

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
DECEMBER 18, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 8:45 P.M. by Mrs. Darlene Gray Everett Board President, in the Board Room of the Administrative Center at 292 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois.

**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, and Mr. Castillo. 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 Ms. Ghani to approve the consent grouping of routine items including the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on November 13, 2014; payroll summaries for November 21, 2014 in the amount of \$828,935.15, and December 5, 2014 in the amount of \$847,900.44 and authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dates December 18, 2014, consisting of 30 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE INVOICE  
LISTING 12/18/14

APPROVE PAYROLL  
SUMMARIES 11/21/14  
& 12/5/14

Education Fund	\$540,357.63
Tort Liability Fund	66,556.13
Building and Maintenance Fund	169,713.61
Transportation Fund	574,187.93
Total	\$1,351,501.30

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

**Motion** by all to authorize Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Superintendent to apply for E-RATE funding for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: all. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE DR.  
SHELLY DAVIS-  
JONES,  
SUPERINTENDENT  
TO APPLY FOR E-  
RATE FUNDING FOR  
THE 2015-2016  
SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by seconded by all approve the solicitation of bids to replace the roof at Berger Vandenberg Elementary School. Roll call vote: Aye: all. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE  
SOLICITATION OF  
BIDS TO REPLACE  
THE ROOF AT  
BERGER  
VANDENBERG  
SCHOOL

**Meeting open to the public.** Since no one wished to address the Board, regular session resumed.

**Special Committee Reports.** None

**Superintendent's Agenda.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani approval to extend the Family Medical Leave of Absence request for Willie Sutton, custodian with an anticipated return date of January 5, 2015 for health reasons. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL TO EXTEND  
FAMILY MEDICAL  
LEAVE FOR WILLIE  
SUTTON

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence request for Debra Vasquez, teacher effective December 5, 2014 with an anticipated return date of January 5, 2015 for family health reasons. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE FAMILY  
MEDICAL LEAVE FOR  
DEBRA VASQUEZ

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence request for Kimberly Khan, teacher effective January 20, 2015 with an anticipated return date of May 4, 2015 for maternity. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE FAMILY  
MEDICAL LEAVE FOR  
KIMBERLY KHAN

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence request for Stephanie Wasserman, teacher effective February 25, 2015 with an anticipated return date of April 4, 2015 for maternity. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE FAMILY  
MEDICAL LEAVE FOR  
STEPHANIE  
WASSERMAN

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the submission of the district's final Tax Levy for 2014. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE SUBMISSION  
FOR THE FINAL TAX  
LEVY FOR 2014

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve Resolution Number R2014-12-18 appointing Wolf Point Advisors LTD as Broker of record effective March 1, 2015. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE RESOLUTION  
NUMBER R2014-12-18

**Motion** by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize the President and Secretary of the School Board to enter into a first year probationary teaching contract, subject to compliance with the Educational Reform Act of 1985 effective January 5, 2015 for Mr. Michael Vana MA- Step 1 for District-Wide ESL Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE MR.  
MICHAEL VANA MA-  
STEP 1 FOR DISTRICT-  
IDE ESL TEACHER FOR  
THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL  
YEAR.

**Bulletin Reports.** None

**New Business.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge seconded by Ms. Ghani to accept the recommendations of the Student Disciplinary Committee for student number 149-1415-008. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR STUDENT 149-1415-  
008

**Old Business:**

**Motion** by Mr. Castillo seconded by Mrs. Knight to accept the contract for the lobbyist. Roll call vote: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT CONTRACT FOR  
THE LOBBYIST

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to adjourn at 9:03 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary