

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM  
JUNE 9, 2021

The Special Board Meeting was held via Zoom and the meeting was called to order at 6:37 P.M. by Ms. Rayya Ghani, Board President.

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

<b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Tillman to appoint Ms. Jemine as secretary pro temp. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jemine, and Mrs. Jolly. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	APPOINT A SECRETARY PRO TEMP
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**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Ms. Ghani, Ms. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Tillman, and Mrs. Jemine. Absent: Mrs. Gray Everett.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Twyla Harris, Cedric Lewis, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, April Brown, Carmen Canales, Dr. James Cunneen, Board Attorney, James Vasselli, Board Attorney, Brandon Marshall, April Davis, Carolyn Franklin, Laura Wolf, Jamie Hayes, Dr. Nicole Robinson, BeNita Parker, Karen Slate, ZaRita Beal, Renata Patterson, Christal Washington, Latricia Lewis, Jamar Everett, John Smida, John Shields, Alfred Thompkins, Shari Gomez, Jeannie Dryan, Ms. Simmons, Donna Jackson, Felecia Nunley, Hillary Marshall, Tracey Gentile-Kelly, Kim, and Jerry Finger.

**Meeting Open to the Public for Comments for Board Agenda**

Shari Gomez - Classroom teacher and Teachers Union President. She publicly thanked the current Board President Rayya Ghani, former Board President Darlene Gray Everett, all of the School Board Members, Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Cunneen, all administrators, support staff, SPCA members, tech department and everyone that is part of Dolton School District 149 family. She wanted them to know the teachers and the CTA Membership appreciate their hard work, dedication and support to help them assist and navigate through this past year.

Before the motion was read Dr. Cunneen stated there is a motion on the agenda to talk about replacing some tech equipment. He asked for some guidance, the air conditioning worked really over the winter and did not work as well during the last hot spells. We found a forty-year old condenser at Diekman that cannot be fixed, there are numerous repairs that need to be made at Carol Moseley Braun, New Beginnings Learning Academy, Berger Vandenberg, Caroline Sibley and the Middle School. He asked permission from the Board to authorize the Architect to solicit bids for a new air conditioner at Diekman and to work with the Architect to get air conditioning working again in all school buildings. The new legislation that came in from the Federal Government to assist schools gives us enough money to replace the older equipment. A spreadsheet will be given to the Board that has all the equipment and cost on it.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked what was the unit that was put on top of the building at the Middle School

last summer. Dr. Cunneen answered by saying it was a heating and air conditioning unit that was put at CCA. Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones answered by saying it is the Southwest part of the CCA'S part of the building.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked if the District was going to use the same contractor that they used for CCA and Dr. Cunneen responded by saying no, we will have to go out for competitive bid.

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones informed the Board the freezer at Middle School is inoperable and would like for Dr. Cunneen to look into getting it repaired before Summer School starts.

Dr. Cunneen thanked Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones for including the repair of the freezer and he will add it to his list and once he gets the authority to get it fixed, he will meet with Mr. Khalfani and the Architect to get it done.

The second part is the awarding of a bid to replace the wasp. They are little radio transmitters that are in all classrooms that do WiFi. They have a short shelf lifespan and they need to be replaced. We want to make sure the WiFi is working when the students start school. We have Federal Funding for this and we are asking to approve the bid the Architect remitted to the Board.

**Board President Consent Agenda**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to accept the Architect's recommendation to award the Wireless Access Points Bid and review an IT service provider.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ACCEPT THE ARCHITECT'S RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD THE WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS BID AND REVIEW AN IT SERVICE PROVIDER</p>
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**Closed Session**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to go into closed session at 7:02 p.m.</p> <p>1. 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.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jemine, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Tillman to come out of closed session at 8:09 p.m. and resume regular session.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Jolly.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>RESUME REGULAR SESSION</p>

Mrs. Gray Everett was present during closed session.

**Roll Call:** Present: Members: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo. Absent: None.

**Final Action on Closed Session Items, if needed - None**

<b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Castillo, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve the MOU discussed in closed session. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mr. Castillo, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Jemine. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	APPROVE THE MOU DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION
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**Adjournment**

<b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to Adjourn at 8:13 P.M. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	ADJOURNMENT
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Rayya Ghani, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary