

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM  
JUNE 24, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting was held via Zoom and the meeting was called to order at 7:11 P.M. by Ms. Rayya Ghani, Board President.

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

**Board Member Comments and Questions –**

Mr. Tillman questions G-5 on the Board President Consent Agenda, Superintendent Dr. Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman questioned G-6 on the Board President Consent Agenda, Superintendent Dr. Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman questioned G-10 on the Board President Consent Agenda, Superintendent Cedric Lewis answered with clarity. Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked that we take a further look at all areas for the best bang for our bucks.

Mr. Tillman questioned G-12 on the Board President Consent Agenda, Superintendent Dr. Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman questioned G-14 on the Board President Consent Agenda, Superintendent Dr. Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman questioned G-15 on the Board President Consent Agenda, Superintendent Dr. Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Board President Ms. Ghani shared with Board she been in communication with Alderman Ramone Williams of Calumet City and with Mayor of Dolton and they would like to partner with Dolton School District 149. Board President Ghani will set up a meeting for all of the Board members to meet with them.

Mr. Tillman questioned J-1 New Business, Superintendent Dr. Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Mrs. Jemine questioned the role of the lobbyist, Board President Ghani answered with clarity.

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, David Ormsby, Dr. Vedia Page, April Davis, Carolyn Franklin, Laura Wolf, Jamie Hayes, Dr. Nicole Robinson, BeNita Parker, Karen Slate, ZaRita Beal, Gabrielle Herndon, Renata Patterson, Christal Washington, John Johnson, Latricia Lewis, Danielle Franklin, Jamar Everett, John Smida, Alfred Thompkins, Pamela Eldridge, Kim, Jeannie Dryan, Ernesta Ransom, Mae Brown, Yvette Shackelford, Jori Watson, Felecia Nunley, Tonia Leonhard, Allecia Johnson, Nafiseh Vossoughi-Parks, Secrett Stone, Cathleen Mancine, Stacey Burgess-Brundige, Sharrie Sanders, Yvonne Jackson, Sharon Wyche, Kimberely Cooper, Kenyetta Brown, Tasha Jones, Aaron Stevens, Monica Lavalais, Cherita Smith, and Vanessa Drew.

Business Session began at 7:51 P.M.

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

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

**Board President Consent Agenda**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to consolidate the President Consent Agenda G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13 G14, G15, G16, G17, G18, G19, G20, G21 and New Business J1.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 20, 2021</li><li>2. Approval of the payroll summaries for May 15, 2021 in the amount of \$975,340.94.</li><li>3. Approval of the payroll summaries for May 28, 2021 in the amount of \$955,848.67.</li><li>4. Authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated June 24, 2021 consisting of 71 pages and chargeable to the following accounts: <table><tr><td>Education Fund</td><td>\$1,145,401.93</td></tr><tr><td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td><td>\$193,783.04</td></tr><tr><td>Transportation Fund</td><td>\$109,234.61</td></tr><tr><td>Tort Immunity Fund</td><td>\$58,007.21</td></tr></table><p style="text-align: right;">Total \$1,506,426.79</p></li><li>5. Need a motion to approve the District Consolidated Plan for 2021-2022 school year.</li><li>6. Need a motion to approve the District Improvement Plan and all School Wide Plans.</li><li>7. Need a motion to approve the School Improvement plans for the 2021-2022 school year for the following schools. Berger Vandenberg Elementary School Carol Moseley Braun Caroline Sibley School Diekman Elementary School New Beginnings Learnings Creative Communications Academy School Fine Arts Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics</li></ol>	Education Fund	\$1,145,401.93	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$193,783.04	Transportation Fund	\$109,234.61	Tort Immunity Fund	\$58,007.21	<p>CONSOLIDATE THE PRESIDENT CONSENT AGENDA G1, G2, G3, G4, G5,G6, G7, G8, G9, G10, G11, G12, G13, G14, G15, G16, G17, G18, G19, G20, G21 AND NEW BUSINESS J1 TERMINATE THE LOBBYIST CONTRACT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY</p>
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**NEW BUSINESS ITEM J-1**

Terminate the lobbyist contract effective immediately.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Gray Everett.

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **Cabinet Reports –**

Dr. Shelly Davis Jones – Return to In-Person Learning

Summer school is going well. Students and parents showed up early on the first day eager to get back into the school environment. Mrs. Franklin stated, everything is going well and students and teachers are enjoying the summer literacy camp. It was such a great feeling to see parents and students excited to return to in-person learning. We have a total of 194 students out of 200 attending the Summer Literacy Program. These students and teachers have given us hope that we can return to some sense of normalcy for the new school year.

At the May Board meeting, I spoke about the Resolution draft from the Illinois State Board of Education that I received regarding in-person learning and I attended ISBE's In-Person learning for the 2021-2022 school year.

I would like to recommend that the Board establish a remote e-learning resolution to provide remote learning to students who are at increased health risk or have severe illness or who live with people at increased risk. When the Declaration takes effect: Districts must provide remote learning for students who are both not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and also under quarantine if parents request. The resolution would also support those children who are medically fragile and homebound services could also be considered with a doctor's script. Individual Student Plans would have to be created, implemented and periodically reviewed and amended quarterly and the District remote plan would have to be posted on our website. Students must receive a minimum of 5 hours of instruction with 2.5 hours strongly recommended to be synchronous learning. The District team has worked on the return to in-person learning plan. I will submit to the Board in an email to review before placing on the August Agenda.

We are excited about returning to in-person but want to assure everyone that we are going to practice all mitigation as planned and discussed to ensure the safety of all staff and students. District Institute Day is set for August Friday August 27<sup>th</sup>. It is our plan to set up desks in gym 6 feet apart to have a meaningful yet safe Institute Day.

August will be filled with lots of meetings and continued planning to ensure teachers and staff are ready to receive students on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The first day of school will be a half day for all students. Meetings with Organic Life, First Student and Allied Security will be a priority before returning to in-person learning. I would like to recommend to Principals to consider smaller lunch periods with shorter times reducing the capacity by almost 40% and possible support from Organic Life lunch monitors to support students in the classrooms. Dr. Cunneen will share more in his report.

In August the District will post for the following committees: The Discipline Committee, the Crisis Committee and the Policy Committee. We will also need to post for an insurance committee with the executive teams both certified and support in July per the PNA.

Jamie Hayes

I decided I'd better write out my goodbye, because if I tried to speak off the cuff I'd be too emotional for you to understand me with any clarity. It is with a grateful heart that I say thank you and goodbye in the same breath. As the Supt said, I will be retiring on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June, after 29 years in this district.

As I come to the end of this chapter in my life, I want to thank you... the school board members... for your governance, your guidance, your undying support and for everything you've done for me directly and indirectly. I would also like to thank you for your commitment to our scholars and to our community; you are much appreciated and I shall miss you all.

During my tenure here I have been able to work with countless teachers and students, providing instruction, offering guidance, support and mentorship. I will always think back fondly on my time as an educator. I served my last 16 years at CMB and I am honored to end my career there. *I loved working as a teacher **and** administrator because in both roles, I have had the opportunity to learn and grow as a professional.* In addition, I have established many friendships that will remain intact long after I've forgotten the joy of walking into CMB every day.

In these times, I am privileged to have had a job that brought me incredible personal satisfaction every day, Again, I want to say thank you to the school board members for twenty-nine years of fun, opportunities, and life-changing moments. I am so grateful to have served in district 149 and more importantly I am grateful to have served under a school board and Superintendent that delegated the management of a school to me... the way you did! Thank you all...you'll all truly be missed!!!!

Renata Patterson

I will be retiring on June 30, 2021. Renata Patterson thanked Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones and was happy to work under her leadership. She thanked the School Board for the privilege, honor and opportunity to serve all the students, parents and School District 149.

Kimberly Crossley

I will be retiring on June 30, 2021. Kim Crossley thanked Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones for hiring her as paraprofessional in 1999 and she currently serves as an administrative assistant at Carol Moseley Braun. She thanked the Board Members for the opportunity she had been given and trusting her to do a good job.

Dr. James Cunneen – General Matters of the District

Dr. Cunneen informed the Board he will be presenting a budget to them in July. There is a transportation concern. This year the district received transportation reimbursement for last year up till March. This year we did not transport many students so our reimbursement is not going to be much less. We need to make sure students are transported safely and effectively. We will need to look at our stops and a report will be presented to the Board in August with an effective busing practice.

Berger Vandenberg - The heat exchanger needs to be replaced. The architects are checking to see if it is under warranty.

Diekman – The air conditioning on the north end of the building needs to be replaced. The south end of the building on the second floor will need portable air conditioning units. The architects will go out for bid to present to the Board.



Caroline Sibley – There a couple of old units that need to be replaced but does not involve student classrooms.

New Beginnings Learning Academy – Needs major repairs and the work can be done before students come back to school.

Carol Moseley Braun – Recommending to repair the equipment.

Middle School – Repair the chiller and fix the hot water tank that is leaking.

The cost of all the repairs and equipment needed for the school buildings will be paid with the federal funds that are allocated to the district and it will be reflected in the budget for the fiscal year 2022.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked about the COVID fund and Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Dr. Cunneen is proposing a healthy and safe environment and is recommending to partner with medical health professionals to vaccinate the seventh and eighth graders for free. He will come to the Board in August with a proposal if they agree.

The Honorable Alderwoman Monee Wilson of Calumet City request to use the Caroline Sibley School parking lot to host an event on Saturday, June 17, 2021 from 11am till 4pm. She extended an invitation to the Board. The Board agreed to her request.

A resident request to use Diekman’s parking lot on Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and the Board did not honor her request.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons questioned the relief money for repairs, Superintendent Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

**Closed Session**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to go into closed session at 8:30 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</li></ol>	<p><b>CLOSED SESSION</b></p>
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<p>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).</p> <p>3) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to come out of closed session at 9:05 p.m. and resume regular session.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Gray Everett.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>RESUME REGULAR SESSION</p>

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

**Old Business**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the Special Board Meeting to take place on June 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>APPROVE THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 9, 2021 AT 6:30 PM</p>
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**New Business**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to consolidate New Business items J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7, J8, J9, J10 and J11, Approval of Personnel items K1, K2, and Approval of Renewals L1, L2, L3, L4 and L5.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Susan Broniarczyk effective June 9, 2021.</li> <li>3. Need a motion to accept the letter of intent to retire for Rosalind Lewis for the 2024-2025 school year.</li> <li>4. Need a motion to reschedule the regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings.</li> <li>5. Need a motion to schedule a Special Board Meeting Wednesday August 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of consideration of employment of personnel and to approve a tentative Budget for fiscal year 2022.</li> </ol>	<p>CONSOLIDATE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS J2, J3, J4, J5, J6, J7, J8, J9, J10 AND J11, APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS K1, K2, AND APPROVAL OF RENEWALS L1, L2, L3, L4 AND L5.</p>
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**K. Approval of Personnel**

1. New Principal
2. New Certified Teachers

**L. Approval of Renewals**

1. Dell Support Service
2. Fortinet Support
3. Microsoft Software Assurance
4. Imagine Learning
5. Lexia

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Gray Everett.

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<p><b>K. Approval of Personnel</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New Principal</li> <li>2. New Certified Teachers</li> </ol> <p><b>L. Approval of Renewals</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Dell Support Service</li> <li>2. Fortinet Support</li> <li>3. Microsoft Software Assurance</li> <li>4. Imagine Learning</li> <li>5. Lexia</li> </ol> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jemine and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	
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**Correspondence** – Tiffany Graham thanked everyone for the love and support during the loss of her mother.

**Bulletins and Reports - None**

**Public Comments – There was no public comments.**

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

**Adjournment**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to Adjourn at 9:13 P.M.</p> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Gray Everett and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Rayya Ghani, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary