

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT 149 MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

The Special Board Meeting was held in the Middle School Gymnasium, the meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. by Mr. Wilbur Tillman, Board President.

<p>Motion by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mrs. Gray-Everett to appoint Ms. Jemine as secretary pro tem in the absence of Mrs. Jolly ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPOINT SECRETARY PRO TEM</p>
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Roll Call: Present: Members: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Castillo, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons (via Zoom). Absent: Mrs. Jolly and Ms Ghani.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Janene Preston, Board Attorney Edward Wong, Jamar Everett, John Smida and John Shields.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Meeting Open to the Public for Comments on the Board Agenda – None

Board Member Questions and Comments-

Ms. Jemine asked a question regarding looking into other law firms and Mr. Tillman answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question regarding DelGado and Mr. Tillman answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked for clarity on the fact that the school district has been paying for two different law firms. Mr. Tillman answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman made a statement that the three law firms that are currently hired by the district are all doing different work.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked why the district has three different firms and Mr. Tillman answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons made a statement that waste has happened regarding hiring multiple law firms.

Mrs. Gray-Everett asked who voted for these additional law firms. Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman answered with clarity.

Mrs. Gray-Everett said that board members made a statement that they “were cleaning up” and if you voted for these firms, then what are you cleaning up. Mr. Tillman answered with clarity. Mr. Tillman stated that the board members were misled and that DelGado was not invited to the June 3rd Board Meeting regarding hiring the additional law firm.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons stated that board members voted together to approve the additional law firm. She further asked a question in regards to Attorney Wong and Mr. Wong answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question regarding the Donahue firm and Mr. Tillman and Dr. White answered with clarity.

Board President Agenda Items E – F

<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tilman for the termination of Business Relationship with Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo Ltd., and Removal from Role as Board Attorney and Counsel for the Board of Education for Dolton School District 149. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs, Gray-Everett, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM E
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Gray-Everett, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve the appointment of Del Galdo Law Group, LLC, as Sole Board Attorney and Counsel for the Board of Education for Dolton School District 149. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Ms. Jemine. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM F

Meeting Adjourned by Mr. Tillman at 7:04 PM.

Wilbur Tillman, President

Teresa Jemine, Pro Tem Secretary