

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

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 7:19 P.M. by Mrs. Darlene Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room at the Central Office located 292 Torrence in Calumet City, Illinois.

**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Jolly. Absent: Ms. Ghani. (Ms. Ghani arrived at 7:31 pm).

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Denita Scott, Cedric Lewis, Dellnora Winters, Karen Slate, Carolyn Franklin, Dr. Renata Patterson, Dr. Christal Walker, John Johnson, Michael Steele, Gerald Scott, 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, Sheila Colone, Sharonne Dinnwiddie, and Zetta Piggott.

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

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones welcomed everyone and congratulated the re-elected Board Members. Superintendent turned it over to Parliamentarian for the evening, Dr. James Cunneen.

Dr. James Cunneen welcomed everyone, thanked the Board for their service and thanked the three newly re-elected Board Members for the dedication they give to the children of District 149.

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

1. Oath of Office (Dr. James Cunneen, Parliamentarian)

Dr. Cunneen asked the newly re-elected Board Members to raise their right hand and repeat after him.

I, (state your name) do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Dolton School District 149, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District’s assets;

ADMINISTERED THE OATH & DISTRIBUTION OF BOARD CODE OF CONDUCT
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I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public Board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

Everyone congratulated the new Board.

Paraphrasing Dr. Cunneen stated the following:

Welcome new Board!! At our Committee of the Whole Meeting you acted as the old Board. Today starts a new Board, and with the start of a new Board we need to select officers of the Board. The procedure goes as follows:

We need a President Pro-Tem and Secretary Pro-Tem of the Board until we elect a Board President and Board Secretary.

Do we have a nomination for President Pro Tem? Mrs. Crisler-Liggons nominated Darlene Gray Everett. There's a nomination for Darlene Gray Everett, are there any other nominations on the floor? Seeing none the nominations were closed. All in favor of Darlene Gray Everett as the President Pro Tem signify by saying aye, all responded aye. All opposed, there was none.

APPOINTMENT OF  
PRESIDENT PROTEM  
  
APPOINTMENT OF  
SECRETARY PROTEM

I need a nomination for Secretary Pro Tem. Mrs. Eldridge nominated Bertha Jolly. There's a nomination for Bertha Jolly, are there any other nominations for Secretary Pro Tem? Seeing none the nominations were closed. Do we have a motion to elect Bertha Jolly as secretary Pro Tem? All signified by saying yes.

2. Election of Board President, Vice President and Secretary (Dr. James Cunneen)

President Pro Tem Darlene Gray Everett asked for a nomination for Board President for School District 149.

<p>Mrs. Eldridge nominated Mrs. Gray Everett for President, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. There were no other nominations. Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to close the nomination. All in favor of closing the nominations signify by saying aye, all responded aye. All opposed, there was none.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> On the President: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Jolly all voted aye. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>MOTION TO ELECT BOARD PRESIDENT</p>
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President Pro Tem Darlene Gray Everett asked for a nomination for Vice President for School District 149.

<p>Mrs. Jolly nominated Mrs. Crisler-Liggons for Vice President, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge. There were no other nominations. Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to close the nomination. All in favor of closing the nominations signify by saying aye, all responded aye. All opposed, there was none.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> On the Vice President: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Jolly all voted aye. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>MOTION TO ELECT BOARD VICE PRESIDENT</p>
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President Pro Tem Darlene Gray Everett asked for a nomination for Board Secretary for School District 149.

<p>Mrs. Eldridge nominated Mrs. Jolly for Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson. There were no other nominations. Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to close the nomination. All in favor of closing the nominations signify by saying aye, all responded aye. All opposed, there was none.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> On the Secretary: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons all voted aye. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>MOTION TO ELECT BOARD SECRETARY</p>
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We now have our new Officers!!

<p><b>MOTION BY</b> Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to accept the schedule of regular board meeting dates effective May 2017 through June 2018. The Board meeting dates are: August 24, 2017, September 21, 2017, October 26, 2017, November, 16, 2017, December 14, 2017, January 25, 2018, February 26, 2018, March 22, 2018, April 26, 2018, May 17, 2018 and June 21, 2018.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Gray Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ACCEPT THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES EFFECTIVE MAY 2017 THROUGH JUNE 2018</p>
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The Special Meeting was opened up to the public – No public comments were made.

**Adjournment**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to Close the Special Meeting at 7:32 p.m.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Ghani  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary