

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149

MINUTES OF

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2023

The Regular Board Meeting was held via Zoom.

The Board Meeting convened at 6:58 p.m.

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

Mr. Castillo joined the meeting at 7:24 pm.

Absent: Ms. Francisco and Ms. Jemine.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Edward Wong, Janene Preston, Dr. Twyla Harris, Janice Opitz, Akil Khalfani, Laura Wolf, Dr. Dellnora Winters, Ernesta Ransom, ZaRita Beal, Christal Washington, BeNita Parker, Sparkle Tiffith, Karen Slate, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Tia Williams, Latricia Lewis, Gerald Scott, Christina Montgomery, Danielle Franklin, Jamar Everett, Alfred Thompkins, John Smida, David Ormsby, Sheena Dixon, Yvette Shackelford, Tonya Thomas, Connie Montgomery, Cherita Smith, Laura Anderson, Nafiseh Vossoughi, Marissa Fenton, Marie Johnson, Shari Gomez, Tonia Leonhard, April Davis, and Dr. Angela Winters.

Board Member Comments and Questions:

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons stated that she had a few questions regarding items 6-16 on the consent agenda and requested that the board pull items 6-16 for discussion during the closed session.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Cabinet Report

Dr. White reported on student enrollment, staff vacancies, IAR testing, EOY MAP testing dates, graduation planning, online and onsite registration for the 23-24 school year, the upcoming March Madness Party, Girls Night Out event, Meals in the Meantime and gave a shout out to teachers for increased attendance.

Mrs. Janice Opitz reported that we are in a position to extend our contracts with Organic Life and First Student.

Ms. Christina Montgomery reported on I-Ready and MAP progress.

Mr. Tillman gave kudos to Dr. White for changing the culture and climate.

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to amend the consent agenda and move items F6-F16 to Section H of the Board agenda.	AGENDA ITEMS F6-16
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Adjourn to Closed Session

Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:26 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)• 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 and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).2. Motion to adjourn closed session meeting and reconvene open session meeting. <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, and Mrs. Gray-Everett. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM G1
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Let the record show that Mrs. Gray-Everett had technical difficulties and left the meeting at 8:35 pm.

Adjourn from Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn the Closed session at 8:56 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Castillo. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM G2
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Final Action on Closed Session Items

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve student discipline decisions as discussed in closed session. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, and Mr. Castillo. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H1
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve to accept the letter of intent to retire as discussed in closed session from Annette Mack.</p>	AGENDA ITEM F9

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the employment of Anthony Williams, Day-to-Day Substitute.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Jolly.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM F13
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve intermittent FMLA for Kimberly Hayes.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Jolly.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM F14
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the Resolution authorizing notice of non-renewal and dismissal of third-year probationary teacher, Stacy Burgess-Brundige.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Jolly.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM F15
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the Resolution authorizing notice of non-renewal and reclassification of the Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Carolyn Franklin.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Jolly.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM F16
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the Superintendent's request to post positions with salaries discussed in closed session.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H3

Old Business - None

New Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the Superintendent to go out for bid for lawn care.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J1
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the Superintendent to go out for bid for security.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J2
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the Superintendent to go out for bid for an architect.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Castillo.</p>	AGENDA ITEM J3

Transportation Fund	\$ 252,792.35	
Capital Projects	\$ 13,374.00	
Tort Immunity Fund	\$1,365,756.37	
ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Francisco, and Mrs. Gray-Everett. Abstain: Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED		
MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to accept the letter of intent to retire from Dr. Twyla Harris effective June 30, 2023. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, and Ms. Francisco. MOTION CARRIED		AGENDA ITEM F7


Meeting Open for Public Comments:

Shari Gomez asked a question regarding the letters of intent to retire and Attorney Wong answered with clarity.

Connie Montgomery asked a question regarding the SPCA contract and Attorney Wong answered with clarity.

Adjournment

MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adjourn the board meeting at 9:18 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Castillo. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM L
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 Wilbur Tillman, President



 Bertha Jolly, Secretary