

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE
DECEMBER 15, 2016

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mrs. Darlene Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room at the Central Office located 292 Torrence in Calumet City, Illinois.

The Pledge of Allegiance

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

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, Karen Slate, April Davis, Carolyn Franklin, Dr. Renata Patterson, Dr. Christal Walker, John Johnson, Dr. Hester Alfred, Gabrielle Herndon, Jamie Hayes, April Brown, Carmen Canales, Sheria Robinson, Sue Dykas, Kathy Fejes, Jamar Everett, John Smider, Dion Wiley, Board Attorney Mr. James Vasselli, Dr. James Cunneen, Dr. Kathleen Hickey, Bolden Jones, Stacy Miles, Brandon Orr 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 President's Consent Agenda from 1-14. The following Board Members voted Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman.

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

- 1. Minutes of the regular board meeting held November 17, 2016**
- 2. Payroll summaries for November 18, 2016 in the amount of \$804, 977.02**
- 3. payroll summaries for December 2, 2016 in the amount of \$807, 278.79**
- 4. Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated December 15, 2016**
- 5. Authorize probationary teaching contract for Brandon Orr**
- 6. Accept the cost proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Reading in the amount of \$26,305**
- 7. Accept the cost proposal from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Math in the amount of \$22,525**
- 8. Agreement with the Love Unity & Values Institute for an after school program promoting goal achievement in the amount of \$60,082.94**
- 9. Agreement with Schoology in the amount of \$2,500 for the purpose of the district e-pilot program**
- 10. Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Tiffany Blackman for the remainder of the 2016 -2017 school year.**

- 11. Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Suga Gales for the remainder of the 2016 - 2017 school year**
- 12. Intermittent Family Medical Leave for Clifford Gales for the remainder of the 2016 -2017 school year**
- 13. Family Medical Leave for Suzy Brath**
- 14. Family Medical Leave for Linda Jakresky**

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to accept the Present's Agenda 1-14. The following Board Members voted Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.

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Special Committee & Consulting Reports

1. Dr. Davis Jones has been selected by the Illinois CSI Leadership Team to be a guest writer in the December issue of the External Illinois CSI Newsletter.

Paraphrasing Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones stated the following:

“All of our hard work with the Center for Innovation and Improvement led them to ask our district to serve in the December issue. I will be the guest writer when the issue comes out possibly it will be ready in January it was due in December. I was happy to write my thoughts

and all the reflections from working with our DLT Team into the journal so it can go across the state. I think we are doing great work and we are almost coming to a close. The subcommittee today had their first meeting to address all of the math goals, worthy targets and actions. Tomorrow they are going to work again and finalize the draft and it is my hope that next week I will forward the draft to that State and then we will be prepared for a final board adoption approval for the January 26th board meeting. Great job everybody; thank you to the math subcommittee Dr. Hickey, Jamie Hayes, Dr. Scott, Dr. Young, Vedia Page, Mr. Steele, teacher's Sheri Gomez, Nafiseh Vossoughi-Parks, Rosalind Lewis and April Muszynski. I want to thank them all it's a total of 9 of them who are on the committee they will finish the work tomorrow and by 3:00 we should have a full draft ready for me to review and submit to the State next week before we leave for winter break."

2. District Health Life Safety Update Mr. Mason, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor.

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones turned it over to Dr. James Cunneen on behalf of Mr. Mason, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor who is out this evening to discuss the District Health Life Safety Update. Paraphrasing Dr. Cunneen stated the following:

"The county came and did their seem like annual review now that they are visiting us on the compliance and again the good news is that we did very well on this compliance. Thanks to the board for keeping up with some of the Life Safety issues that we have to do that is part of our phase I that you set aside Life Safety money to address problems before they became due. We are going to address in details at our board retreat where we are on our compliance when we are finishing phase I which has been very successful and moving forward to phase II. So, when the board and its wisdom set a date for the retreat we will be able to cover those issues and a number of other issues that needs to be done. But, phase II is going to be crucial that we get into a bidding cycle that is early enough so that we get the better pricing as we did last year."

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones turned it over to Twyla Harris to introduce our new Music teacher who has joined us at Caroline Sibley School. It's been over a decade since we had music at Caroline Sibley School and in this district and its so refreshing to have the fine arts to be brought back with trained professional. I'm going to turn it over to Twyla Harris to introduce the new music teacher at Caroline Sibley School.

Paraphrasing Twyla Harris stated the following:

"This is Brandon Orr, he is coming to us from Lincoln University of Missouri and I want to say that he stated with us on Monday. I spoke with Mrs. Franklin about how Mr. Orr was doing and it was just wonderful to hear how the kids have embraced Mr. Orr and how he is coming in mixing in or integrating technology into the music program. He already has the vision to reconstruct how the classroom is setup to maximize space for the kids to be able to sit, learn and take in all aspects of music. This is wonderful!! Even in his interview he talked about how to bring in modern music such as rap along with classical music and I know I have the language wrong but, to show how they mix it all in so it stays relevant for the children. I do want to commend him because he came in off and running with the kids. Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Johnson and Dr. Alfred are really embarrassing him too as well as the team."

“Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones also shared that our Intern Tasha White who is still working with us is who working diligently to finish the rest of these minutes and hours up through the program defending her dissertation and she is now Dr. White.”

Superintendent’s Report

1. FOIA Robbins Schwartz
2. FOIA John Fairman LLP

Old Business

<p>1. MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to authorize the approval of the Final Tax Levy for FY 2016, and Filing of the Certificate of Tax Levy with Cook County Clerk. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL TAX LEVY FOR FY 2016, AND FILING OF THE CERTIFICATE OF TAX LEVY WITH COOK COUNTY CLERK</p>
<p>2. MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to authorize the approval of the Final Tax Levy for Special Education FY 2016, and Filing of the Certificate of Special Education Tax Levy with Cook County Clerk. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Eldridge. Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF THE FINAL TAX LEVY FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION FY 2016, AND FILING OF THE CERTIFICATE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TAX LEVY WITH COOK COUNTY CLERK</p>
<p>3. MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the Resolution regarding Truth in Taxation Law. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REGARDING TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW</p>
<p>4. MOTION by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to to adopt the Resolution to instruct Cook County on the final proration of the extension under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act, (PTELL) in the event our Levy exceeds the total amount available for extension. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO INSTRUCT COOK COUNTY ON THE FINAL PRORATION OF THE EXTENSION UNDER THE PROPERTY TAX EXTENSION LIMITATION ACT, (PTELL) IN THE EVENT OUR LEVY EXCEEDS THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR EXTENSION</p>

Correspondence - As Circulated

New Business - None

Bulletins and Report - None**Public Comment – None****Closed Session**

<p>1. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to go into closed session at 7:55 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>	CLOSED SESSION
<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 public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity;</p>	CLOSED SESSION
<p>3. Student Disciplinary cases. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	CLOSED SESSION
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to come out of executive session and resume the regular school board meeting at 8:20 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED</p>	REGULAR SESSION

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Denita Scott, Twyla Harris, Cedric Lewis, April Brown, Carmen Canales and Board Attorney Mr. James Vasselli.

Additional Action Items

<p>1. MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the disciplinary hearing team recommendation for student 149-1617-003 to attend alternative placement for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year and all of the 2017-2018 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	APPROVE THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING TEAM RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT 149-1617-003
<p>2. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson</p>	SET AND APPROVE A DATE FOR

<p>to set and approve the date of Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - noon for the board retreat.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	THE BOARD RETREAT
<p>3. MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to appoint Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Superintendent as the Foster Care Designee for Dolton School District 149.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	APPOINT DR. SHELLY DAVIS-JONES, SUPERINTENDENT AS THE FOSTER CARE DESIGNEE
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	ADJOURNMENT

Darlene Gray Everett, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary