

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER  
MAY 13, 2013

The Meeting was called to order at 8:32 P.M. by Mrs. Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room of the Administrative Center at 292 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois.

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

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

ROLL CALL

**Board President's Agenda**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the consent grouping of routine items including minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 25, 2013; payroll summaries for April 26, 2013 in the amount of \$839,168.75 and May 10, 2013 in the amount of \$863,125.44 and authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated May 13, 2012, consisting of 13 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE MINUTES -  
REGULAR MTG.4/25/13

APPROVE INVOICE  
LISTING – 5/13/13

Education Fund	\$484,795.97
Tort Liability Fund	57,316.24
Building and Maintenance Fund	3,459.90
Transportation Fund	12,698.80
Total	\$558,270.91

APPROVE PAYROLL  
SUMMARIES 4/26/13 &  
5/10/13

Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, and Mr. Castillo. MOTION CARRIED.

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to establish the fiscal year effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge, and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

ESTABLISH FISCAL  
YEAR JULY, 1, 2013  
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to renew membership with Illinois Association of School Boards for 2013-2014. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE RENEWAL OF  
MEMBERSHIP WITH  
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION  
OF SCHOOL BOARDS  
FOR 2013-2014

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to amend and adopt the following updated Board Policies for the 2012-2013 school year 4:15 & 4:170 Operational Services, 5:50 General Personnel, 5:260 Professional Personnel, and 8:20 & 8:25 Community Relations. Roll call vote: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

AMEND AND ADOPT  
THE UPDATED BOARD  
POLICIES

**Meeting open to the public.**

Lawanda Scott, the new CTA Scholarship Chair presented two \$750.00 scholarships to former School District 149 students. Kareem Johnson, former DKM and Dirksen Middle School and Felecia Mefful, former Diekman, New Beginnings Learning Academy, and Dirksen Middle School.

**Special Committee Reports.** None

The Superintendent requested the Principals to give their reports.

**SOFA**

Karen Slate stated the year is coming to an end and the students are excited to bring it to a close. Our teachers are working feverously to help our students plan the path for their future by researching, discussing, and writing about the College and Careers of their choice. Our School Of Fine Arts staff continues to use the

information provided from the professional development workshops on Project-Based learning which helps our students prepare for life's journey! On Tuesday, April 30, 2013, I am proud to say that the Dolton School District 149 Middle Schools students displayed good character and discipline during the time of our crisis situation. Our students evacuated the building in a timely, well-behaved and manner able fashion. All of our student's were SAFE! We are very appreciative to the Sandridge Community Center for allowing us to use their facility as a Safe Haven, and to the School Board, District Office personnel, Staff and Municipalities for all of their help! Thanks to the Mrs. April Isabelle-Davis, Diekman principal for allowing us to share and utilize their space on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We are continuing to empower our students in a positive direction because **"the mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be ignited"**. **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!**

### **Carol Moseley Braun**

Mrs. Hayes stated this month Carol Moseley Braun students had an opportunity to sit down with a real author. Debbie Miller-Palmore is an Olympian and Educator. She's a Collegiate All-American athlete, Hall of famer, and Cum Laude graduate of Boston University. Debbie is the founder of Top of Key Inc. and Foundation, which specializes in teaching character, skills and success through basketball camps, and training, and motivational speaking. Mrs. Palmore went to each classroom and read her book "Play with H.E.A.R.T." (Humility, Excellence, Appreciation, Responsibility, Tenacity). She spoke to the students about the personal character qualities they will need in life to succeed in whatever they endeavor. She expressed to the students that playing with heart demands that you do your very best, regardless of the score or the circumstances, every time, no excuses. Ms. Miller-Palmore really enjoyed her visit and commented on how attentive and well-behaved the students at CMB were. I have purchased a book for the board members and I will have it for you at the next board meeting. Our extra-curricular activities at Carol Moseley Braun are coming to a close. Our Boys and Girls Club sponsored by Ms. Panega engaged the students in activities and conversations that focused on topics such as: self-esteem and social and character building skills. I would like to personally thank Dr. Davis-Jones, the school board members, and the central office staff for their never ending support.

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the Leave of absence request for Jaime Sabodor, teacher with compensation effective the first student attendance day of the 2013-2014 school year with an anticipated return date of November, 2013 for maternity. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE FOR JAIME  
SABODOR

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve New Student Registration on Wednesday, August 7, 2013 from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. in all respective buildings. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE NEW STUDENT  
REGISTRATION IN ALL  
RESPECTIVE BUILDINGS

**Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve summer hours of operation for the District's 12-month employees from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. effective Monday, June 3, 2013 through July 31, 2013. Our regular business hours will resume on Thursday, August 1, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE SUMMER HOURS  
OF OPERATION FOR THE  
DISTRICT 12-MONTH  
EMPLOYEES

**Correspondence.** None

**Bulletin Reports.** None

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**New Business.**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize Dr. Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & CFO to provide funding to support the campus tours for 250 students. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE FUNDING TO  
SUPPORT CAMPUS TOURS

**Old Business. None**

**Motion** by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn at 8:51 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary