

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
April 23, 2015

The Meeting was called to order at 7:49 P.M. by Mrs. Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room of the Administrative Center at 292 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.**

**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Gray Everett and Ms. Ghani. Absent: Mrs. Jolly. Also in attendance were Administrators, and support personnel.

ROLL CALL

**Board President's Agenda**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the consent grouping and routine items including minutes from the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session held Thursday, March 12, 2015; payroll summaries for March 13, 2015 in the amount of \$850,850.02, March 27, 2015 in the amount of \$847,065.70 & April 10, 2015 in the amount of \$816,617.35 and authorizes Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated April 23, 2015, consisting of 34 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE MINUTES -  
REGULAR & EXEC.  
SESSION – 3/12/15

APPROVE INVOICE  
LISTING – 4/23/15

Education Fund	\$1,097,836.11
Tort Liability Fund	6,233.43
Building and Maintenance Fund	193,381.10
Transportation Fund	321,906.03
Total	\$1,619,356.67

APPROVE PAYROLL  
SUMMARIES – 3/13/15,  
3/27/15 & 4/10/15

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

**Motion** by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Ghani to appoint Darlene Gray Everett, Board President, to act as the district's representative on the Governing Board of the Illinois Association of School Boards. Roll call vote: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINT  
REPRESENTATIVE FOR  
THE GOVERNING  
BOARD

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the vacancies for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE VACANCIES  
FOR 2015-2016

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Knight to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to approve the Public School Calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE PUBLIC  
SCHOOL CALENDAR  
FOR 2015-2016

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mr. Castillo to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to accept the letter to rescind to retirement for Marilyn Jernigan, Teacher at Diekman Elementary School. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE LETTER  
TO RESCIND TO  
RETIREMENT FOR  
MARILYN JERNIGAN

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to enter into an agreement with ECHO Special Education Cooperative for 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT  
WITH ECHO

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to enter into an agreement with the ISC4 for Literacy Professional Development. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT  
WITH ISC4

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to enter into an agreement with the Illinois State Board of Education Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program for all schools for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT  
WITH ISBE

#### **Meeting open to the public**

Ms. Elaine Seaton who resides at 15111 Hastings, Dolton Illinois is the program Director at Dolton Park. She extended an invitation for our student to attend their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Journey to Higher Learning Celebration on June 6, 2015 at Dolton Park. District located 721 Engle Street Dolton, Illinois.

**Special Committee Reports.** None

#### **Superintendent's Agenda.**

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mr. Castillo to meet in executive session 8:10 p.m. to consider student disciplinary matters, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to return to regular board meeting at 10:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

REGULAR SESSION

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Ghani to approve the rejoining of the Illinois Elementary School Association for sports program at The Middle School effective 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE REJOINING THE  
IESA FOR SPORTS  
PROGRAM

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the resignation letter of Kashawn Walker a probationary custodian effective April 13, 2015. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE  
RESIGNATION LETTER  
OF KASHAWN WALKER

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the 403(b) Amended Adoption Agreement for TSA. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE 403(B)  
AMENDED ADOPTION  
AGREEMENT FOR TSA

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the annual Microsoft License. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE ANNUAL  
MICROSOFT LICENSE

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the purchase of new computers using Title I Funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Eldridge and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE  
PURCHASE OF NEW  
COMPUTERS

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the Scholastic Summer Reading Take Home Packs for students in 2nd-5th grade using Title I funds. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE  
SCHOLASTIC SUMMER  
READING TAKE HOME  
PACKS

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve Dr. Denita Scott to enter into a facility agreement with District 205 for student track. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE FACILITY  
AGREEMENT WITH  
DISTRICT 205 FOR  
STUDENT TRACK

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the existing hazardous bus routes for the 2015-2016 since these routes remain unchanged, and to authorize submission to The Illinois Department of Transportation for reconsideration of potentially hazardous routes. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE EXISTING  
HAZARDOUS BUS  
ROUTES FOR 2015-2016

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve the following Renewal Agreements for the 2015-2016 school year: Imagine Learning Agreement WIN Learning Agreement, Skyward Student Management Agreement, Read 180 Agreement for Special Education Students, Math 180 Agreement for Special Education Students, MyOwn Agreement and Stride Academy Agreement. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE  
RENEWAL  
AGREEMENTS FOR THE  
2015-2016

**Correspondence.** None

**Bulletin Reports.** None

**New Business.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Castillo to accept the recommendations of the Student Disciplinary Committee and allow 10 day suspension stand as timed served for student number 149-1415-014. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR STUDENT NUMBER  
149-1415-014

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight to accept the recommendations of the Student Disciplinary Committee for alternative placement for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year and the entire 2015-2016 school year for student number 149-1415-015. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR STUDENT NUMBER  
149-1415-015

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to accept the recommendations of the Student Disciplinary Committee and allow the 10 day suspension stand as time served student number 149-1415-016. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR STUDENT NUMBER  
149-1415-016

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve a contract for Business Manager, Cedric Lewis. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE A CONTRACT  
FOR BUSINESS  
MANAGER

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

APPROVE A CONTRACT  
FOR OPERATION  
MANAGER

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the final vacation pay out for Alicia Geddis. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE FINAL  
VACATION PAY OUT FOR  
ALICIA GEDDIS

**Old Business.** None

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adjourn at 10:10 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary