

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
NOVEMBER 15, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 8:06 P.M. by Mrs. Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room of the Administrative Center at 292 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois. ROLL CALL

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

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

APPROVE INVOICE  
LISTING – 11/15/12

**Board President's Agenda**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the consent grouping and routine items including payroll summaries for October 26, 2012 in the amount of \$840,370.91, and November 9, 2012 in the amount of \$836,346.61, and authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoice dated November 15, 2012 consisting of 13 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE PAYROLL  
SUMMARY – 10/26/12 &  
11/9/12

Education Fund	\$659,627.28
Tort Liability Fund	264,530.35
Building and Maintenance Fund	102,547.67
Transportation Fund	67,500.21
Total	\$1,094,205.51

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

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to appoint School Board & district representatives to attend the annual National School Board Association Conference for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Motion** by Ms. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to authorize Shelly Davis-Jones, Superintendent to begin Supplemental Educational Services and amend the SES contracts to include grades 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Meeting Open to the Public.**

**Special Committee Reports.** None

**Superintendent's Agenda.**

The Superintendent requested the Principals to give their reports.

**School of Fine Arts**

Ms. Slate stated as the School of Fine Arts are moving towards Academic Success, our students had the opportunity to exercise their Right to Vote by participating in a Mock "Presidential" 2012 Election. They were excited to be able to fill out their Voter's Registration Card before the age of 18, be able to vote and be a part of U.S./World History! Congratulations President Obama! A special thanks to our 7th and 8th grade student judges, Mr. Thomas (Thematic Coach), and the State of Illinois for allowing us to use the official polling booths. What an enjoyable

and successful culminating event to take place at our school. Thanks again for a job well done! As we continue our thematic unit on “Elections”, our students presented their campaign speeches for the SOFA Government Council to their classmates. Our students spoke eloquently and projected well to get their points across to the constituents. On Friday, November 16th, the students will have a chance to vote for their SOFA Government Leaders. The teaching staff is excited to count and find out how many electoral votes each candidate is going to receive and who will be the winners to “Make a Change and Move Forward!” On Friday, November 9th, S.O.F. A. was proud to acknowledge the S.O.F.A. Scholars and the Honor Roll students at our first Academic Honor Roll Assembly. We had a total of 40+ parents to come out and support! In addition, our 7th grade students and Mr. Gardner (mathematics teacher) prepared a special math song and dance performance “IN-TE-GE-RS” (Integers), for our parents. We showed just how we incorporate Fine Arts into the lesson. Go Team Go! During the week of November 12th -16th is Bullying Awareness Week! In an effort to keep our students as well as staff, informed and aware about bullying, peer pressure, and how to resolve conflicts, the Middle School Social Workers and Counselors are having group sessions in the classrooms daily with every school/student in the building. Kid’s College is off and running in the School Of Fine Arts! The students are enjoying the challenges of learning in a game sense! A step towards Academic Success! Thanks Ms. Herndon for your help! I am proud to honor and congratulate Khari Spencer (7th grade student) for being the first student to e-mail his School Blazer essay, “A Successful Man’s Plan”, My College and Career Aspirations Report. He has been looking forward to the reward of showcasing by wearing a School Of Fine Arts Blazer. We Believe... that our school will provide students with the experiences and skills to help them reach their full potential academically and socially while instilling Excellence, Humanization, and Pride!

### New Beginnings Learning Academy

Mrs. Franklin stated during the month of November, professional development staff meetings as well as grade level articulation meetings continue to take place. The NBLA staff has recently completed a building needs assessment and the results will be analyzed by the School Improvement Leadership Team. These results will help to identify the needs of the school towards improving our teaching and learning. In recognition of Bully Prevention week, several NBLA parents attended the District sponsored Parent University held earlier this week. In addition, this topic was reviewed and discussed at our monthly Parent Coffee Club meeting. Within the building, teachers have been encouraged to hold valuable conversations with our students that help them to identify and then act appropriately in bullying situations. It continues to be part of our mission to maintain a safe and nurturing environment that all students can thrive in! As a means to educate our students about the importance of voting, all students at New Beginnings participated in a mock presidential election on the recent election day. Students received mock ballots and the opportunity to cast their vote for the presidential candidate of their choice. President Obama led by a landslide in a vote of 417 to 8! Our teachers did a great job of making sure that students understood the political events that were occurring and valuable conversations were held especially in the intermediate classrooms. Students received their keepsake “I voted” stickers to wear proudly and as a reminder to go home and share this experience with their parents. In helping to address professional development needs, Ms. Collins (Asst. Principal) presented an after-school workshop titled “Fulfilling the Promise through Differentiated Instruction”. Several teachers across the building attended this fun and interactive workshop and learned additional definitions and strategies that will be beneficial in the classroom. Thank you to Ms. Collins for sharing your expertise with us and on a job well done! Ms. Collins and I would like to wish the School Board, Central Office Administration and entire district a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving recess!

### Diekman

Dr. Hester Alfred stated Diekman School continues to move forward within the purpose of educating its students. To better serve students and our community, teachers have enrolled in many professional development workshops. These include topics such as working in small groups, using the interactive whiteboard, differentiated instruction, and creating reading and math centers that support the common core. Also all staff members have completed their Needs Assessment Survey for the Title I Plan. This past Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, over 200 students received awards for excellence in education including 88 for The Distinguished Scholars Award and 141 for Perfect Attendance in the first quarter. Lastly today, to help combat bullying, Dr. Alfred and Ms. Watson held two presentations to ensure that students know and understand bullying will not be tolerated at Diekman School or any school in School District 149.

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani that the Board of Education meet in executive session at 8:50 P.M. to consider student disciplinary matters, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and pending litigation. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Motion** by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to return to regular session at 9:16 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Tillman, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

REGULAR SESSION

**Motion** by Mrs. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the tentative tax levy for 2012 as presented by Dr. Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE TENTATIVE TAX  
LEVY FOR 2012

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to adopt a resolution to exempt the Dolton School District Health and Dental program from the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Tillman, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADOPT A RESOLUTION

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize Dr. Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & CFO to enter into an agreement with C. Johnson Sign Company for the purpose of creating and installing signs at 1650 Pulaski Road, Calumet City, IL (former Dirksen Middle School) for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT  
WITH C. JOHNSON SIGN  
COMPANY

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to authorize Dr. Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & CFO to enter into an agreement with GroupCast LLC for the purpose of anonymous reporting of Cyber Bullying on the hotline for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Tillman, and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT  
WITH GROUPCAST LLC

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Tillman to authorize Dr. Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & CFO to enter into an agreement with Carroll Seating Company for the purpose of installing new bleachers & the removal and disposal of existing bleachers for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORISE AGREEMENT  
WITH CARROLL SEATING  
COMPANY

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to appoint Gabrielle Herndon, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Director and Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, Numeracy Coordinator to the Student Disciplinary Hearing Committee for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINT GABRIELLE  
HERNDON AND DR. BRIGITTE  
GARTH-YOUNG TO THE  
STUDENT DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE

**Motion** by Mrs. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve Indistar SIP Report for all of our respective schools, district office, and the submission of assurances & certifications as required by the federal mandates of The No Child Left Behind Act for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge, and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE INDISTAR SIP REPORTS FOR ALL RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve Winter Break hours of operation for the District's 12-month employees. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE WINTER BREAK HOURS FOR 12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

**Correspondence.** None

**Bulletin Reports.** None

**New Business.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the retirement letter and agreement submitted by Dr. Ray Warner. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Tillman, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE RETIREMENT LETTER AND AGREEMENT FOR DR. RAY WARNER

**Motion** by Mrs. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Ghani to appoint Darlene Gray Everett School District President to amend the winter break hours of operation as needed. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Tillman, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINT DARLENE GRAY EVERETT TO AMEND WINTER HOURS AS NEEDED

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Tillman to accept the recommendation of the Student Disciplinary Committee and allow the five day suspension stand as time served for student 149-1213-003. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENT 149-1312-003

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Tillman to accept the recommendation of the Student Disciplinary Committee and enter into a Case Study Evaluation for student 149-1213-004. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STUDENT 149-1312-004

**Old Business.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Tillman to amend the resolution by adding Dr. Scott to the resolution. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Tillman, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

AMEND RESOLUTION BY ADDING DR. DENITA SCOTT

**Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to schedule the jacket ceremony for C.C.A, S.T.E.M., and S.O.F.A for Wednesday, November 28, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 7:15 p.m. for the 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and 8:00 p.m. for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

SCHEDULE JACKET CEREMONY FOR C.C.A., S.T.E.M., AND S.O.F.A.

**Motion** by Mrs. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Ghani to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Tillman, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary