BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

The Regular Board Meeting was held via Zoom and the meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Ms. Rayya Ghani, Board President.

Pledge of Allegiance – was said by all.

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

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Cedric Lewis, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, April Brown, Carmen Canales, David Ormsby, Dr. Vedia Y. Smith Page, Edward Wong, Board Attorney, April Davis, Carolyn Franklin, Laura Wolf, Akil Khalfani, Dr. Nicole Robinson, BeNita Parker, Karen Slate, ZaRita Beal, Gabrielle Herndon, Christal Washington, John Johnson, Shari Gomez, Latricia Lewis, Jamar Everett, Alfred Thompkins, Jeannie Dryan, Sparkle Tiffith, Sheila Colone, Nafiseh Vossoughi-Parks, John Shields, Courtney Woods, Nina Martin, Jennice's iPhone, Jorie's iPhone, Ernesta Ransom, Bria Kitching, and Dr. Angela Winters.

Board Member Comments and Questions

Board President, Ms. Ghani asked the Board if they could consolidate her consent agenda after they ask questions about each individual items.

Board President, Ms. Ghani asked a question on Item #10 under New Business and Mr. Lewis answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question where the increase came from for Item #10 under New Business and Mr. Lewis answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question on payables page one regarding an invoice for a Board conference in Houston, Texas and Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones and Ms. April Brown answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question on payables page thirty-five regarding an invoice for the training bundle and Ms. April Brown answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question if the training bundle would be beneficial to all the Board members and Ms. April Brown answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question to Ms. Jemine and Ms. Gray-Everett if the refresher would be beneficial for all the Board members and Ms. Jemine answered with clarity. Board President, Ms. Ghani shared with the Board that once they set a date for the Committee of the Whole Meeting, she would like for IASB to come out to provide training in an effort for the Board to work collectively as a team.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question if the training bundle was IASB and Board President, Ghani answered with clarity.

Board President, Ms. Ghani asked the Board members if they had any other questions.

Mr. Tillman had a concern on the Board President Consent Agenda item #7. He shared that a lot of the textbooks from Houghton Mifflin sometimes do not speak very well of black and brown people. Our community is almost 96% black and 3% brown. Moving forward we need to make sure we are purchasing textbooks that have some encouraging role models and people that look like us that are represented in the textbooks. When the students are getting educated, we want them to see people like us that are doing amazing things and Ms. Jemine agreed.

Board President, Ms. Ghani stated they would be discussing this matter in the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones spoke to the Board about the replacement of the textbooks with diversity and shared they have always had a curriculum committee.

Ms. Jemine asked a question, if the child opens up the book, do they see themselves in the book and Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Board President, Ms. Ghani stated they would be discussing this matter in the Committee of the Whole Meeting and would like to schedule it for October.

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones apologized to the Board for the error on the hourly rate for Bright Star in the Board President Consent Agenda Item #6. The hourly rate should be \$52 and also, an addendum is needed for Maxim's agreement and the hourly rate for a nurse is \$55.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question, if we had a contract with Bright Star for the hourly rate of \$49 and Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Board President, Ms. Ghani asked the Board if they were in agreement with amending Item #6 in the Board President Consent Agenda and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons answered she was in agreement.

Mr. Tillman asked a question on item #8 under the Board President Consent Agenda, is the program beneficial to the special education students and how many are we using and Dr. Vedia Page answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman stated we measure what matters and asked a question how we actually know the expectations we are looking for and Dr. Vedia Page answered with clarity.

Board President, Ms. Ghani asked the Board if they would like to schedule the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 13th or 14th at 6:30pm in person. The Board agreed to have the meeting on October 13th at 6:30pm.

Board President, Ms. Ghani asked the Board if there were any other questions and there were none.

Business Session Began at 7:30 P.M.

Meeting Open to the Public for Comments for Board Agenda

Board President Consent Agenda

MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to consolidate the President
Consent Agenda F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13 F14,
F15, F16, F17, F18, F19 and F20.

- 1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held August 18, 2021.
- 2. Approval of the payroll summaries for August 6, 2021 in the amount of \$238,592.42.
- 3. Approval of the payroll summaries for August 10, 2021 in the amount of \$3,416.91.
- 4. Approval of the payroll summaries for August 20, 2021 in the amount of \$898,886.28.
- 5. Authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated September 21, 2021 consisting of 61 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:

Education Fund	\$594,952.60
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$311,135.65
Transportation Fund	\$ 28,077.73
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 40,327.36
Tort Immunity	\$122,651.30

Total \$1,097,144.64

6. Need a motion to renew an agreement with Bright Star for a one on one, nurse for a Special Education student at Echo Mac Arthur at the rate of \$49.00 per hour paid for out of IDEA grant funds.

CONSOLIDATE
THE PRESIDENT
CONSENT
AGENDA F1, F2,
F3, F4, F5,F6, F7,
F8, F9, F10, F11,
F12, F13, F14,
F15, F16, F17,
F18, F19 AND
F20

- 7. Need a motion to purchase reading replacement textbooks from the Houghton Mifflin Series Journey and Collections for each school paid for our out Title I funds.
- 8. Need a motion to purchase the Read 180 license for special education students paid for out of IDEA grant funds for the 2021-2022 school year.
- 9. Need a motion to approve the one-year renewal license for Stride Academy/Fuel Education for the 2021-2022 school year paid for out of Title I grant funds.
- 10. Need a motion to approve the one-year renewal license and training for Aimsweb paid for out of Title I funds.
- 11. Need a motion to approve Intermittent FMLA for Melissa Nawracaj for the 2020-2021 school year.
- 12. Need a motion to approve Intermittent FMLA for Dr. Angela Winters for the 2021-2022 school year.
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- 18. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Kelley R. Stewart-Holland August 24, 2021.
- 19. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Shantel Bey effective immediately.
- 20. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Deborah Shegog effective immediately.

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

MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Jemine to approve the President Consent Agenda F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13 F14, F15, F16, F17, F18, F19 and F20.

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APPROVE THE PRESIDENT CONSENT AGENDA F1, F2, F3, F4, F5,F6, F7, F8, F9, F10, F11, F12, F13, F14, F15, F16, F17, F18, F19 AND F20

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ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, and Mr. Castillo. Abstain: Mrs. Gray Everett to item #6.

MOTION CARRIED

Cabinet Reports -

Dr. Shelly Davis Jones –Return to In-Person Learning Update **COVID-19 STATUS REPORT:**

The enrollment counts for today are as follows:

BV – 325, CMB-206, CS-499, DKM-299, NBLA-325, CCA-172,

SOFA-172, STEM-174: Total 2,172 students.

I am happy to report that Dr. Cunneen and I have finally established COVID-19 testing for all unvaccinated staff to comply with the Governor's Executed Order to make sure all unvaccinated staff are able to test weekly. The extension ended on September 19 th, so, all unvaccinated staff and contracted staff not vaccinated, must test every Monday and submit weekly COVID test results every Tuesday. The District has worked out a partnership with Loop Medical in down town Chicago to set up testing kits and weekly pick up schedules for all staff on Mondays. Loop Medical sends their transport driver to pick up tests taken by staff from all schools every Monday at 1:00 pm., Results are sent via cell phone within 24 hours. The teachers and support staff appreciate the convenience of not having to worry about where they are going to test each week. I want to thank the Board of Education for always ensuring we have what we need to keep our children and staff safe.

I would like to encourage the Board to set some dates to establish a few Committee of the Whole Meetings, so we can begin the discussions and the plans to present to the parents and the community about testing students weekly.

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones made a recommendation to the Board to purchase the Active Pure Technology Units for each teacher's classrooms at Carol Moseley Braun School, main offices at each school building, tech department, Dr. Vedia Page's office, and the nurse's offices.

Board President, Ms. Ghani asked the Board if they agreed to Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones recommendation for the Active Pure Technology Units and they all agreed.

Dr. James Cunneen – General Matters of the District No report given

Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones stated on behalf of Dr. Cunneen, one of the priorities to be discussed in the Committee of the Whole Meeting is the HVAC systems and electricity with possible rewiring at the school buildings. Superintendent recommended the architects be invited to the meeting and Board President, Ms. Ghani agreed.

Closed Session - No closed session needed.

Old Business - None

New Business

MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Jemine to accept and approve the	ACCEPT AND
Cabinet Reports as stated.	APPROVE THE
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ROLL CALL VOTE : Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr.	
Castillo, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.	AS STATED
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MOTION CARRIED	
MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve the FY 2022	APPROVE THE FY
Budget and Evidence Based Funding Plan.	2022 BUDGET AND
	EVIDENCE BASED
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons,	FUNDING PLAN
Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Gray Everett.	
MOTION CARRIED	
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MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to approve the Resolution	APPROVE THE
Adopting and Implementing Illinois State Board of Education Resolution	RESOLUTION
Supporting In-Person Learning and Gubernatorial Executive Order 2021-18.	ADOPTING AND
	IMPLEMENTING
	ILLINOIS STATE
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons,	BOARD OF
Mrs. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.	EDUCATION
	RESOLUTION
MOTION CARRIED	SUPPORTING IN-
	PERSON LEARNING
	AND
	GUBERNATORIAL
	EXECUTIVE ORDER
	2021-18

MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the Resolution for ratifying Student Activity Funds for FY 2021, per Section 100.100-Annual Financial Reports. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo. MOTION CARRIED	APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR RATIFYING STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS FOR FY 2021, PER SECTION 100.100-ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS
MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jemine approval of Treasurer, per section 100.80-Student Activity Funds and Section 10.20.21 in Authorizing Procurement in Compliance with School Code. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo. MOTION CARRIED	APPROVAL OF TREASURER, PER SECTION 100.80- STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS AND SECTION 10.20.21 IN AUTHORIZING PROCUREMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SCHOOL CODE
MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Jemine to authorize Mr. Cedric	AUTHORIZE MR.
Lewis, Business Manager for Approval of Surety Bond for Treasurer.	CEDRIC LEWIS, BUSINESS MANAGER
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	FOR APPROVAL OF SURETY BOND FOR TREASURER
MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to authorize the District architect Mario Planera to prepare bid documents to repair all existing HVAC and electrical equipment at all schools in the district.	AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ARCHITECT MARIO
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Jemine and Mr. Castillo	PLANERA TO PREPARE BID DOCUMENTS TO
MOTION CARRIED	REPAIR ALL EXISTING HVAC

	EQUIPMENT AT ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT
MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to accept the letter of intent to retire for Sharonne A. Dinnwiddie at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, , Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Castillo and Mrs. Gray Everett. MOTION CARRIED	ACCEPT THE LETTER OF INTENT TO RETIRE FOR SHARONNE A. DINNWIDDIE AT THE END OF THE 2024- 2025 SCHOOL YEAR
MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Castillo to pilot the Active Pure Technology units for Carol Moseley Braun School paid for out of ESSER II Funds. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	PILOT THE ACTIVE PURE TECHNOLOGY UNITS FOR CAROL MOSELEY BRAUN SCHOOL PAID FOR OUT OF ESSER II FUNDS
MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Tillman to accept the increase from Organic Life for NSLP and Breakfast Program that will allow the district to gain more offsetting revenue to support our existing NSLP Program. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mr. Castillo, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Jemine and Mrs. Gray Everett. MOTION CARRIED	ACCEPT THE INCREASE FROM ORGANIC LIFE FOR NSLP AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM THAT WILL ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO GAIN MORE OFFSETTING REVENUE TO SUPPORT OUR EXISTING NSLP PROGRAM

Approval of Personnel

MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jemine authorizing the	AUTHORIZING THE
President and Secretary of the School Board to enter into teaching Contracts,	PRESIDENT AND
subject to compliance with Educational Reform Act of 1985, effective August	SECRETARY OF THE
27, 2021.	SCHOOL BOARD TO
	ENTER INTO
Courtney Woods – Social Worker Print Michael Control Control Print Michael Control	TEACHING
 Bria Kitching – 3rd Grade Teacher 	CONTRACTS,
	SUBJECT TO
ROLL CALL VOTE : Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine, Mrs. Gray	COMPLIANCE WITH
Everett, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo.	EDUCATIONAL
	REFORM ACT OF
MOTION CARRIED	1985, EFFECTIVE
	AUGUST 27, 2021
MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Castillo to authorize the approval	AUTHORIZE THE
for hire for the following candidates for the 2021-2022 school year.	APPROVAL FOR
T. Till I. GDGA 10. All the size of the size of	HIRE FOR THE
LaTisha Lowe – SPCA 12 – Administrative Assistant	FOLLOWING
	CANDIDATES FOR
ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo, Mr. Tillman,	THE 2021-2022
Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jemine and Mrs. Gray Everett.	SCHOOL YEAR
MOTION CARRIED	

Correspondence - None

Bulletins and Reports - None

Public Comments – There was no public comments.

Final Action on Closed Session Items, if needed - None

Adjournment

MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to Adjourn at	ADJOURNMENT
8:29 P.M.	
ROLL CALL VOTE : Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mrs. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo.	

MOTION CARRIED	
Rayya Ghani, President	
Bertha Jolly, Secretary	