

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
November 16, 2022

Board Member Comments and Questions: 6:30-6:45 p.m.

Mrs. Jolly asked a question regarding Agenda item F-3 and Dr. White answered with clarity.

The Regular Board Meeting was held in the library at the Dirksen Middle School, the meeting was called to order at 6:51 P.M. by Mr. Wilbur Tillman, Board President.

Roll Call: Present: Members: Mrs. Crisler-Liggon, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Castillo, and Mrs. Gray-Everett (at 7:08 p.m.).

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Edward Wong, Janene Preston, Dr. Twyla Harris, Janice Opitz, Ruby Nelson, David Ormsby, Rayya Ghani, John Kraft, Rejara Washington, Dennis Willis, Mercedes Francisco, Daveoone Croom, Stephanie Wiedeman, Faro Ghani, and Ernesto Mickens.

Attorney Wong requested that the secretary not record the former Board Member Rayya Ghani. Ms. Ghani addressed Attorney Wong stating that she is an elected official and has not vacated her seat and encourages the Board Secretary to continue to acknowledge her presence. Attorney Wong stated that Ms. Ghani was removed from the Board and that she is welcome to stay as a guest.

John Kraft from the Edgar County Watchdog asked Attorney Wong who he was and Attorney Wong answered with clarity.

Ms. Ghani stated that Attorney Wong does not have authority to remove her from the board.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Meeting Open to the Public for Comments -

John Kraft addressed the Board to voice his opinion that the school board has no power to convict anyone and hold a mock trial. Official misconduct goes both ways.

Rejara Washington from Dolton stated that school boards do not have the power to remove an elected board member. Ms. Washington asked if there is any document that states the board's authority to convict and remove?

Mr. Tillman stated that the attorney will respond to Ms. Washington's question.

Ernesto Mickens from Dolton stated that it is the board members' job to encourage the younger generation, not to crucify.

Rejara Washington asked if there are notifications to the public regarding what actions the board has taken. Are there notification guidelines? Ms. Washington also addressed a document regarding a vacancy announcement and how is there a vacancy when a board member did not vacate a seat?

Rayya Ghani made a comment that the attorney is acting very biased towards her. Tax payers are asking legit questions that are not being addressed. Ms. Ghani asked that the record reflect that all board members voted "no" in regards to the raise increase for A.B. and that she has not vacated her seat.

Cabinet Reports:

Superintendent, Dr. White wished the Board Members a happy “Board Member Appreciation Week”. Dr. White reported on enrollment, vacancies, safety, school designations, Academic Flexes and partnering with Thornwood in regards to band.

Business Manager, Janice Opitz gave a report on the FY2022 Tax Levy.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question regarding transportation and Mrs. Opitz answered with clarity.

Consent Agenda

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve consent agenda items F1-F7.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the payroll summaries for October 14, 2022 in the amount of \$977,259.63 2. Approval of the payroll summaries for October 28, 2022 in the amount of \$942,537.92 3. Approval Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated November 7, 2022 and November 16, 2022 consisting of chargeables to the following accounts: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr><td>Education Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$1,289,403.89</td></tr> <tr><td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$219,087.67</td></tr> <tr><td>Transportation Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$3,442.31</td></tr> <tr><td>Capital Projects</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$ —</td></tr> <tr><td colspan="2"> </td></tr> <tr><td>Tort Immunity Fund</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$102,769.77</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: right;">Total</td><td style="text-align: right;">\$1,614,703.64</td></tr> </table> 4. Approval to host Christmas with Santa event on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 8:00 to 12:00 in the Middle School Gymnasium 5. Approval of personnel report. 6. Approve the adoption of the resolutions as presented by the IASB Resolution Committee. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) New Hires b) Resignation c) Retirement 7. Need a motion to approve the resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2022 to pay debt services on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016A of School District 149. <p>ROLL CALL VOTE : Aye: Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	Education Fund	\$1,289,403.89	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$219,087.67	Transportation Fund	\$3,442.31	Capital Projects	\$ —			Tort Immunity Fund	\$102,769.77	Total	\$1,614,703.64	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-7</p>
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Mrs. Jolly made a statement that she will continue to call Ms. Ghani until the State provides further guidance.

New Business

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Jemine to suspend New Business items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend approval of a 3% raise for confidential 12-month secretaries 	<p>AGENDA ITEM G</p>
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<p>2. Recommend approval of a 3% raise for two IT confidential employees</p> <p>3. Recommend approval of a 3% raise for two Truant Officers</p> <p>4. Recommend approval of holiday work hours: Dec. 26th, 29th & 30th and Jan. 2nd, 5th & 6th</p> <p>5. Recommend approval of Memorandum of Understanding for child find assistance from the Illinois Action for Children</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Jolly, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	
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Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adjourn the Closed session at 7:34 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"> ● Motion to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act matters, related for the purposes of consideration of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Dolton School District 149. ● Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11). ● Student Disciplinary Cases 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9). <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H-1</p>
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Reconvene to Open Session

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to reconvene Open session at 8:19 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H</p>
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Suspension of meeting

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to suspend the rest of the November 16, 2022 Board Meeting at 8:14 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, and Ms. Jemine.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>SUSPEND MEETING</p>
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Adjournment

MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adjourn the board meeting at 8:15 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE : Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Castillo. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM K
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Wilbur Tillman, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary