

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

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:41 P.M. by Mrs. Darlene Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room at the Administrative Center located 292 Torrence Avenue in Calumet City, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance

<p>Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to appoint a secretary pro temp.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPOINT A SECRETARY PRO TEMP</p>
<p>Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to appoint Mrs. Eldridge as secretary pro temp.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman</p>	<p>APPOINT MRS. ELDRIDGE AS SECRETARY PRO TEMP</p>

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Denita Scott, Twyla Harris, Cedric Lewis, Vedia Page, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, Dellnora Winters, Gerald Scott, Michael Steele, Karen Slate, April Davis, Carolyn Franklin, Dr. Renata Patterson, Dr. Christal Walker, John Johnson, Gabrielle Herndon, Jamie Hayes, April Brown, Carmen Canales, Sheria Robinson, Sue Dykas, Kathy Fejes, Jamar Everett, Dion Wiley, James Vasselli, Kathleen Hickey, John Kasperek, Cheryl Lynne Lopez, Ramona Shelton, Latawnya Brown, Colleen Verner, Beverly Akogu, Bolden Jones, Stacy Miles and Tasha White.

Meeting was opened up to the public and there were no public comments.

Board President Consent Agenda

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to approve the Consent Agenda. The following Board Members voted Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. The following Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman.

As part of the Consent Agenda, the following items were approved on the call of the roll:

1. **The Minutes of the September 22, 2016 Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Payroll summaries for September 23, 2016 in the amount of \$784,552.70**
3. **Payroll summaries for October 7, 2016 in the amount of \$797,538.49**

4. Payroll summaries for October 21, 2016 in the amount of \$799,735.92
5. Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated October 27, 2016
6. Agreement with Urban Gateways
7. Agreement with Mrs. Ramona Shelter Life Coach LLC
8. Host the November 17th School Board Meeting at 6:30 pm at the Middle School
9. Family Medical Leave for Karen Carter
10. Family Medical Leave for LaJoya J. Washington
11. Family Medical Leave for Marissa Fenton

President’s Committee Statement

Board President Darlene Gray Everett. Paraphrasing, she stated as follows: “Our committees have been formed and the Board Members and Administrators have been placed.”

**DOLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 149 BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEES 2016-2017**

<u>COMMITTEE</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON</u>	<u>ADMINISTRATOR</u>
Policy	Darlene Gray Everett	Dr. Davis-Jones
Parent Advisory/Family Engagement	Darlene Gray Everett	Dr. Davis-Jones
Building and Grounds	Pamela Eldridge	Dr. Scott / Mr. Mason
Transportation	Kim Knight- Anderson	Dr. Scott
Curriculum	Rayya Ghani	Dr. Scott
Technology	Lolita Crisler- Liggons	Dr. Young
Nutrition	Bertha Jolly	Mr. Lewis
Finance	Lolita Crisler-Liggons Mr. Tillman	Mr. Lewis & Dr. Cunneen

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones gave a report on the following. Paraphrasing, she stated as follows:

1. I first want to congratulate the Board of Education for receiving numerous awards last night at the South Cook Division Dinner Meeting. Dr. Donna Leak and the Illinois State Representative Williams Davis presented on Senate Bill 100 and its effects on the school Board. I also want to thank Mr. Tillman for receiving all of the gifts and awards that the board team received last evening.
2. Congratulations 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team they placed 3rd in the Marion Catholic Junior High School Tournament. I want to give a great shout out to the coaches for all the support and hard work they give to the students.
3. We had two Freedom of Information request this month.
 - A. FOIA- NBC5 Epinephrine Auto-Injector Supply – they wanted to know if we keep Epinephrine Auto-Injector in stock. Our district does not keep Epinephrine Auto-

Injector in stock. The children have to bring those with their script to the school nurse and the principal.

- B. FOIA- Barbara Booker Personnel – they wanted a copy of her personnel file. We complied with their request.
- 4. FOB Update Caroline Sibley East Doors – the project is complete and staff will have training and will begin using the systems only during the normal work day to ensure the safety of the staff in the building.

Dr. Davis-Jones reported “The Illinois School Report Card will open on Monday, October 31, 2016. This information will show the school district and how it’s currently performing and the results of the Five Essential School Survey that the six grade students took, the parents and teachers will be available for the public along with our Terra Nova Assessments scores and PARCC. On this year’s report card our district will have an opportunity to add the district’s voice to the five essential results. I am studying that right now so that I can work collectively with the principals so that they can utilize their voices to explain some of the features about their data from the five essential from FY 16. We also worked continuously with the Senate for Innovation of Improvement over the last few weeks. We have done it again and revised the smart goals from one goal to two goals and we also revised some of the worthy targets. I want to thank the teachers who participated yesterday in the Terra Nova Training we had the company come out thank you again Dr. Scott we are really trying to move with this data because data drives everything that we do in the class room and all the decision we make in this district. We had a meeting with the teachers and we just unpacked the types of data that Terra Nova provides the testing, the grades and how we are going to use it and it also supports our district’s improvement plan. Finally, I have two presentations that I think are very important to everyone in the community this evening. The first one will be a presentation from our data consultant on PARCC Assessment it will be brief but we will get to the meat and potatoes. I would like to ask Dr. Kathleen Hickey if she would take the floor and then after Dr. Kathleen Hickey I will then turn it over to Dr. Scott who will close us out with our Curriculum Update and a brief presentation.”

5. Dr. Kathleen Hickey, PARCC Assessment Presentation

Dr. Hickey presented information regarding PARCC, Terra Nova, District Goals, Worthy Targets and the Assessment System designed by Dr. Davis-Jones and her Leadership Team. Paraphrasing, she stated as follows:

“PARCC is the state assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students. Her report included PARCC scores in English Language Arts and mathematics. Comparisons of District data with state data were made. Dr. Hickey explained the Assessment System which has both horizontal and diagonal components. We will use Terra Nova data to track performance as

children move from one grade to the next as well as compare grade level performance from year to year. Dr. Hickey reported on District goals in reading and mathematics, targeting 10% growth over the next two years. Dr. Davis-Jones elaborated on the Five Worthy Targets and described a multi-tiered system of support which will monitor goals in reading and mathematics. The Superintendent also spoke about providing a data driven system of professional development and a system for measuring teacher implementation of professional development.”

6. Dr. Denita Scott, Curriculum Update

Dr. Denita Scott gave a presentation on the Curriculum Update. Paraphrasing, she stated as follows:

“Terra Nova has been administered to students in Dolton School District 149 over the past eight years. Students in second grade are assessed in Reading and Math. Grades 3-8 are assessed in Reading, Language, and Math. In examining the data we will look at the Mean Normal Curve Equivalent. The normal curve equivalent is in equal intervals and is on a normal curve. Scores range from 1-99 and 50 would be average for a student taking this assessment. As a district overall, we did not meet the target of 50 but we do have schools that were in close proximity.

Keep in mind that this is a pre-assessment and this is not the only indicator of a student’s academic performance. Students are also assessed using curriculum assessments, PARCC, classroom assessments and portfolios. In addition, at the time of the assessment, students did not have a full year of instruction at their current grade level.

To address our deficiencies, we will continue our work with the Center for School Improvement by refining our worthy targets, and we will also continue working with data to drive instruction. Just recently, the District Leadership Team participated in training on how to review, create reports and analyze data from the Terra Nova on-line reporting system. We look forward to reviewing the results again after the post assessment. The post assessment is scheduled during the month of January.”

At the conclusion of the presentations, Board President, Darlene Gray Everett thanked everyone for their simply wonderful presentations.

Old Business

<p>1. Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the policy committee to revisit PRESS Issue 91 regarding the following policies:</p> <p>5:333 Educational Support Personnel – ratified in the Support Agreement Contract</p> <p>7:220 Students Bus Conduct – Senate Bill 100 states must</p>	<p>APPROVE THE POLICY COMMITTEE TO REVISIT PRESS ISSUE 91</p>
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<p>provide homework if suspended off the school bus.</p> <p>7:240 Students Conduct Code for Participants in Extra Curricular Activities – Hazing and bullying is strictly prohibited on school grounds.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	
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Correspondence

E-mail from Mrs. Watson, SOFA Teacher

“Good evening, Ladies. I am writing to commend you for the presentation that you gave to our students today. I thoroughly enjoyed it, and was approached by several of my kids who shared the same sentiment.

I had completely avoided the topic of the melee due to the sensitivity of the subject. Furthermore, I didn't even hear the students speaking of it. I think we all felt the weight of the incident, and no one wanted to discuss it. However, as you women spoke, I was glad that I had not touched it. It was such a heartfelt, sincere talk, that I know I would have done a complete disservice by addressing it. Your loving kindness, punctuated with a clear message of rigidity, was perfect! Bringing it directly to them the way that you did was a true testament to the leadership that you bring, and the students and I really appreciated it. Several of them shared this with me as the day progressed.

I could not let the day pass without saluting you for a job well done. Enjoy your weekend!”

Dolton Health Inspection All (8) Schools Passed Health Inspection. Thank you to Zetta Piggot Aviand’s Director and Staff.

Closed Session

<p>1. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. go into closed session for 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;</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p>2. 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</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>

public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity;	
3. Student Disciplinary cases;	CLOSED SESSION
4. School security reasons. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	CLOSED SESSION
MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Eldridge to come out of executive session and resume the regular school board meeting at 8:46 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	REGULAR SESSION

Open Session

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Twyla Harris, Dr. Denita Scott, Vedia Page, April Brown, James Vasselli, Carmen Canales, Cheryl Lynne Lopez, Ramona Shelton, Latawnya Brown and Colleen Verner.

New Business

MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to suspend the rules and go back to item I. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	SUSPEND THE RULES AND GO BACK TO ITEM I
1. MOTION by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to Ratify the district to pay for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for Caroline Sibley School for the 2016-2017 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	RATIFY THE DISTRICT TO PAY FOR THE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM

Before the next motion was read Board President Darlene Gray Everett turn it over to Mr. Kasperek our auditor.

Mr. John Kasperek gave a brief report on the audit and AFR for 2016. Paraphrasing, he stated as follows:

“On the agenda today my understanding is you have the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The report is rather lengthy and for brevity purposes I will cover the important element which is the Auditors’ Opinion which is on page 1 and goes to page 2 at the top and it states “ever giving an unqualified opinion for the audit on the Financial Statements based on the accrual bases of accounting.” From the standpoint of an auditor’s opinion the unqualified opinion is the highest level you can get and I might point out that since we are on an accrual basis, School District 149 receives an official opinion. Very few school districts get this because most school districts are on a cash basis of accounting which automatically qualifies the opinion; cash districts get an unqualified on cash, and a qualified opinion on the financial statements. The financial statements as presented are fairly stated so rather your vendors are using it, rating agencies are using it and other entities are using it they can rely on the numbers being accurate from that standpoint.

Board President, Darlene Gray Everett asked if anyone had any questions. She then asked Eldridge, Rayya, Liggons and Tillman if they had any questions. No one had any questions she then thanks Mr. Kasperek for his report.

<p>2. MOTION by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to accept the Audit and AFR for FY 16 as circulated and presented by District Auditor John Kasperek.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ACCEPT THE AUDIT AND AFR FOR FY 16 AS CIRCULATED AND PRESENTED BY DISTRICT AUDITOR JOHN KASPEREK</p>
<p>3. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons approve the Tentative Levy for FY 17 for Tax Year 2016.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Gray Everett. Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPROVE THE TENTATIVE LEVY FOR FY 17 FOR TAX YEAR 2016</p>
<p>4. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to update District Policies, Procedures and Exhibits regarding PRESS Issues for the 2016-2017.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>UPDATE DISTRICT POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND EXHIBITS REGARDING PRESS ISSUES FOR THE 2016-2017</p>

Bulletins and Report – NONE

Superintendent Shelly Davis-Jones turned it over to Vedia Page and Twyla Harris to introduce our candidate this evening who will be joining the Dolton School District 149 family. Twyla informed everyone that Ms. Colleen Verner is going to be our Special Education Resource Teacher at Diekman School. She comes in with a wealth of experience from CPS and she is supported by Mrs. Cheryl Lynne Lopez and Mrs. Latawnya Brown.

Board President Mrs. Darlene Gray Everett informed everyone that the Thursday, November 17, 2016 School Board Meeting will be held at the Middle School located 1650 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL at 6:30 p.m.

Public Comment –NONE

Additional Action Items- None

MOTION by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray Everett.	
MOTION CARRIED	

Darlene Gray Everett, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary