

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
July 27, 2021

The Special Board Meeting was held via Zoom and the meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M. by Ms. Rayya Ghani, Board President.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Cedric Lewis, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, Carmen Canales, Dr. James Cunneen, Board Attorney, James Vasselli, Board Attorney, Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski, David Ormsby, Carolyn Franklin, Laura Wolf, Dellnora Winters, Dr. Vedia Smith Page, BeNita Parker, ZaRita Beal, Jamar Everett, John Shields, John Smida, Shelia Colone, Jeannie Dryan, Walsh, Suzanna, Jennifer Walsh, Brooke Jacobs, Brook Young, Dr. Angela Rayford Winters, Dr. Kathleen Hickey, Dukes, and Ms. Leonard.

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

Cabinet Reports –

Dr. Shelly Davis Jones – Return to In Person Learning

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 which supports homebound services which must be considered with a doctor's script. Individual Student Plans would have to be created, implemented and periodically reviewed and amended quarterly. The state expects all Districts remote plans to be posted on our website.

The District team has worked on the return to in-person learning plan. I have submitted the draft for the Board to review and ask any questions. I would like the board to share thoughts about possible vaccinations for students 12 years and older and share information with the community of vaccination sites using the District website.

The ROE Superintendent would also like for Districts to share information on our websites for parents to **Join Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) for weekly webinars to provide the latest updates and information in supporting schools.**

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.

The ROE Superintendent has asked that we have a confidential spreadsheet of all staff who are vaccinated. Before summer break the district had 82% of staff vaccinated. We will work with both unions to confirm our numbers and keep staff confidential.

District Institute Day is set for August Friday August 27th. It is our plan to set up desks in all school gyms and/or media centers using plexi glass and spreading out 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 30th. 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 have recommended 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 if needed.

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.

Dr. James Cunneen – Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Cunneen went out to bid for the District's Wi-Fi called WASPS for the classrooms. The two major brands are Meraki and Aruba. Dr. Garth-Young researched and found the Aruba unit would be the better one. With the Boards approval, without any additional cost we can switch from the Meraki units to the Aruba.

Diekman School – The chiller at Diekman in the North Wing will not be installed before school starts. Dr. Cunneen investigated and found there is a company who rents mobile air conditioning units. The Company will come and hook them up and make sure the rooms are vented properly.

Mrs. Jemine asked if this is for one school and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mrs. Jemine asked if the portable air conditioners are being placed in all of the classrooms and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman asked if the District will be renting the air conditioning units for two months and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman thanked Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones for putting the return in person plan together. He asked the Superintendent if a student does not come to school for a day will they be considered absent and the Superintendent answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman thanked Superintendent for her response and asked if it would be a good idea to put a short video together to explain to the parents and guardians what we are doing and see what is happening with their children. We can possibly follow up with a Town Hall Zoom meeting and show the video, and take any questions and concerns of the parents. Superintendent answered with clarity.

Dr. Cunneen continued with his report. There have been some issues with the deposits in the Illiana Financial Credit Union. Illiana Financial Credit Union will be able to accept us utilizing the same procedure directly into the persons account as a direct deposit. Mr. Lewis explained the procedures.

Dr. Cunneen informed the Board they received the tax extension report today. It shows our rate declined and the Equalized Assessed Value went up seventy-seven million dollars. Mr. Lewis added that is impossible, it is saying each of your home values went up thirty-five percent. Dr. Cunneen will be sending the Board updates after looking into the particulars.

Ms. Ghani asked how this is effecting our District and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mrs. Gray Everett asked should we not be concerned about our students as well, because we have a lot of transient living so does this mean that we now have homeowners invested as homeowners and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mrs. Gray Everett asked if that would change the status of the district and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Dr. Cunneen informed the Board the water heater at the Middle School has a leak and it cannot be repaired and a new one is will cost eighteen thousand dollars.

Mr. Tillman asked how many gallons of water does the water heater hold and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

New Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to consolidate the New Business Agenda Items E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6 and E7.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need a motion to return to in in-Person Learning at the start of the 2021-2022 school calendar year for all students K-8 Monday, August 30th and Pre-K effective Wednesday, September 8, 2021. 2. Need a motion to adopt the mitigation procedures outlined in the Superintendents report including masks and social distancing. 3. Need a motion to adopt the revised lunch Schedule for all schools to facilitate social distancing during lunch. 4. Need a motion to enter into a rental agreement with Mobile Air and Power Rentals for air conditioners, dehumidifiers and air cleaners. 5. Need a motion to accept the District Architect Recommendation for a change order to the replacement of all WASPS in the district from Meraki to Aruba and to enter in to a service agreement with Aruba. 	<p>CONSOLIDATE THE NEW BUSINESS AGENDA ITEMS E1, E2, E3, E4, E5, E6 AND E7</p>
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Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to go into closed session at 7:08 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>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray Everett. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Tillman to come out of closed session at 8:20 p.m. and resume regular session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Gray Everett. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>RESUME REGULAR SESSION</p>

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

Final Action on Closed Session Items, if needed

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve the recommendation as set forth in executive session as it relates to an individual assessment by third party for Student SD149-1 related to the Special Education Program in all collateral steps there to.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine and Mrs. Gray Everett.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION AS SET FORTH IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS IT RELATES TO AN INDIVIDUAL ASSESSEMENT BY THIRD PARTY FOR STUDENT SD149-1 RELATED TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ALL COLLATERAL STEPS THERE TO</p>
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Adjournment

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to Adjourn at 8:25 P.M.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray Everett.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Rayya Ghani, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary