

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
MAY 17, 2012

The Meeting was called to order at 7:51 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. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray Everett, and Ms. Ghani. Absent: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, (arrived at 8:00 p.m.) Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Tillman. Also in attendance were Superintendent Jones, Administrators and support personnel.

ROLL CALL

Board President's Agenda

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the consent grouping of routine items including minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on April 26, 2012; payroll summaries for April 27, 2012 in the amount of \$810,300.88 and May 11, 2012 in the amount of \$851,599.23 and authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated May 17, 2012, consisting of 14 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE MINUTES -
REGULAR MTG.4/26/12

APPROVE INVOICE
LISTING – 5/17/12

Education Fund	\$651,892.70
Health/Dental	593.25
Tort Liability Fund	192,105.73
Building and Maintenance Fund	76,551.71
Transportation Fund	152,909.48
Total	\$1,074,052.87

APPROVE PAYROLL
SUMMARIES 4/27/12 &
5/11/12

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

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to establish the fiscal year effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

ESTABLISH FISCAL
YEAR JULY, 1, 2012
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to renew membership with Illinois Association of School Boards for 2012-2013. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE RENEWAL OF
MEMBERSHIP WITH
ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION
OF SCHOOL BOARDS

Meeting open to the public.

Kathy King, CTA Scholarship Chair presented two \$750 scholarships to former School District 149 students. Cierra Johnson, a former Berger-Vandenberg and Dirksen Middle School student, who will attend Northern Illinois University majoring in nursing. The second honoree was Michaela Boyd, a former Berger-Vandenberg and Dirksen Middle School who will attend Bradley University majoring in chemistry.

Crystal Pedroni, CTA President stated to Superintendent Jones and the School Board members that she and the entire CTA team are looking forward to a positive negotiation with the district.

Gerald Scott stated that he was excited about being on the team and the district is doing a great job.

Special Committee Reports. None

The Superintendent requested the Principals to give their reports.

Dirksen Middle School

Dr. Young stated The School Leadership Team is near completion concerning assigning tasks/collecting evidence regarding the Smart Plan and Smart Start indicators. The team would like to extend an expression of gratitude to the

State Consultants who provided guidance towards the development of our Comprehensive School Improvement Plan. We would like to express our appreciation to Principal Jamie Hayes for inviting Dirksen's "engineer-pioneers", THE ROBO-GENICS to Carol Mosley Braun for a Botball Demonstration. The Robo-Genics Robotics Team visited the 4th and 5th graders at CMB on Tuesday, May 15th. The physics demonstration sparked the interest of the "Ambassadors". We're looking forward to the arrival of our future junior physicists as they're "middle-school" bound. Congratulations to our Calumet City Mayoral Awards Recipients for their outstanding achievements. Awardees include: **Leadership:** Zakiya Dillard (8West), **Academics:** Deborah Salami (8West), **Athletics:** Breneka Walker (8 South), **Fine Arts:** Star Lightbourne (8 West), and **Citizenship:** Tysean Cook (8 South). **TEACHER OF THE YEAR:** Mark Gardner, Math Instructor (7 East Honors). The "Senators Express" and their coaches; Ms. Mae Brown, Ms. Tanya Thomas, Ms. Angela Grimes, Ms. Keisha Mitchell, and Mr. Larry Russell will participate in the IESA State Championship for track/field. This event will take place on May 18th and May 19th, in Peoria IL. The Senators Express is destined for victory. Tomorrow embarks upon the beginning of the 8th Grade Activities. "Dirksen's Sweet Success" is the theme of this year's dance. The dance will begin at 7:00 p.m., and will conclude at approximately 10:00 p.m. An invitation is extended to all to attend. Events to follow include the 8th grade trip to Great America on May 21st, Awards Luncheon on May 23rd, and we'll conclude with the Graduation Ceremony on May 24th. Kudos to Ms. Karen Slate, the Associate Principal, and the Assistant Principals Mr. John Johnson and Mr. Gerald Scott, for their undying support of our Senators who are COLLEGE BOUND!

Caroline Sibley

Ms. Herndon stated we are excited to report that our Curriculum Planning meetings that were held during April and May were well attended. The teachers had the opportunity to discuss the implementation of the Power Standards and Objectives from the new district curriculum. They also developed long range plans by outlining their goals for next school year. Research-based instructional strategies were also discussed to ensure mastery of the standards and objectives. These meetings were funded through our Special Projects Grant. We are also planning to utilize our grant funds for the School Improvement Leadership Team meetings during the first two weeks of June. At these meetings we will disaggregate our various assessment data and develop a professional development plan for the 2012-2013 school year. We would like to invite everyone to our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten celebrations. The Pre-Kindergarten Celebration will be held Wednesday, May 23rd at 9:30 a.m. and the Kindergarten Celebration will be held Friday, May 25th also at 9:30 a.m. Our students have worked very hard to present their programs and we look forward to seeing you there. We are planning a fun-filled Field Day for Tuesday, May 29th. We always enjoy ending the school year with this exciting event. We would like to thank the parent volunteers in advance for helping with what should be a successful and fun event for our students and staff. Lastly, we would like to thank the New Beginnings School Board and Superintendent Davis-Jones for providing over 300 of our students the opportunity to participate in our after school extra curricular activities. Our Girl's Club members were very thrilled to have Superintendent Davis-Jones speak to them at their meeting last week. The students had a fabulous experience and our teachers did a phenomenal job!!

Diekman

Mrs. Davis stated Diekman School's current enrollment is 341 students. May has proven to be a very busy month. We are looking forward to our final Site Based Meeting we will re-examine our Outstanding Achievers Requirements for next school year. It is our goal to celebrate a broader array of accomplishments and increase the number of students being recognized next year. Our Kindergarten and Pre-K students are preparing for their End of the Year Celebrations. You are All invited to attend our annual celebrations! The Pre-K celebration will be held on Thursday May 24th at 10:00a.m. and Kindergarten will hold their event on Friday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m. Our students, staff and parents are anxiously awaiting Field Day. The PTA has planned a fun filled day with plenty of excitement! Please come out and join us on Tuesday, May 29th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. I would like to thank the School Board, Superintendent Shelly A. Jones, and the Central Office Administrative team for all their support during this school year. To the Diekman staff have a safe and restful summer!

New Beginnings Learning Academy

Mrs. Franklin stated May has been a very busy month New Beginnings Learning Academy. As part of our school improvement efforts, our school is piloting the teacher portal of the IIRC website. Each grade level team has met with me within the last two weeks to receive direct training in how to effectively navigate through student data as a classroom teacher. The staff is extremely excited about the new ways that we will be able to view each student in depth and we are looking forward to making our recommendations for improvement to Dr. Scott and Dr. Harvey from NIU. We appreciate the opportunity to pilot this website. Earlier this week, Vanessa Wilson (Reading Coach) and I attended a Rising Star Workshop in preparation for writing next year's school improvement plan. This workshop was informative and provided us with information that we have shared with our entire school improvement leadership team. We hope to begin the process this summer so that we can begin next school year with a vision and a plan when school first begins. Our P.B.I.S. team has done an excellent job of providing positive student behavior activities for the end of the school year. During this month, our students have earned the privilege of going skating, bowling, participating in ice cream socials and extended recess. Thank you to Donna Jones (Asst. Principal), Vanessa Wilson, Patti Dexter, Jeannie Dryan, Tiffany Graham, Twila Jones, and Angela McLaurin for their hard work and efforts in promoting a positive behavioral atmosphere for our students and staff. We cordially invite our School Board members, Superintendent Jones and our Central Office Administration to our annual Kindergarten Celebration. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Ray have done an excellent job of preparing our students for first grade. Our students are excited and looking forward to showcasing their skills. This exciting event will be held tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you there! On behalf of Mrs. Donna Jones and I, we want to thank the entire School Board, Superintendent Jones, and the Central Office Administrative team for their support during this school! We also would like to wish our students and staff a safe and restful summer vacation!

Carol Moseley Braun

Mrs. Hayes stated as the school year winds down, all things are well at Carol Moseley Braun. I am happy to report that our parents are taking full advantage of our early registration period and all of our parents seem to be very pleased with the board's decision to add 6th grade to CMB and we look forward to having our 5th graders return for another year. On May 25th we will host our 4th quarter Honor Roll assembly. I am pleased to announce that we have over 60 students that made the Honor Roll all four quarters and we have over 25 students that had perfect attendance all four quarters. Finally we met to close out our school year with the Statewide System of Support representatives. We have come a long way with accomplishing a lot of our school improvement goals. For the month of May we have had in-house teacher training by the American Institutes for Research. During this three-hour intensive training sessions our teachers learned how to better choose data, how to desegregate and investigate data, and how to implement an inquiry cycle in their classroom. In addition, the teachers have spent the last few weeks doing teacher-to-teacher classroom observations, as well as attending in-house workshops which afforded them the time to learn how to collect and prioritize their classroom data. They are armed with a wealth of information and are already talking about how they will spend a portion of their summer to prepare for the upcoming school year. There is true excitement in the air!

Berger-Vandenberg

Ms. Winters stated the month of May has been filled with exhilarating activities for Berger Vandenberg teachers and students. I would like to take this opportunity to share the experience of Berger's Community Service Project "Who I Am Makes a Difference". We have received an overwhelming response from the teachers, community, and students. Several teachers expressed how as teachers we forget the baggage that students come with into our classroom. The project made them stop and acknowledge each of their students in a very personal way. So many students were filled with tears of joy, love and hope. In fact, as I walk the building, I can still see ribbons of honor being worn. I recently,

received a letter from a parent who had been acknowledged. She thanked the teacher, school and me for not only making her as a parent feel appreciated but others in the community as well. It is truly astounding how the words “Thank You” & you make a difference can brighten someone’s day and make them feel good. We concluded our last meeting with our SSOS Coaches regarding Rising Star. We were congratulated on the completed task and hard work that went into making the indicators a living and breathing document. Berger’s teacher attended a workshop on Saturday, May 5th on Six Traits to Writing presented by Kellie Doubek. Teachers felt the information presented was useful and increased their knowledge on how to effectively implement the writing process. They are asking for more of Kellie. This is a wonderful 2012-2013 start for Berger teachers. We are looking forward to our continued relationship with Ms. Doubek. Thanks to our Superintendent, Davis-Jones and the Board of Education for their support in the 2011-2012 school year.

Central Office

Dr. Warner, Assistant Superintendent gave kudos to the Dirksen Middle School Master Scheduling committee for their outstanding efforts in developing a new building Master Schedule for the 2012 – 2013 school year. This new schedule features three hundred and ten structured instructional minutes for all students, a reduced number of lunch periods, departmentalized common planning periods and a daily bell schedule. Special thanks to Crystal Pedroni, Mary Ann Pearson, Suzanne Seifert, Secret Stone, Renard Thomas, James Barke, Latanya Lewis, Shari Gomez, Serena Hewitt, and Yvette Abraham for their efforts and dedication to this arduous task. I am pleased to report that Dolton School District 149 is a proud recipient of a \$100,000 School Maintenance Program Grant from the ISBE. We were notified last week that we would be receiving these funds as a result of our grant proposal. The funds will be used to upgrade the electrical grids in all building to accommodate the installation of seventy five new Smart Boards that were purchased through our NCLB Title I Grant capital outlay funds.

Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer stated Currently, Illinois is one of three states that is offering the Community Eligibility Option (CEO). Section 104(a) of the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 amended the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to provide an alternative to household eligibility applications for free and reduced price meals in high poverty districts and schools. To be eligible districts must have a minimum level of 40% of their ‘Identified Students’ identified as of April 1 in the year prior to implementing the option. With this option, a districts’ entire student population is eligible for free breakfast and lunch, and the district agrees to provide this option for four years. There are some uncertainties that still remain with participation in the CEO option, such as the effects on E-Rate eligibility, and districts’ poverty data. ISBE is working with the federal government to determine how to address this issue. Currently, the Board of Education is offering free breakfast to every child in the district regardless of their ability to pay. This CEO will enable the district to offer breakfast and lunch to every child at no cost, and receive reimbursement from ISBE. I am asking that the Board of Education authorize me to complete the 2012-2013 application for all schools in our district.

Twyla Harris, Associate Superintendent stated The special education department is preparing for the upcoming school year to address professional development, technology and the reintegration into regular education this will address concerns from our Focused Monitoring Review with the ISBE. Our Tier I intervention for the district is MyOn Reader. Thus far the students have opened 9,116 and have read 3,647 electronic books. We are also preparing to purchase the updated version for Read 180 and are consulting with Scholastic for a Tier I and Tier II intervention for mathematics. I want to thank the School Board and Superintendent Davis-Jones for the gestures of sympathy regarding the loss of my brother last month.

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the Leave of absence request for Michelle Watson, social worker with compensation effective May 2, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE LEAVE OF
ABSENCE FOR MICHELLE
WATSON

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the Leave of absence request for Karen Kalwasinski, teacher with compensation effective May 2, 2012 through the end of the 2011-2012 school year . Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR KAREN KALWASINSKI

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve New Student Registration on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. in all respective buildings. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE NEW STUDENT RESISTRATION 8-7-12 FROM 10:00A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Motion by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve Returning Student Registration on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 from 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. and Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 2:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. in all respective buildings. Roll call vote: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION 8-15-12 FROM 10:00A.M.-3:00P.M. AND 8-16-12 FROM 2:00P.M.-8:00P.M.

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to summer hours of operation for the District's 12-month employees from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. effective June 4, 2012 through July 3, 2012. Our regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, August 1, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ALL 12-MONTH EMPLOYEES

MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the Health and Dental Plan Document as prepared by Benefit Brokers and Consultants. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN DOCUMENT

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the one year contract extension with TSA, Consulting Group through July 31, 2012. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE ONE YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH TSA CONSULTING GROUP

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mr. Castillo to authorize Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer to solicit the following bids starting with 2012-2013 school year for Security. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE TO SOLICIT BIDS FOR SECURITY

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to renew the contract with A'Viands Food Service for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH A'VIANDS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to negotiate and renew the following contracts for the 2012-2013 school year: Diversified Therapeutics for speech services; Milestone Therapy for occupational & physical Therapy; Dr. Stan McDonald for psychological evaluations; and Skyward for the purpose of student management services Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly , Mr. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEGOTIATE AND RENEW CONTRACTS FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to authorize Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer to apply for the Community Eligibility Option (CEO) for School Nutrition Programs for all schools. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ghani, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE ALICIA GEDDIS TO APPLY FOR THE COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY OPTION FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Motion by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer to terminate the service agreement with Aflac. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ghani, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE TO TERMINATE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH AFLAC

- Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the list of authorized bank account signatures. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVE THE LIST OF BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATURES
- MOTION** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to authorize Alicia Geddis, Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer to establish credit accounts with the following custodial and maintenance supply vendors to minimize equipment downtime: Grainger (electrical supplies), Home Depot (to replace Menards), Acoustic Supply (drop ceiling), Milne Plumbing Supply, P & E (light bulbs), Ace Hardware, Micha Locks (keys), Mills Motors (service vehicles). Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- AUTHORIZE ALICIA GEDDIS TO ESTABLISH CREDIT ACCOUNTS
- Correspondence.** None
- Bulletin Reports.** None
- New Business.**
- Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to authorize Shelly Jones, Superintendent to investigate past practices and hire additional consultants as deem necessary as discussed in executive session. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- AUTHORIZE INVESTIGATION OF PAST PRACTICES & HIRE ADDITIONAL CONSULTANTS
- Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to authorize Deputy Superintendent & Chief Financial Officer to investigate property damage and reimburse based on the outcome of the investigation as discussed in executive session. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Castillo, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- AUTHORIZE PAYMENTT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE
- Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve student 149-1112-032 and student 149-1112-034 10 day suspension stand as time served as discussed in executive session. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVE TIME SERVED FOR STUDENT 149-1112-032 & 149-1112-034
- Old Business.**
- Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to appoint and name the 21st Century Learning Director as discussed in executive session. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- AUTHORIZE APPOINTMENT OF THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING DIRECTOR
- Motion** by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve student QD to march and participate in the graduation ceremony at Dirksen Middle School next Thursday as discussed in executive session. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- APPROVE STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY
- Motion** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to adjourn at 11:03 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**
- ADJOURNMENT

Darlene Gray Everett, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary