

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT 149 MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 20, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting was held in the gymnasium at the Middle School, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Ms. Rayya Ghani, Board President.

**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine arrived at 6:34 P.M. and Mr. Tillman arrived at 6:37 P.M. Absent: Mr. Castillo.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Dr. Twyla Harris, Dr. Dellnora Winters, Janice Opitz, Akil Khalfani, Laura Wolf, Ernesta Ransom, Janene Preston, Carmen Canales, Sparkle Tiffith, Latricia Lewis, Nicole Taylor, Christina Montgomery, Board Attorney, James Vasselli, Attorney Ed Wong, David Ormsby, John Smida, Stephen Henry, Alfred Thompkins, Jamar Everett, John Shields, Erin Klernat, Shelia Colone, Anna Karrison, Sheryl Lewis, Tiffany Black, Emma Davidson, Kim Knight Anderson, Mercedes Franciso and Ms. Washington.

### **Board Member Comments and Questions**

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question regarding the John Kasperek survey in the packet. Ms. Ghani and Dr. White answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman addressed the Board Members, staff and community regarding the Special Board Meeting held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 pertaining to the removal of the current Board President. Mr. Tillman announced that he is now the acting Board President due to 4 votes to remove Ms. Rayya Ghani as the Board President, during the meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mr. Tillman told Ms. Ghani that she is no longer recognized as the Board President.

Ms. Ghani responded by stating that at the Special Board meeting on July 14, 2022, the Board was advised by legal counsel that the vote to remove Ms. Ghani from the seat as Board President is against School Board Policy. Therefore, Ms. Ghani is the Board President and will continue to sit as the Board President.

### **Business Session began at 7:00 P.M.**

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

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

Meeting open to the public for comments – No comments were made

**Meeting Open to the Public for Comments on the Board Agenda** – No public comments were made

**Board President Agenda Items G1 – G17**

<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held June 15, 2022.  <b>MOTION TABLED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p>										
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the payroll summaries for June 10, 2022 in the amount of \$1,077,064.38.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, and Ms. Jemine. Nay: Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G2</p>										
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the payroll summaries for June 24, 2022 in the amount of \$3,021,109.36.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G3</p>										
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated July 12 &amp; 20, 2022 consisting of 86 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table data-bbox="391 989 1094 1205" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Education Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$779,156.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$185,603.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$483,693.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$197,030.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 40px;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,645,484.60</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Nay: Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	Education Fund	\$779,156.58	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$185,603.51	Transportation Fund	\$483,693.56	Tort Immunity Fund	\$197,030.95	Total	\$1,645,484.60	<p>AGENDA ITEM G4</p>
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<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve New Student Registration for the 2022-2023 school year effective Thursday, August 11th from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Open registration will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the remainder of the school year, by appointment only.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G5</p>										
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to renew a single year agreement with World Interactive Network (WIN) Career Readiness System Site License, College and Career Readiness Courseware, Soft Skills and Professional Development in the amount of \$15,120.00, paid for by Title I funds for the 2022-2023 school year.</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G6</p>										

<p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to accept the renewal of Workers Compensation, General Liability &amp; Property, Student Accident/Catastrophic insurance from Louis A. Pullano, Inc. for the FY 2022-2023 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G7
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to renew the IT Support Agreement with E-2 Services for the FY 2022-2023 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G8
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the quote for E-2 Services with the new monthly cost of \$10,120.00. The monthly cost increased by \$550 from \$9,750.00 because we will be operating two cloud controllers – ARUBA- was added for the new WAPs.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G9
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the single year agreement with Life Touch for student pictures and district staff identification cards for the 2022-2023 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G10
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to renew the single year agreement with Frontline for the purpose of Employment Evaluation Management, Applicant Tracking, Learning and Collaboration Resources, Absence and Substitute Management and an Attendance Swipe system for the 2022-2023 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGEND ITEM G11
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Gray-Everett to renew the single year consultant agreement with Dr. Kathleen Hickey to analyze, assess, report, make recommendations, etc. about district-wide data, paid for by the Title II funds Life for the 2022-2023 school year.</p>	AGENDA ITEM G12

<p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve a single year consultant agreement with Dr. Kimako Patterson to provide mentoring services, as outlined, to the new Superintendent.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G13
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to post positions for Middle School Athletics and Coaches- for the 2022-2023 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G14
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to renew the one-year agreement with IL-EMPOWER Partner Professional Development Plus for math, paid for by Title I funds for the 2022-2023 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G15
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to renew the one-year agreement with IL-EMPOWER Partner Roosevelt University, paid for by Title I funds for the 2022-2023 school year, for 4-5 schools.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G16
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Gray-Everett, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to renew a single year agreement with NWEA for student local assessment for the 2022-2023 school year, paid for by Title I funds.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM G17

**Cabinet Reports**

Dr. Maureen White – July Report  
Paraphrase

Good evening, everyone. I remain excited to be here at the helm of District 149. I have been excited and invigorated by the welcome from the Board, the Principals and the Cabinet members that I have met so far. I am thrilled to be here and I thank you for your warm welcome and acceptance.

We have hit the ground running and I just want to report some things that we have done and what we plan on doing for the 2022-2023 school year.

1. Historically, the district has employed summer workers to assist with getting our schools ready for our students to return. I think that this is a really big deal because it is important that our students return to a clean and inviting learning environment. It is also important for the young adults in our program to begin their practice of a good work ethic. So, I have coined this work *The Helping Hands Project*. We currently have 6 workers district-wide. They are being supervised by a veteran teacher of 14 years, Mrs. Aniya Foster, who will be joining our 149 family as a Literacy Coach. In her weekly update to me, Mrs. Foster wrote:

*Hi Dr. White,*

*I hope all is well! Just wanted to give you a quick update about the summer program! So far, the workers have been awesome! They are punctual and ready to work without complaining at all times! I literally have to encourage some of them to actually take their breaks! Today they organized, sorted, labeled and packed supplies for all of the schools in the district. The young ladies have cleaned all the desks, windows, shields and offices at Berger and Sibley. The gentlemen have moved classroom furniture in and out of about 30 classrooms and have also mopped. They are definitely earning their keep! Please let me know if you have any questions.*

2. We are already starting to think about and plan for our back-to-school carnival. With the Board's approval this evening, our entire Admin staff will ensure that our families are invited to and enjoy our Back-to-School event. I have begun to secure vendors to provide bicycles and school supplies. We will also be inviting community organizations and service providers. If anyone knows of donors or providers who would like to help or join us, please direct them to the Superintendent's office. I will continue to keep the Board apprised during the planning process.
3. We will be moving into 21st Century registration this school year. The IT Department is diligently working on the District's first time ever electronic registration for our families. My big thanks to Dr. Young who saw my vision and is running with it!
4. We have designed and approved the logo for our new Office of Teaching and Learning, which will also be referred to as OTL. That office will be co-directed by two of our very capable administrators, Dr. Carolyn Franklin (who will head literacy) and Dr. Dellnora Winters (who will head numeracy). Drs. Franklin and Winters are our newest administrators to receive their doctoral degrees in May. Congratulations to both of them. LOOK! So, when you hear the OTL acronym, you will know what we are talking about. More information will be going out to our school and community stakeholders explaining the important work from that department and the benefit to our students.
5. Most important and exciting is our number of teacher vacancies. In this nationwide shortage of teachers and school staff, our Principals and Dr. Harris have been working diligently to secure teachers to ensure our students return to fully staffed classrooms. When I arrived on the scene in June, we had 18 teacher vacancies. We are now down to 8 teacher vacancies. That is a big deal in a nationwide teacher shortage. We

have other discipline vacancies that we are working on as well and we will find good talents for our students. So, high five and good job to our Principals and Dr. Harris.

**Closed Session**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to go into closed session at 7:22 P.M.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 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.</li> <li>2. 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).</li> </ol> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Jolly.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p><b>Board Members</b> came out of closed session at 8:36 P.M. and resumed regular session.</p>	<p>RESUME REGULAR SESSION</p>

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

**Old Business Items J1 – J2**

<p><b>MOTION</b> for consideration and possible action regarding selection of the Board of Education SD 149’s Legal Counsel.  <b>MOTION TABLED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J1</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> to consider action regarding the selection of IASB Press Plus subscription and Membership for the 2022-2023 school year.  <b>MOTION TABLED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J2</p>

**New Business Items K1-K4**

<p><b>MOTION</b> to set the Board of Education meeting dates and time for the 2022-2023 school year.  <b>MOTION TABLED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K1</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to set the August 20, 2022 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. for the Back-to-School Lotta Palooza at Caroline Sibley School.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K2</p>

<p><b>MOTION</b> for Superintendent, Dr. Maureen White to enter into agreements subject to approval by the Board in the July Board meeting.  <b>MOTION TABLED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K3</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to prepare and approve all Central Office Administrators, Principals, Safety Truant Resident Officers, Assistant Principals, Confidential IT Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs., Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K4</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the engagement letter for Consulting and Advisory Services for Dolton School District 149 with John Kasperek Company.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K5</p>

**Approval of Personnel Items – None**

**Approval of Agreements – None**

**Correspondence – None**

**Bulletins and Reports – None**

**Final Action on Closed Session Items**

**Adjournment**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to Adjourn at 8:55 P.M.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Ms. Jemine.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Rayya Ghani, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary