

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE CONSENT RATIFICATION FROM THE FEBRUARY 28, 2019  
CANCELLED BOARD MEETING & REGULAR BOARD MEETING AT THE CENTRAL  
OFFICE  
MARCH 20, 2019

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 7:55 P.M. by Mrs. Darlene Gray Everett, Board President, in the Board Room at the Central Office located at 292 Torrence Avenue in Calumet City, Illinois.

**The Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Denita Scott, Twyla Harris, Cedric Lewis, Vedia Page, Akil Khalfani, April Brown, Carmen Canales, Dr. Cunneen, Board Attorney Mr. James Vasselli, Stacy Miles, Ronald Muhammad, Bernadette Madison, Sherry Dority, Carolyn Franklin, April Davis, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Gabrielle Herndon, Joi Lewis, Couren Jackson, Kathy Fejes, Shawn Wallace, Laura Wolf, Janie Crews, Dr. Hester Alfred, ZaRita Beal, Karen Slate, Dellnora Winters, Jamie Hayes, Shannon Jaekel, Renata Patterson, Christal Walker, John Johnson, Patricia Wallace, Steven Merner and David Ormsby.

**Public Comments on the agenda** – There were no public comments made.

Superintendent turned it over to Dr. Cunneen

Paraphrasing Dr. Cunneen stated:

School Board you have a different agenda before you tonight, seeing that you have two consent agendas that you are going to approve. One of them was from the February 28, 2019 board meeting and the other consent agenda is for this meeting so basically we combined two board meetings into one. On your February 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting we went into an executive session, there were two items that was discussed. One involved student 149-1819-004, you went into deliberation, and you placed that student in appropriate placement. The other item was the superintendent read her letter to retire and at the end of that meeting, we were waiting for the appropriate time to clap. What happened was Mr. Vesseli said that there were two items needed to be taken action on at the close of the executive session. Those two items was student 149-1819-004 and the retirement letter of the superintendent, at the conclusion of that we all stood and clapped. Somehow, with the tape the record did not show that. Therefore, what we have to do is make sure that both actions were taken by you. Checking with the attorney there is two easy ways to do this to show you did that. The other is to take both actions over again. It is my recommendation that we just have the minutes reflect that. If you agree with that then go right on approving the actions that are on the consent agenda and let it reflect what occurred, whichever way you want to take it.

The board agreed and approved to let the minutes reflect that on the February 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting they went into executive session, there were two items that was discussed. One involved student 149-1819-004 and you deliberated and placed that student in appropriate placement. The other item was the superintendent letter of retirement. Both items was accepted and approved.

<p><b>Motion</b> by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, to accept the consent ratification from the February 28th cancelled Board Meeting 1-19.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ACCEPT THE CONSENT RATIFICATION FROM THE FEBRUARY 28TH CANCELLED BOARD MEETING 1-19</p>
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1. Approval of payroll summaries for January 11, 2019 in the amount of \$962,748.25.
2. Approval of payroll summaries for January 25, 2019 in the amount of \$982,102.10.
3. Authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated February 28, 2019 consisting of 76 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

Educational Fund	\$1,220,315.13
Operations and Maintenance Fund	149,783.77
Transportation Fund	243,498.73
Capital Projects	20,771.72
Tort Immunity Fund	55,032.44

Total      \$1,689,401.79

4. Need a motion to extend the agreement with C& T Landscaping and Snow Removal Services for 2019-2020.
5. Need a motion to authorize the Donna Gandy Summer School Institute for K-8 Grades effective June 12, 2019 through June 28, 2019.
6. Need a motion to enter into a cost sharing agreement with School District 140 for Homeless Student Transportation.
7. Need a motion to enter into a cost sharing agreement with School District 161 for Homeless Student Transportation.
8. Need a motion to amend the Public School Calendar and extend the last day of school for students from June 3, 2019 to June 7, 2019.
9. Need a motion to remove the refrigerator from the inventory at Berger Vandenberg.

10. Need a motion to ratify the approval for Mr. Tillman to attend the Illinois Association of School Board Workshop held February 23, 2019.
11. Need a motion to enter into an agreement with Pretty Brown Girls for extra-curricular after school activity February 28, 2019 through April 30, 2019 paid for out of Title I Funds.
12. Need motion to conduct the AHERA Three -Year Asbestos Re-inspection by Midwest Environmental Consulting Services.
13. Need a motion to establish after school program activities in all elementary buildings until June 1, 2019.
14. Need a motion to enter into an agreement with Roosevelt University to provide balanced literacy and coaching for all Elementary Schools using specified Federal Title I Funds.
15. Need a motion to enter into an agreement with Groundswell Educational Films for the Creative Communications Academy February 28, 2019 through June 15, 2019 for \$15,000 paid for out of Title I Funds.
16. Need a motion to replace the Heat Craft Freezer Compressor at the Middle School at the most economical price.
17. Need a motion to authorize District Architect Mario Planera to solicit bids for the Pre-K Renovation Project at Diekman Elementary School.
18. Need a motion to authorize the District Architect Mario Planera to receive quotes for the refinishing of the middle school gym floors not to exceed the bidding limit.
19. Need a motion to enter into an agreement with Tri'une Dance and Fitness Company for the afterschool dance program from March 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 for the School of Fine Arts in the amount of \$9,300.00 paid for out of Title I Funds.

<p><b>Motion</b> by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, to accept the Board President Consent Agenda 1-7.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ACCEPT THE CONSENT  THE BOARD  PRESIDENT CONSENT  AGENDA 1-7</p>
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1. Approval of the minutes of the special board meeting held February 20, 2019.
2. Approval of payroll summaries for February 8, 2019 in the amount of \$983,757.95.
3. Approval of payroll summaries for February 22, 2018 in the amount of \$997,835.35.

4. Authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated March 20, 2019 consisting of 61 pages and chargeable to the following accounts as read:

Educational Fund	\$754,396.09
Operation and Maintenance Fund	124,633.52
Transportation Fund	348,260.90
Capital Projects Fund	16,914.89
Tort Immunity Fund	72,793.15
Total	\$1,316,998.55

5. Need a motion to approve Spring Break hours of operation for the District's 12-month employees (Confidential Assistants and 12 Month Principal 9:00 am-3:00 pm and Custodians 7am-3pm) effective Monday, April 22 through Friday, April 26 and regular business hours will resume on Monday, April 29, 2019 from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
6. Need a motion to approve the Back to School Carnival for Saturday, August 24, 2019 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at Caroline Sibley School.
7. Need a motion to continue the practice established in school year 2017-2018 to waive all graduation fees for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Superintendent's Report –**

I truly enjoyed working for this board of education team. This is our last meeting before the April 2<sup>nd</sup> elections. I often ask what makes school district 149 a great place to work and it start with the very rare occurrence of long levity of this school board. We have had a board president that have served the district for over twenty-five years and board members who have worked together for the betterment of this school district. It is my hope that the same strong team including our board attorney Mr. James Vesseli continues on for my remaining years in the district.

I also would like to take a moment to share some brief great news. One of the initiatives of the board of education is they charged us with finding a clinical psychologist to support mental health on a school based level. The district cabinet and I met with Dr. Taneen Brinson of Brinson & Associates, LLC to discuss an innovative focus to incorporate mental health services and intervention supports to staff, students and parents. The resources would include interventions, strategies, remedies and informing and educating teachers to understand signs, symbols and support through creative trainings, educational consultation, potential, pop-up clinics, rap around service and our continued focus with Parent University. It is our hope to bring Dr. Brinson to share a brief presentation at our next school board meeting.

**Old Business**

<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to rescind the learning partnership with Cambridge Education.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>RESCIND THE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP WITH CAMBRIDGE EDUCATION</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to go into closed session at 8:13 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).</p> <p>Student Disciplinary Cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to come out of closed session at 9:14 p.m. and resume regular session.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>RESUME REGULAR SESSION</p>

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

**New Business**

<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly, to offer Second, Third and Fourth Year Probationary Teacher Contracts per enclosed list.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>OFFER SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHER CONTRACTS PER ENCLOSED LIST</p>
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<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Dismissal and Non-Renewal of First, Second and Third Year Probationary Teachers per enclosed list.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF DISMISSAL AND NON-RENEWAL OF FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHERS PER ENCLOSED LIST</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the letter of intent to retire for Ann Marie Cole effective June 30, 2019.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE FOR ANN MARIE COLE EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2019</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to accept the letter of resignation from Eugene Showers effective March 15, 2019.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Knight-Anderson.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ACCEPT THE LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM EUGENE SHOWERS EFFECTIVE MARCH 15, 2019</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to amend the retirement agreement for Daphne Giwa to reflect 2019-2020 as the retirement year.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AMEND THE RETIREMENT AGREEMENT FOR DAPHNE GIWA TO REFLECT 2019-2020 AS THE RETIREMENT YEAR</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eldridge to table the evaluation of Dr. Shelly Davis Jones Superintendent until April 28, 2019.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Ghani and Mrs. Knight-Anderson.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>TABLE THE EVALUATION OF DR. SHELLY DAVIS JONES SUPERINTENDENT UNTIL APRIL 28, 2019</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to appoint Carolyn Franklin the Director of Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPOINT CAROLYN FRANKLIN THE DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR</p>

<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to post for a 12-Month Administrative Vacancy for 2019-2020 school year.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Knight-Anderson.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>POST FOR A 12-MONTH ADMINISTRATIVE VACANCY FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to accept the Business Managers Recommendation and Award the Transportation Bid to First Student who was the lowest qualified bidder.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ACCEPT THE BUSINESS MANAGERS RECOMMENDATION AND AWARD THE TRANSPORTATION BID TO FIRST STUDENT WHO WAS THE LOWEST QUALIFIED BIDDER</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Ms. Ghani to appoint John Shields as the Confidential Computer Network Specialist effective April 1, 2019.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Eldridge, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Jolly.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPOINT JOHN SHIELDS AS THE CONFIDENTIAL COMPUTER NETWORK SPECIALIST EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2019</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Knight-Anderson to approve the hiring of Mr. Ronald Muhammad, Custodian for School District 149.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Eldridge and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE HIRING OF MR. RONALD MUHAMMAD, CUSTODIAN FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 149</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Ms. Ghani, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the hiring of Mr. Shawn Wallace, Skilled Maintenance for School District 149.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE HIRING OF MR. SHAWN WALLACE, SKILLED MAINTENANCE FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 149</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Eldridge, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the hiring of Ms. Jaekel Shannon, Nurse for Dolton School District 149.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Eldridge, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Ghani.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE HIRING OF MS. JAEKEL SHANNON, NURSE FOR DOLTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 149</p>
<p><b>Motion</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to approve the Release of All Claims against Defendant Shana White and U.S. Security Associates, Inc. by Dolton School District #149 and their Insurers of Coverage, Defense and Indemnification.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Knight-Anderson, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Eldridge.</p>	<p>APPROVE THE RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AGAINST DEFENDANT SHANA WHITE AND U.S. SECURITY ASSOCIATES, INC. BY DOLTON SCHOOL</p>

<b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	DISTRICT #149 AND THEIR INSURERS OF COVERAGE, DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION
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### Correspondence

To the School Board, Superintendent and staff of Dolton District 149. It is with sincere gratitude that we say "Thank you" for your thoughts and generosity shared with our family during our time of sadness. Mr. Ernest loved working with District 149 and to know that you still cared for him was our greatest joy. He will be greatly missed. You helped us honor him well! Please accept this gift to purchase books for the Diekman School and its students in support of literacy programs/initiatives as a small way to honor the memory of Ernest M. Bolton. Thank you for all you do on behalf of children and families. Best Regards, Anne & Pat Gabriel.

### Adjournment

<b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Ghani to Adjourn at 9:24p.m. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: all in favor said yes. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	ADJOURNMENT
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Darlene Gray Everett, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary