

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE CENTRAL OFFICE  
OCTOBER 25, 2018

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:37 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. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Eldridge. Absent: NONE

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Denita Scott, Vedia Page, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, April Brown, Dellnora Winters, Karen Slate, April Davis, Jamie Hayes, Carolyn Franklin, Renata Patterson, Christal Walker, Dr. Hester Alfred, John Johnson, Gabrielle Herndon, Zarita Beal, Joi Lewis, Sherry Dority, Laura Wolf, Carmen Canales, Kathy Fejes, Sheria Robinson, Janie Crews, Bernadette Madison, Tara Thompson-Rayburn, Stacy Miles, Couren Jackson, Delores Wilkins, Annette Mack, Akil Khalfani, Dr. Cunneen, Board Attorney Emily Tulloch and Board Attorney Mr. James Vasselli.

**Public Comments on the agenda** – There were no public comments made.

Closed session

<p>Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to go into closed session at 7:40 p m 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>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> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p>Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly come out of closed session at 8:54 p.m. and resume regular session.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>RESUME REGULAR SESSION</p>

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

<p>Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to consolidate New Business items 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 into the Board President Consent Agenda.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly and Ms. Ghani.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>CONSOLIDATE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12 INTO THE BOARD PRESIDENT CONSENT AGENDA</p>
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<p>Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to accept the Board President Consent Agenda 1-11 and including New Business items 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Knight-Anderson.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE BOARD PRESIDENT CONSENT AGENDA 1-11 AND INCLUDING NEW BUSINESS ITEMS 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AND 12</p>
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#### **Board President Consent Agenda**

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to accept the President's Consent Agenda items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and including New Business items 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held September 19, 2018.
2. Approval of the minutes of the special board meeting held September 24, 2018.
3. Approval of payroll summaries for September 21, 2018 in the amount of \$954,058.62.
4. Approval of payroll summaries for October 5, 2018 in the amount of \$966,041.21.
5. Authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated October 25, 2018 consisting of 68 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

Education Fund	\$705,638.57
Operations and Maintenance Fund	200,466.91
Transportation Fund	33,433.96
Capital Projects Fund	175,315.68
Tort Immunity Fund	155,126.93

Total      \$1,269,982.05

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6. Need a motion to continue the District's Aim High Program effective October 30, 2018.
7. Need a motion to continue the Lexia Reading Program Subscription for 135 Special Education students for \$4,700.00 paid for by IDEA Flow Through Grant.
8. Need a motion to continue the READ 180 Next Generation Coaching Support, training and licenses for Special Education students for \$45,060.00 paid for by the IDEA Flow Through Grant.
9. Need a motion to post for the position of Director of Curriculum.
10. Need a motion to approve student teaching placement with St. Xavier University for Gensis Terrones for Early Childhood January 2019.
11. Need a motion to renew the agreement Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports, (PBIS) Network.

#### **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 3. Need motion to give Dr. James Cunneen temporary access to Infinite Visions Treasurer's Office Program to approve purchase orders until Mr. Lewis returns to work.**
- 6. Need a motion to hire the nurses as discussed in executive session and pay the resulting Fees to Maxim.**
- 7. Need a motion to approve the recommendation for hire of Akil Khalfani, Director of Facilities and Transportation effective November 13, 2018.**
- 8. Need a motion to approve the recommendation for hire of Ruby Nelson a Registered School Nurse effective October 1, 2018.**
- 9. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Daniella Hayes effective October 18, 2018.**
- 10. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Kerrin Rosania effective immediately.**
- 11. Need a motion to approve the recommendation for hire for Annette Mack for Para Professional Position.**
- 12. Need a motion to approve the recommendation for hire for Delores Wilkins for Para Professional Positon.**

**Superintendent’s Report** – Congratulations to our School Nurses! Daphne Giwa, Kathleen Homere-Randall and Ruby Nelson. We met our Compliance numbers with the State on Health Exclusion.

Paraphrasing Dr. Cunneen stated the following:

**Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young’s report:**

It is my pleasure to share that our Acellus STEM Robotics Club will be ready to launch the week of November 5, 2018!

Our new Acellus STEM Robotics Club will provide an environment tuned to give students a discover-and-create learning experience. Rather than only working through a simulated environment, our Acellus STEM Robotics Club comes equipped an actual robot to program, called Cellus Bot. We are also anticipating to outfit the program with Gold Book Pro Computers to ensure that learning is streamlined and distractions are minimal.

Our Acellus STEM Robotics Club will be facilitated by our Certified Acellus Teachers to instruct effective coding and robotics courses without the need for extensive additional training. For dedicated deployments, specially designed STEM Learning pods include all the tools our students will need to be creative and productive – the right lighting to set that relaxed/stimulated mood, seating that is firm but not confining, a handy place to jot down notes, and touch screen monitor to interact with the program.

It should also be mentioned that professional development has been planned for the Certified Acellus Teachers for October 31, 2018, to ensure they are ready and confident to implement this exciting new robotics program at our Middle Schools.

**Old Business**

<p><b>1. MOTION</b> by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to continue to table IL-EMPOWER Partners.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Jolly.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>CONTINUE TO TABLE IL-EMPOWER PARTNERS</p>
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**New Business**

<p><b>1. MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the Tentative, (or Estimate) Levy for Tax Year 2018 collected in 2019.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. Board Member Mr. Tillman voted Nay.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>approve the Tentative, (or Estimate) Levy for Tax Year 2018 collected In 2019</p>
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<p><b>2. MOTION</b> by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to add the Thornton Township Treasurer Office to the District's MyTaxIllinois Account.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Jolly.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ADD THE THORNTON TOWNSHIP TREASURER OFFICE TO THE DISTRICT'S MYTAXILLINOIS ACCOUNT</p>
<p><b>4. MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the proposal for the Middle School Acellus STEM Robotics Program from November 5, 2018 through April 30, 2019.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Knight-Anderson.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL ACELLUS STEM ROBOTICS PROGRAM FROM NOVEMBER 5, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2019</p>
<p><b>5. MOTION</b> by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to post for Acellus STEM -10 Lab Refresher Training, October 31, 2018 and approve the STEM &amp; CTE Matching Grant for \$24,503.50 for the Middle School after school Acellus Robotic Program.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Ms. Ghani.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>POST FOR ACELLUS STEM -10 LAB REFRESHER TRAINING, OCTOBER 31, 2018 AND APPROVE THE STEM &amp; CTE MATCHING GRANT FOR \$24,503.50 FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL ACELLUS ROBOTIC PROGRAM</p>
<p><b>13. MOTION</b> by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to accept the District's Architect recommendation of proposals to repair the parking lot at Berger Vandenberg and Diekman and the fence at Caroline Sibley School.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Jolly.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ACCEPT THE DISTRICT'S ARCHITECT RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSALS TO REPAIR THE PARKING LOT AT BERGER VANDENBERG AND DIEKMAN AND THE FENCE AT CAROLINE SIBLEY SCHOOL</p>
<p><b>14. MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the Special Education Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge and Ms. Ghani.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE SPECIAL EDUCATION HANDBOOK FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR</p>

### Adjournment

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to Adjourn at 9:17 p.m.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Tillman,</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	
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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary