889,855.39
Tort Liability Fund	47,712.86
Building and Maintenance Fund	192,437.10
Transportation Fund	362,466.32
Total	\$1,492,471.67

Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to ratify the approval to purchase a roof top heating unit for the district office. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

RATIFY THE APPROVAL TO  
PURCHASE A ROOF TOP HEATING  
UNIT FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to appoint delegates of its School Board to attend the Illinois Association of School Boards South Cook Division Winter Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINT DELEGATES ATTEND THE  
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL  
BOARDS WINTER BREAKFAST  
MEETING

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the amended PRESS Policy 5:330 Leave to serve as an Election Judge. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE AMENDED PRESS  
POLICY

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the addendum to the contract of Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young by changing her title from Numeracy Coordinator to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Director. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT OF DR. BRIGITTE GARTH-YOUNG

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Proceedings. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to adopt and support the South Suburban Initiative, K-18 Academic Pathway toward engineering degree for STEM education with Northern Illinois University. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADOPT AND SUPPORT THE SOUTH SUBURBAN INITIATIVE, K-18 ACADEMIC PATHWAY TOWARD ENGINEERING DEGREE FOR STEM EDUCATION WITH NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to enter into an agreement with E-Scrap Technologies for the purpose of recycling and disposal of electronic waste from January 27, 2016 through January 27, 2017. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH E-SCRAP TECHNOLOGIES

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to enter into an agreement with Urban Gateways Artist in Residence Program at no cost to the district for the School of Fine Arts from February 1, 2016 May 30, 2016. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH URBAN GATEWAYS

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve payroll summaries for January 20, 2016 in the amount of \$847,893.75 plus \$18, 395.42 for the Pre-K Expansion Grant. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE PAYROLL SUMMARIES FOR JANUARY 20, 2016 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$847,893.75 PLUS \$18, 395.42 FOR THE PRE-K EXPANSION GRANT

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to accept the letter of intent to retire for Daphne Giwa, nurse at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE FOR DAPHNE GIWA, NURSE AT THE END OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to accept the letter of intent to retire for Glendora Bell, teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE FOR GLENDORA BELL, TEACHER AT THE END OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to accept the letter of intent to retire for Helen Johnson, teacher at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE FOR HELEN JOHNSON, TEACHER AT THE END OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to enter into an agreement with Teaching Strategies, LLC Online Early Childhood subscription *Goldplus* for Pre-Kindergarten Program. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TEACHING STRATEGIES, LLC

Special Committee Reports. None

Superintendent’s Mid Year Report

- Student Data – Discipline and referrals are decreasing, to date we have only 350 since returning from Winter Break on January 4, 2016.
- Teacher Attendance Data – Over the past 3 years teacher attendance has been very high. This year teachers are making needed gain by making an effort to report to work.
- Enrollment Projection FY 17 – For the last three years the student enrollment has been decreasing. The district-wide projected enrollment for FY 17 is 2600.
- Financial Report -
- FOIA-Illinois Kid Campaign and Michael Realty – They wanted to know if we had a gifted program in our district. District was unable to assist because we didn’t have the information they were requesting.

Correspondence – Please join Thornton Township for one day of Unity and Peace on Friday, February 5, 2016 at South Suburban College Performing Arts Center located 15800 S. State Street South Holland, IL 60473 from 8:00am until 2:45pm.

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to go into closed session for collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees;

CLOSED SESSION

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity;

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; and Student disciplinary cases. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to come out of closed session and resume regular session at 10:20p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

REGULAR SESSION

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

ROLL CALL

Bulletins and Report - NONE

New Business

Old Business - The employee matter discussed in the December 17, 2015 closed session was addressed and resolved.

Public Comment - NONE

Adjournment

ADJOURNMENT

**Motion** by Mrs. Knight-Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn at 10:25 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary