

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149

MINUTES OF

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 27, 2023

The Regular Board Meeting was held via Zoom.

The Board Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Ms. Jemine  
Absent: Mr. Castillo and Ms. Francisco.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Edward Wong, Janene Preston, Dr. Twyla Harris, Janice Opitz, Dr. Dellnora Winters, Laura Wolf, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, Danielle Franklin, Latricia Lewis, Lynn McAfee, BeNita Parker, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Gerald Scott, Karen Slate, Sparkle Tiffith, Christal Washington, Tia Williams, Jamarr Everett, John Smida, Alfred Thompkins, Connie Montgomery, Sheena Dixon, David Ormsby, Felita Crayton, Vivian and Renata.

**Board Member Comments and Questions:**

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons stated that she wants to call agenda item F5 separately and table agenda item F13.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** – Said by all

**Cabinet Report**

Dr. Young reported on network infrastructure and the AT&T VOIP

Dr. Nicole Robinson reported on principal coaching from Dr. Jarvis Sanford and the benefits the principals have received from it.

Mr. Tillman thanked educators and administrators for their great efforts.

**Consent Agenda**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to ratify the Board poll to approve consent agenda items F1-F4, F6-F12 &amp; F14-F22.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held March 23, 2023</li><li>2. Approval of the payroll summaries for March 3, 2023, in the amount of \$959,411.05</li><li>3. Approval of the payroll summaries for March 17, 2023, in the amount of \$932,035.29</li><li>4. Approval of the payroll summaries for March 31, 2023, in the amount of \$941,216.06</li><li>6. Approval of no cost MOU with The Heart That Smiles</li><li>7. Approval of Summer School dates of June 20, 2023 through July 20, 2023, Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for students and 8:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. for staff</li></ol>	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-4, F6-12 &amp; F14- 22</p>
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<p>8. Approval for Year End Staff Recognition on Friday, May 19th, 2023 at South Holland Veterans Park</p> <p>9. Approval of agreement with You Got Lucki 360 Video Booth for \$300 for the eighth grade dance on May 26, 2023</p> <p>10. Approval of agreement with Donell Walker for \$475 for DJ services for the eighth grade dance on May 26, 2023</p> <p>11. Approval of rental agreement with Thornwood High School for \$3,040.00 for the eighth grade Graduation June 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>12. Approval of agreement with Cleveland Plump, Jr. of Unique School Photography for the eighth grade graduation on June 1, 2023 at Thornwood High School, at no cost to the district</p> <p>14. Motion to approve the Board of Education and designees to attend the Cube Conference in Chicago, September 14 through 16, 2023</p> <p><b>Resignations:</b></p> <p>15. Acceptance of the letter of resignation from Rhonda Campbell effective June 13, 2023</p> <p><b>New Hires:</b></p> <p>16. Approval of employment of Julian Harris, Custodian</p> <p>17. Approval of employment of Dr. Nicole Robinson, Director of District Services</p> <p>18. Approval of employment of Raquel Wilson, Para Educator</p> <p><b>Leave of Absence:</b></p> <p>19. Approval of FMLA for Kyle Janczewski</p> <p>20. Approval of FMLA for Melissa Nawracaj</p> <p>21. Approval of intermittent FMLA for Sheryl Lewis</p> <p>22. Approval of FMLA for Jennifer Jefferson</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman. Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Gray-Everett.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	
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**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**Closed Session**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:02 p.m.</p> <p>1. Motion to convene to a closed session meeting for the purpose of discussing the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Dolton School District 149. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)</li> <li>• Student Disciplinary Cases 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)</li> </ul> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p>
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**Adjourn from Closed Session**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn the Closed session at 7:35 p.m.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G2</p>
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**Final Action on Closed Session Items**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve student discipline decisions as discussed in closed session.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H1</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve recommended termination of Employee A.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H2</p>

**Old Business - None**

**New Business – None**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated March 31, 2023, April 4, 2023, April 5, 2023 and April 27, 2023, consisting of 85 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table data-bbox="406 1239 1177 1470"> <tr> <td>Education Fund</td> <td>\$1,876,037.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td>\$ 163,501.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation Fund</td> <td>\$ 525,566.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Projects</td> <td>\$ 189,356.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td>\$ 129,978.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>\$2,884,440.10</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	Education Fund	\$1,876,037.46	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 163,501.03	Transportation Fund	\$ 525,566.31	Capital Projects	\$ 189,356.40	Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 129,978.90	Total	\$2,884,440.10	<p>AGENDA ITEM F5</p>
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<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to table consent agenda item F13 approval of renewal of Lobbying Service agreement with Scarabaeus, LLC for a monthly retainer of \$5,000.00.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM F13</p>												


**Meeting Open for Public Comments:**

Mrs. Crayton has a concern privacy issue regarding how the CTA obtained her address to send a letter asking for her voter support. She is very offended and wants an apology and answer. Mr. Tillman responded.

Mr. Tillman addressed the audience extending his gratitude to Mr. Castillo for his service on the board and to Ms. Francisco for her time. He stated that he is also looking forward to working with the new members.

### Adjournment

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adjourn the board meeting at 7:52 p.m. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM L</p>
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Wilbur Tillman, President



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Bertha Jolly, Secretary