

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE
APRIL 27, 2017

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:33 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: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, and Ms. Ghani.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Denita Scott, Twyla Harris, Cedric Lewis, Dellnora Winters, Karen Slate, Carolyn Franklin, Dr. Renata Patterson, Dr. Christal Walker, John Johnson, Michael Steele, Dr. Hester Alfred, Gabrielle Herndon, Jamie Hayes, April Brown, Carmen Canales, Sheria Robinson, Sue Dykas, Jamar Everett, Dion Wiley, Board Attorney Mr. James Vasselli, Dr. James Cunneen, Bolden Jones, Stacy Miles, Shelia Colone, Sharonne Dinnwiddie, Suzy Brath, Dr. Tasha White and Zetta Piggott.

Meeting was opened up to the public – No public comments were made.

Board President Consent Agenda

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to accept the President's Consent Agenda items 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 and 17. The following Board Members voted Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Jolly. Board Member voted Nay: Mr. Tillman. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- 1. Approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 23, 2017.**
- 2. Payroll summaries for March 24, 2017 in the amount of \$820,862.09**
- 3. Payroll summaries for April 7, 2017 in the amount of \$803,628.35.**
- 4. Authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated April 27, 2017 consisting of 19 pages.**
- 5. Approve the official Public School Calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.**
- 6. Appoint Dr. Christal Walker as the Summer School Principal for the Enrichment Program at Carol Moseley Braun School.**
- 7. Appoint Dr. Renata Patterson as the Summer School Principal for the Tutorial Program at the School of Fine Arts.**
- 8. Approve the request for FMLA for Shari Gomez.**
- 9. Approve the request for FMLA for Dr. Vanessa Wilson.**
- 10. Approve the request for Intermittent FMLA for April Davis.**
- 11. Approve the request for FMLA for Michelle Watson.**
- 12. Approve the request for FMLA for Latia Robinson.**
- 13. Accept the letter of retirement for Mr. Ron Tuner effective June 20, 2020.**

- 14. Post for Teacher Vacancies for the 2017-2018 school year.**
- 15. Approve the new Statewide Principal and Assistant Principal Evaluation Instrument.**
- 16. Authorize agreement with Unique School Photography for the 8th grade dance, luncheon and the graduation.**
- 17. Approve Early Registration Dates May 5, 2017 through May 26, 2017.**

Special Committee Report

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones turned it over to Dr. Cunneen and then Dr. Denita Scott.

Paraphrasing Dr. Cunneen stated the following:

1. Committee of the Whole Meeting (Dr. James Cunneen)

“Congratulation New Board!! The old Board on Monday had a meeting with our architects to discuss phase I and phase II of our plan. Phase I is being modified to include the demolition on the north wing of Caroline Sibley School. We got strong directions from the Board on Monday night and that direction was that the new Caroline Sibley will open on time with the removal of the north wing and the beautification of the campus. We have talked to the architects and the environmental people and we are pushing them to keep to that schedule. We have one other issue and the architects purposed a \$60,000.00 dollar cooling unit to go into a storage space and the Board told us “NO” we are not spending \$60,000.00 dollars for a cooling unit do something different. Superintendent put her jogging suit on yesterday and went around to all the buildings, saw storage space available that we are going to move with the Board’s great direction. You motivated us to do that and we are going to provide those storages for the food service without any expenditure to the district. We thank you for that suggestion and we followed through on your suggestion. In the mean time, Superintendent is also announcing that every school in the district is going to get a new computer Lab to be established and that will be done by the end of this year to provide more computer access to the students. That’s awesome, very good!!

We received notification from the State of Illinois on the financial welfare of the district. There are four categories and last year we were working on trying to make category two. Mr. Lewis I will let you announce what category that we are in this year.”

Mr. Lewis stated the following:

“We have ‘Financial Recognition’ from the Illinois State Board of Education that’s the highest financial category that you can receive!!!”

2. Curriculum Maps & Textbook Adoption Update (Dr. Denita Scott)

Paraphrasing Superintendent Dr. Denita Scott stated the following:

“In recent weeks, the Reading Textbook Adoption committee met to determine the final choices for textbooks that would meet the district’s needs. The committee selected Houghton Mifflin and

1001.

McGraw-Hill and each company provided a one hour overview to the staff on April 26, 2017. During the week of May 1st teachers will peruse the materials in efforts to make an informed decision on a textbook for the upcoming school year.

In our efforts to strive for continuous improvement, reading and math curriculum maps will be prepared and implemented for the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Jones and I met with Partners4Results and provided them with the tools to expedite preparation of the maps. We requested that the maps be ready for review on June 15, 2017.”

Superintendent’s Report

1. Male Youth Summit (Video Presentation)
2. DLT Report
3. Civil Rights Data Report

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

“The Male Youth Summit was phenomenal! We have a 2 minute video presentation to share. We have lots of photos taken by our very own school nurse Mrs. Pamela Waddell. Pictures of this profound event will be shared on our district website. The young men showed up on a Saturday and made everyone proud of the way they conducted themselves. The survey results indicate that the overall program was well attended and truly needed. The young men want to see this program again and it was almost tied between a week day and a weekend. We want to thank the parents, every young man who showed up, my cabinet, administrative team and my adhoc committee for a job well done!

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to thank the DLT, SLT and ILT members for their commitment and leadership to continuing our efforts to improve teaching and learning. Our administrative cabinet will participate in a mandatory meeting with the new partners for the 2017-2018 school year. The meeting will take place a Loyola University June 1st from 8 am- 3 pm. We will keep everyone informed.

The DLT will conduct two dates of **Data Listening Tours** around the District on May1st with BV, CS and DKM at 3:30 pm at Caroline Sibley in the gymnasium and on May 9th we will conduct CCA, SOFA and STEM at 2:30 pm and CMB and NBLA at 3:30 pm in the Sofa Media Center. We are excited about the work we have accomplished and where we are going in the future. In 2017-2018 we will have a new local assessment, newly adopted reading textbooks, curriculum maps, professional development calendars and progress monitoring calendars and templates for all teachers.

The Civil Rights Data Result for the 2015-2016 school year indicated the following:

- Teacher attendance continues to be a problem in our district
- Attendance incentive program is needed to improve teacher attendance
- Discipline data indicated harassment and bullying was reported and the new Restorative Justice Practices are being implemented
- Students are not harassed or bullied based on race, gender nor disability

- Student suspensions at the elementary and middle schools have decreased since the new SB 100 was approved
- Algebra data for middle school students were not reported due to lack of student participation into the high school feeder district.”

Board President Mrs. Gray Everett thanked Superintendent, Dr. Scott, Mr. Lewis, and the entire staff for their hard work. ""What I love about it is that we have some very invested staff. It takes a village and not one person can do it alone, thank you all including our food service and not to mention our secretaries I love you and appreciate you all very much. Thank you!!”

New Business

<p>1. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Knight-Anderson, to authorize the Board Architect to solicit for bids for the Demolition of the north wing at Caroline Sibley Elementary School consistent with the adopted 10 Year Facilities Plan. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE THE BOARD ARCHITECT TO SOLICIT FOR BIDS FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE NORTH WING AT CAROLINE SIBLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</p>
<p>2. MOTION by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to authorize the Board’s Environmental Engineer to solicit bids for the abatement of asbestos at Caroline Sibley Elementary School consistent with the adopted 10 Year Facilities Plan. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE THE BOARD’S ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF ASBESTOS AT CAROLINE SIBLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</p>
<p>3. MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to accept the bids from the Form 470 for E-Rate related services for the 2017-2018 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ACCEPT THE BIDS FROM THE FORM 470 FOR E-RATE RELATED SERVICES FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR</p>
<p>4. MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to enter into a one day agreement with Academic Entertainment for the purpose of conducting Reading Assemblies at Caroline Sibley School May 18, 2017 paid for out of Title I Funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Ms. Ghani. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ENTER INTO A ONE DAY AGREEMENT WITH ACADEMIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE READING ASSEMBLIES AT CAROLINE SIBLEY SCHOOL</p>
<p>5. MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to enter into an agreement with the LUV Institute for the Summer School Enrichment Program June 6, 2017 through June 30, 2017. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LUV INSTITUTE FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM</p>

<p>6. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to extend the food service management renewal with Aviand's for the 2017-2018 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>EXTEND THE FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT RENEWAL WITH AVIAND'S FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR</p>
<p>7. MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize the Business Manager to solicit bids for Kitchen equipment, namely a Tilting Skillet and Boilerless Steamer for use at The Middle Schools and 3 Cambro's for Caroline Sibley, NBLA and Diekman per the awarded National School Lunch Equipment Assistance Grant. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS MANAGER TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR KITCHEN EQUIPMENT, NAMELY A TILTING SKILLET AND BOILER LESS STEAMER FOR USE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND 3 CAMBRO'S FOR CAROLINE SIBLEY, NBLA AND DIEKMAN</p>
<p>8. MOTION by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the District Wide Restorative Justice Plan and insert into the District Handbook. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPROVE THE DISTRICT WIDE RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PLAN AND INSERT INTO THE DISTRICT HANDBOOK</p>
<p>9. MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to table the motion to accept the retirement agreement for Dr. Hester Alfred effective April 28, 2017 for retirement on June 30, 2020 until next Board Meeting. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>TABLE THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT AGREEMENT FOR DR. HESTER ALFRED EFFECTIVE APRIL 28, 2017 FOR RETIREMENT ON JUNE 30, 2020 UNTIL THE NEXT BOARD MEETING</p>
<p>10. MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to approve the Disciplinary Hearing Committee Recommendation for Student #149-1617-012. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPROVE THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT #149-1616-012</p>
<p>11. MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the Disciplinary Hearing Committee Recommendation for Student #149-1617-013. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Jolly. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPROVE THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR STUDENT #149-1616-013</p>
<p>12. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the 2015-2016 Civil Rights Data Collection for the U.S. Department of Education. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPROVE THE 2015-2016 CIVIL RIGHTS DATA COLLECTION FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</p>

Old Business

<p>1. MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to waive the first reading and approve the following board policies in PRESS ISSUES 86 and 91. 7:220 Students Bus Conduct and 7:240 Conduct Code for Participation in Extracurricular Activities. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>WAIVE THE FIRST READING AND APPROVE BOARD POLICIES IN PRESS ISSUES 86 AND 91. 7:220 STUDENTS BUS CONDUCT AND 7:240 CONDUCT CODE FOR PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES</p>
<p>2. MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to enter into an agreement for Psychological Testing with Halliburton and Associates, Ltd for initial Case Study Evaluations and Re-Evaluations of Students for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Eldridge. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING WITH HALLIBURTON AND ASSOCIATES, LTD</p>

Correspondence- Echo Director of Finance and Operations Letter

Paraphrasing Business Manager, Mr. Lewis stated the following:

“We received a letter from ECHO confirming the fact that our A133 which is a single audit for both the IDEA Program which is Special Education Program 4620 which is the Pre-School for Special Education both grant had absolutely no findings for the FY15-16 school year.”

Bulletins and Report - None

Public Comment – Dr. Cunneen congratulated the new Board again. On behalf of all the administration and the staff we thank you for your continued service. I think I speak for all of us here that we so appreciate your efficiency and how your board meeting run so that we all can spend sometime in the evening with our families. Thank you

Adjournment

<p>MOTION by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Darlene Gray Everett, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary