

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 8:41 P.M. by Mrs. Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room of the Administrative Center at 292 Torrence Avenue, Calumet City, Illinois.

REGULAR SESSION

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by the all.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call: Present: Members: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Absent were Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman (Jolly arrived at 7:59 p.m.). Also in attendance were Administrators, Teachers and support personnel.

APPOINT SECRETARY
PRO TEMP

Motion by Mrs. Knight-Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to appoint Mrs. Crisler-Liggons Secretary Pro Temp. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Gray Everett. **MOTION CARRIED**

Board President’s Agenda

APPROVE INVOICE
LISTING 9/24/15

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the consent grouping of routine items including minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 24, 2015; payroll summaries for August 28, 2015 in the amount of \$761,911.53, and September 11, 2015 in the amount of \$785,254.68 authorizing Township Treasurer to pay the invoices dated September 24, 2015, consisting of 27 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

APPROVE MINUTES
REGULAR MTG. 8/24/15

Education Fund	\$798,908.69
Tort Liability Fund	24,608.71
Building and Maintenance Fund	145,965.58
Transportation Fund	8,307.05
IMRF	9,789.40
Capital Fund	214,158.60
Total	\$1,201,738.03

APPROVE PAYROLL
SUMMARIES 8/28/15 AND
9/11/15

Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to group agenda items 1-18 with the exception of items 12 and 15. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

GROUP AGENDA ITEMS 1-18
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
ITEMS 12 AND 15

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve Board and District Representatives to attend the 2015-2016 South Cook Fall Division Dinner Meeting held October 27, 2015. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE
REPRESENTATIVES TO
ATTEND THE 2015-2016
SOUTH COOK FALL DINNER

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve board and district representatives to attend the 2015-2016 Illinois Association of School Boards Conference held November 20-22, 2015. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE
REPRESENTATIVES TO
ATTEND THE IASB 2015-2016
CONFERENCE

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the Superintendent to attend the annual IASA Conference held September 29- October 3, 2015. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL IASA CONFERENCE

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the Organizational Chart for 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for MVA Transportation between School District 149 and Lansing School District 158 for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR MVA TRANSPORTATION

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to set a meeting date to review the Board of Education Strategic Plan Indicators, Vision, Mission, and Goals for 2014-2018 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

SET A MEETING DATE TO REVIEW THE BOARD OF EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN INDICATORS, VISION, MISSION, AND GOALS

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to enter into an agreement with the Illinois Center for School Improvement for the purpose of continuous district improvement planning for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS CENTER FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to work with the 21st Century Learning Director to devise a plan with E-Waste to dispose of all obsolete equipment for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT DR. SHELLY DAVIS-JONES TO WORK WITH THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNING DIRECTOR TO DEVISE A PLAN WITH E-WASTE

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to sign the Roof Warranty with J. L. Adler Roofing and Sheetmetal. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE THE ROOF WARRANTY WITH J. L. ADLER ROOFING AND SHEETMETAL

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the Resolution for Delta Dental for the 2015-2016 school year. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DELTA DENTAL FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to Ratify the Professional Negotiations Agreement for 2014-2017 school year with the Classroom Teachers Association. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

RATIFY THE PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT FOR 2014-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to enter into an agreement with Blue Cross Blue Shield commencing on January 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2016 per the Professional Negotiations Agreement Ratification. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT
WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE
SHIELD

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to enter into an agreement with Behavioral Staffing for the 2015-2016 school year pending Board Attorney Review. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT
BEHAVIORAL STAFFING

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to reject the bids received for Refuse and Recycling Services received from Waste Management, Tri State Disposal Inc. and Homewood Disposal held on Friday, September 18, 2015. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

REJECT THE BIDS
RECEIVED FOR REFUSE
AND RECYCLING SERVICES
RECEIVED FROM WASTE
MANAGEMENT, TRI STATE
DISPOSAL INC. AND
HOMEWOOD DISPOSAL

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to authorize Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones to terminate the waste agreement at the earliest effective date with Republic Services. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

AUTHORIZE
SUPERINTENDENT DR.
SHELLY DAVIS-JONES TO
TERMINATE THE WASTE
AGREEMENT WITH
REPUBLIC SERVICES.

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to establish the following Committees for the 2015-2016 school year. Parent Advisory, Transportation, Curriculum, Policy, Technology and Food Service. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

ESTABLISH THE
FOLLOWING COMMITTEES
FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL
YEAR

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the following 8th grade Activities for the 2015-2016 school year. 8th Grade Dance – Friday, May 20, 2016, 8th Grade Class Trip – Monday, May, 23, 2016, 8th Grade Luncheon – Tuesday, May 24, 2016 and 8th Grade Graduation – Thursday, May 26, 2016. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Knight-Anderson. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE THE 8TH GRADE
ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2015-
2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Meeting open to the public.

Ms. Shari Gomez, the newly elected Classroom Teachers' Association President stated on behalf of the CTA, I would like to thank our Superintendent, Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, and the rest of the School District 149 negotiating team for bargaining in good faith. I am very pleased to announce that on Monday, September 21, 2015, the CTA ratified the 20140-2017 Professional Negotiations Agreement with 98% of the voting members voting for ratification. The CTA is looking forward to continuing its collaborative relationship with the Board of Education.

Ms. Nafisehasi Vossoughi-Parks stated I just wanted again to say thank you I enjoyed negotiating so much. We had a subcommittee with Dr. Cunneen, Mr. Lewis, myself and two other members who are not here but we had so much fun and I miss you guys already. Thank you for trusting us to work together because we learned so much from each other it was the best experience. Thank you again.

Ms. Regina Brown wrote a wonderful letter about the great job that Karen Slate, Principal of New Beginnings Learning Academy is doing. She also stated that her son was very excited to come to school every day to learn new things.

Special Committee Reports. None

The Superintendent requested the Principals to give their reports.

BV

Ms. Herndon stated enrollment at Berger-Vandengerg is currently 368 students.

CS

Mrs. Franklin stated enrollment at Caroline Sibley School is currently 680 students.

DKM

Mrs. Davis stated enrollment at Diekman School is currently 379 students.

CMB

Ms. Hayes stated enrollment at Carol Moseley Braun is currently 331 students.

NBLA

Ms. Slate stated student enrollment at New Beginnings Learning Academy is 386.

SOFA

Mrs. Winters stated enrollment at School of Fine Arts is currently 201 students.

CCA

Mr. Scott stated enrollment at Creative Communication Academy is currently 220 students.

STEM

Mr. Steele stated enrollment at Science Technology Engineering & Math Academy is currently 203 students.

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to group agenda items 2-5.

Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

GROUP AGENDA ITEMS
2-5

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence Request for Amanda Bekas, teacher effective October 19, 2015 with an anticipated return date of January 4, 2016 for maternity. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Eldridge.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A FAMILY
MEDICAL LEAVE OF
ABSENCE REQUEST FOR
AMANDA BEKAS

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence Request for Tselane Green, teacher effective November 24, 2015 with an anticipated return date of January 5, 2016 for health reasons. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVE A FAMILY
MEDICAL LEAVE OF
ABSENCE REQUEST FOR
TSELANE GREEN

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve all out of state professional development, programs, and/or projects, and conferences supported and funded in whole or part with Federal Grant funds under the Stevens Amendment. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE ALL OUT OF
STATE PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT,
PROGRAMS, AND/OR
PROJECTS, AND
CONFERENCES

Motion by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve Mr. Lewis, Business Manager to attend the Title I Directors Conference on Oct. 5-7, 2015. Roll call vote: Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Eldridge. **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROVE MR. LEWIS,
BUSINESS MANAGER TO
ATTEND THE TITLE I
DIRECTORS CONFERENCE

Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to meet in executive session at 7:59 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: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Ms. Ghani. **MOTION CARRIED**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to come out executive session and return to regular session at 8:22 P.M. Roll call vote: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. **MOTION CARRIED**

REGULAR SESSION

Roll Call: Present: Members: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Jolly. Absent: Mr. Tillman.

ROLL CALL

Correspondence. None

Bulletin Reports. None

New Business. None

Old Business. None

Motion by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to adjourn at 8:23 P.M. Roll call vote: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mrs. Jolly. **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Darlene Gray Everett, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary