

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
MAY 15, 2014

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05 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. Knight, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Gray Everett, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Absent: Mrs. Jolly and Ms. Ghani. (Mrs. Jolly arrived at 8:20 p.m.) Also in attendance were Administrators and support personnel.

ROLL CALL

Motion by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to meet in executive session at 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: Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board President's Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the consent grouping of routine items including minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 24, 2014; payroll summaries for April 25, 2014 in the amount of \$808,920.71 and May 9, 2014 in the amount of \$815,492.06 and authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated May 15, 2014, consisting of 24 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE MINUTES -
REGULAR MTG.4/24/14

APPROVE INVOICE
LISTING – 5/15/14

APPROVE PAYROLL
SUMMARIES 4/25/14 &
5/9/14

Education Fund	\$1,143,837.47
Tort Liability Fund	12,208.28
Building and Maintenance Fund	223,798.65
Transportation Fund	246,287.08
Total	\$1,626,131.48

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

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Castillo approval for consideration and action on a resolution abating the working cash fund of the District. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Jolly, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL FOR
CONSIDERATION AND
ACTION ON A RESOLUTION
ABATING THE WORKING
CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly approval for consideration and action on a resolution providing for the issue of the District's General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series [2014A](#) and Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding School Bonds, Series 2014B, to increase the working cash fund, fund outstanding claims and refund outstanding obligations of the District. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL FOR
CONSIDERATION AND
ACTION ON A RESOLUTION
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE
OF THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL
OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX
SCHOOL BONDS

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Castillo approval for Consideration and action on a resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issuance of the District's General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series [2014A](#) and Taxable General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding School Bonds, Series 2014B Need a motion to establish the fiscal year effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

APPROVAL FOR
CONSIDERATION AND
ACTION ON A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AND
DIRECTING THE EXECUTION
OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT
IN CONNECTION WITH THE
ISSUANCE OF THE
DISTRICT'S GENERAL
OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX
SCHOOL BONDS

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Knight approval of the engagement letter with Chapman and Cutler for the proposed working cash and funding bond issues. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE
ENGAGEMENT LETTER

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mr. Castillo approval to enter into an agreement with Moody's Investor Service to obtain a rating for the District's proposed working cash and funding bond issues. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL TO ENTER
INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH MOODY'S
INVESTOR SERVICE

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons approval to enter into an agreement with Standard and Poor's to obtain a rating for the District's proposed working cash and funding bond issues. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL TO ENTER
INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH STANDARD AND
POOR'S

Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight to approve Energy Systems Group as the highest ranking Energy Service Company that responded to the District's Request for Proposals for the Energy Performance Contracting Project and to authorize Energy Systems Group to proceed to the next step which involves the completion and submission of an Investment Grade Energy Audit to the District by May 30, 2014.

APPROVE ENERGY
SYSTEMS GROUP AS
THE HIGHEST
RANKING ENERGY
SERVICE COMPANY

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo approval to renew with Illinois Association of School Boards for 2014-2015 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Eldridge, and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE RENEWAL OF
MEMBERSHIP WITH
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL BOARDS
FOR 2014-2015

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to appoint Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to begin policy committee work with PRESS. Roll call vote: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPOINT SUPT. TO
BEGIN POLICY
COMMITTEE WORK
WITH PRESS

Meeting open to the public.

Special Committee Reports. None

The Superintendent requested the Principals to give their reports.

SOFA

Mr. Love stated the School of Fine Arts is enjoying our collaboration with Urban Gateway. Our scholars are actively engaged in bongo drumming, in which they are not only learning how to play the bongos, but they are learning South African vocabulary and history lessons with our resident musician. Our poetry resident has our scholars writing poetry and entering contest. Our future scholar transition day was a success. The sixth graders overwhelming voted the School of Fine Arts as their school of choice. Sixth graders enjoyed our singers, drummers, drum-line, and poets. Our scholars have successfully completed all constitution tests. School of Fine Arts has successfully completed our PARCC pilot program. Teachers and students are very optimistic for the results. We are preparing for our eighth grade activities. Our eighth grade dance is scheduled for this Friday at the middle school. Parents came and assisted with the decorative kit for our RED CARPET AFFAIR theme. Our middle school track team has been actively competing and achieving 1st and 2nd places in individual events.

Carol Moseley Braun

Mrs. Hayes stated we began the month with our Second Grade students participating in an interactive science lesson given by student teachers at Governor State University. The students learned to "think like a scientist" by

conducting science experiments related to physical and chemical science. They were "hands-on" as they manipulated science materials and tools, explored, asked questions, and observed the properties of science. They were thrilled and excited by this learning experience. In addition, the students attended the "Let's Go Science Performance" where there was lots of fun and learning with a Carol Moseley Braun student participating in the show. Science was brought alive for the students. This "Science Day" was a fun addition to the teacher's in-class science instruction. A great time was had by all the students and parents that participated. On May 2nd, we embraced our District's College and Career initiative by having a College and Career night which linked our students, families and community to higher education and career opportunities. Having this fair gave our students a chance to open up their minds and conversation to the idea of college and to think early about their career and what it takes to get there. We ended the month with a Family Reading and Math Night. The activities we sponsored that evening encouraged the school-to-home connection which is essential in keeping students on the right track. We had over 100 parents and students who participated in an evening of hands-on math and reading activities and fun! We've had a great three quarters and I am confident that we will end this school year on the same note. With students, staff and parents working together, great things will continue to happen for the students at CMB.

CAROLINE SIBLEY

Mrs. Franklin stated Stride Academy has continued to be a great educational resource for our students at Caroline Sibley School. To date, students have answered over 450,000 questions in Reading, Math and Science, with approximately 54,000 minutes occurring outside of the regular school day. In the subject area of reading, Production and Distribution along with Foundational Skills are areas that students answered the most questions correctly. In the subject area of math, Counting and Cardinality and Geometry are the concepts that students did the best in. Stride Academy has been a valuable resource in helping us as a school and parents alike to help assess strengths along with areas of improvement needed. During our professional development staff retreat, our staff was able to focus on gaining a better understanding of the common core state standards in math through an interactive presentation from Math Solutions. We also enjoyed a wonderful session focused on the Six Traits of Writing that helped out staff better understand how to approach and implement these essential writing skills. Our day concluded with a joint challenge session with Diekman School where both of our staffs had the opportunity to mix and mingle and be challenged both physically and mentally. A GREAT time was had by all! We would like to extend a special thank you to Ms. Herndon and her tech team for their great support during the pilot PAARC testing. Two classes from fourth and sixth grade were able to practice and then participate in these tests using the computers. We were grateful to have the exposure to the practice tests so that we are more aware of what we can expect next year when the real testing begins. Thanks also goes out to Mrs. Parks, Ms. Greaves, Ms. Williams and Ms. Washington for their preparedness and support with their students in this process. Our Sibley family recently enjoyed Family Math Night. Activities such as Jelly Bean estimation, basketball throw, bowling, ruler long jump, 3-D marshmallow geometric shapes, and other games. Students, their parents and our staff had a great time encouraging and building math skills together. Prizes were awarded and our students had a wonderful time! In closing, we would like to invite our School Board, Superintendent and Central Office to join us for our upcoming Kindergarten Celebration on Thursday, May 29th at 9:30 a.m. We are looking forward to this exciting event!

Motion by, seconded by, approval to **extend** a Family Medical Leave of Absence Request for Monica Frederick, teacher effective May 5, 2014 through June 5, 2014 for health reasons. Roll call vote: Aye: Motion died for a lack of motion. **MOTION DID NOT CARRY**

MOTION DIED FOR APPROVAL TO EXTEND A FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR MONICA FREDRICK

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons approval to **extend** a Family Medical Leave of Absence Request for Torri Johnson, teacher effective May 13, 2014 through June 9, 2014 for health reasons. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL TO EXTEND A FAMILY LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR TORRI JOHNSON

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo approval for New Student Registration on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. in all respective buildings. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL FOR NEW SRUDENT REGISTRATION

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge approval for summer hours of operation for the District's 11 and 12-month employees from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 p.m. effective Monday, June 9, 2014 through Thursday, July 31, 2014. Our regular business hours will resume on Friday, August 1, 2014 from 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight, and Mr. Castillo. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL FOR SUMMER
HOURS OF OPERATION

Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the Stride Academy annual subscription for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL FOR STRIDE
ACADEMY ANNUAL
SUBSCRIPTION

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge approval to enter into an agreement with South Cook Intermediate Service Center for Summer School Professional Development. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Knight. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL FOR
CONTRACT AGREEMENT
WITH SOUTH COOK
INTERMEDIATE SERVICE
CENTER

Correspondence. None

Bulletin Reports. None

New Business

Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo approval to terminate probationary employee as discussed in executive session. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight, and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL TO TERMINATE
PROBATIONARY
EMPLOYEE

Old Business. None

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to adjourn at 11:15 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. Eldridge, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Darlene Gray Everett, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary