

BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2022

The Regular Board Meeting was held in the gymnasium at the Middle School, the meeting was called to order at 6:39 P.M. by Ms. Rayya Ghani, Board President.

Roll Call: Present: Members: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo. (Mr. Castillo arrived at 6:52 P.M.) Absent: Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Jemine.

Also in attendance were: Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones, Dr. Twyla Harris, Dr. Brigitte Garth-Young, Carmen Canales, Dr. James Cunneen, Dr. Carolyn Franklin, Dr. Vedia Smith Page, Laura Wolf, Karen Slate, Dr. Nicole Robinson, BeNita Parker, April Davis, Christal Washington, Danielle Franklin, Ernesta Ransom, Sherry Dority, John Johnson, Latricia Lewis, Jennice Turner, Sparkle Tiffith, Sherry Dority, Sparkle Tiffith, Sheena Dixon, Gabrielle Herndon, Phil Conboy, Ruby Nelson, Jamar Everett, John Shields, Jennifer Walsh, Dr. Kathleen Hickey, Board Attorney, James Vasselli, Board Attorney, Ed Wong, and David Ormsby.

Board Member Comments and Questions

Mr. Tillman asked a question regarding a mentor for the new Superintendent and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman asked a question regarding pulling the check in payables for IASB for the professional development dues and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Ms. Ghani agreed.

Rayya Ghani agrees the Board needs training and to know the role of being a board member, board president, vice president, secretary and superintendent.

Mr. Tillman asked a question regarding Item #5 under New Business and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question regarding BoardBooks and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Mr. Tillman asked a question regarding Item #6 and #7 under New Business and Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones answered with clarity.

Business Session began at 7:02 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Meeting Open to the Public for Comments for Board Agenda

Ms. Jennifer Walsh, Pre-K teacher gave the board a written document regarding concerns in the Special Ed Department.

Mr. Tillman asked a question on item #1 under Items submitted by Board Member to the Superintendent according to School Board Meeting Procedures 2.220 and Board Attorney Mr. Ed Wong and Board Attorney, Mr. James Vasselli, Attorney Mr. Joe Miller and Dr. Cunneen answered with clarity.

Items submitted by Board Member to the Superintendent according to School Board Meeting Procedures 2.220.

- 1. Consideration and possible action regarding selection of the Board of Education SD 149’s Legal Counsel.
- 2. Need a motion to adapt possible disciplinary action for employee(s) as discussed in closed session.
- 3. Possible Action Concerning Matters from Executive Session if necessary.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman **No:** Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggon, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo.

Board President’s Consent Agenda G1-G8 Table Payment to IASB

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggon, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to consolidate the President’s Consent Agenda G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8 and table payment to IASB.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held May 18, 2022. 2. Approval of the payroll summaries for May 13, 2022, 2022 in the amount of \$ 936,348.34. 3. Approval of the payroll summaries for May 27, 2022 in the amount of \$ 952,711.45. 4. Authorize Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated June 15, 2022 consisting of 96 pages and chargeable to the following accounts: <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Education Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,536,720.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$247,567.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$115,940.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$459,295.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$2,359,523.78</td> </tr> </table> 5. Need a motion to approve the Consolidated Plan and District Improvement Plan and all School Wide Plans. 	Education Fund	\$1,536,720.66	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$247,567.51	Transportation Fund	\$115,940.50	Tort Immunity Fund	\$459,295.11	Total	\$2,359,523.78	<p>CONSOLIDATE THE PRESIDENT’S CONSENT AGENDA G1, G2, G3, G4, G5, G6, G7, G8 AND TABLE PAYMENT TO IASB</p>
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<p>6. Need a motion to ratify the approval for summer hours for the 12-month district office employees from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm effective Tuesday, June 14, 2022 and resume regular business hours on Monday, August 1, 2022.</p> <p>7. Need a motion to ratify the approval of summer hours for all building custodians effective Tuesday, June 14, 2022 from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm with one shift and resume regular business hours with two shifts on Monday, August 1, 2022.</p> <p>8. Need a motion to approve the School Improvement plans for the 2022-2023 school year for the following schools. Berger Vandenberg Elementary School Carol Moseley Braun Caroline Sibley School Diekman Elementary School New Beginnings Learning Creative Communication Academy School of Fine Arts Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	
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ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman and Mr. Castillo.

MOTION CARRIED

Cabinet Reports –

Dr. Shelly Davis Jones –June Report

Paraphrase

All the schools participated in the Blue Street Match contest and Berger Vandenberg School won! Thank you to Dr. Carolyn Franklin, Gabrielle Herndon, the students and teachers for a job well done!

I would like the Board to consider purchasing the secretary from **Robert Half** who has been working at Diekman School to replace the secretary who is retiring the end of June.

Architect Mario Planera came to assess the damage and grateful to Mr. Tillman for being the first contact person on June 2, 2022 a little after 4am in the morning where an SUV plunged into the district office. A police report was made and given to Pullano's Insurance Company who are handling everything. The architect is ready to move forward with the construction. We will need to find a new home for the administration team and district office.

Thank you to Dr. Cunneen, Dr. Dellnora Winters, Dr. Carolyn Franklin, Christal Washington, Dr. ZaRita Beal and Dr. Robinson for doing an amazing job for the 8th grade graduation!

I thank the Board for allowing me to serve as the Superintendent for ten years. I thank my board clerks April and Carmen for a job well done as serving as board clerks. I thank Dr. Twyla Harris for being my best right hand-person I have ever had and always filling in the gaps.

I quote Luke 12 "To whom much is given, much is required. That has resigned in the district in my tenure. A person has given everything so that others can benefit and that's what I am and that's what I have done for this district. I've had the opportunity to serve children, families, and staff members my entire career. I lived my dream. Although the last five years have been challenging, I always put children first. Words cannot express how thankful and humble I am. I must admit to everyone, you have no idea how hard the superintendent's position is until you walk in it.

I would like to wish the students, the teachers, the support staff and all of the administrator's success in the years ahead. The Board has been so gracious to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and before I close, I put a little power point of pictures that I'd like to show you. A little history of the district from the 90's all the way to 2020.

I would like to give to the Board ten years of our work together and the district's accomplishments. I will give it to you so you can continue to build on the changes and growth in Dolton School District 149. I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to serve for ten years. It is bitter sweet. I am going to miss you guys especially my sisters, this is an all female team here with the exception having Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Khalfani that made the team balance. You guys are amazing! It's been my pleasure and I wish everyone the best! Thank you!

All the Board members gave their farewell wishes to Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones.

Dr. Kathleen Hickey – Data Report

Dr. Hickey gave an over view of the district’s data report and a copy was given to each Board member.

Dr. James Cunneen – General Matters of the District

Dr. Cunneen referenced agenda item #5 under New Business. He would like for the Board to authorize him to speak to BoardBooks to make sure they provide a suitable training schedule for all Board members.

He gave Kudos to Mr. Phil Conboy, interim business manager for being a lifesaver and handling all the issues in the payroll department.

Dr. Cunneen has been working with Superintendent Dr. Maureen White and gave kudos to the Board for making a good choice for the new Superintendent!

Superintendent Dr. Maureen White is asking permission to bring in a summer cleaning squad and a teacher to supervise them. Approval is needed by the Board. We need to get it posted, collect names and do background checks. The summer workers will be working for about 40 days.

Dr. Cunneen is working with the architects on the restoration of the central office and the insurance company.

There are many contracts that need to be approved in July.

Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to go into closed session at 8:01 p.m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">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 149.2. 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 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>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
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Board Members came out of closed session at 8:21pm and resume regular session.	RESUME REGULAR SESSION
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ROLL CALL: Present Members: Ms. Ghani, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman. **Absent:** Mrs. Gray Everett and Mrs. Jemine.

Old Business – None

New Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mr. Tillman to consolidate New Business K 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation of SOFA Math Teacher Mrs. Chrishello Bonds effective June 6, 2022. 2. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation of PCC Teacher Jessica Skores effective June 13, 2022. 3. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation of custodian Desmond Lee effective June 3, 2022. 4. Need a motion to accept the letter of resignation of custodian Bryant Lindsey effective May 27, 2022. 5. Need a motion to enter into an agreement with Board/Books as discussed in Dr. Cunneen’s report. 6. Need a motion to enter into a training agreement with Tyler Technologies for the new employee access program IV-Administrator, the Gemini Program in the amount \$7,680.00. 7. Need a motion to approve the quote for E-2 solutions to set up Tyler Technology host regarding Azure AD for payroll in the amount of \$1,224.00. 8. Need a motion to authorize the Architect Mario Planera to make emergency repairs and ancillary construction work in the central office due to recent automobile accident on June 7, 2022. 	<p>CONSOLIDATE NEW BUSINESS K 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, AND 9</p>
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<p>9. Need a motion for Superintendent Elect Dr. Maureen White to enter into agreements subject to approval by the Board in the July Board meeting.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, and Mr. Castillo.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	
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Approval of Personnel L

MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly approval of personnel Ariana Jolly, custodian Ariana Jolly, Step 1. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL CUSTODIAN ARIANA JOLLY STEP 1
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Approval of Agreement - None

Correspondence – Thank you note to the Board, Superintendent Dr. Shelly Davis-Jones and Dr. Cunneen from Sonja Crudup and Facilities Coordinator with Thornridge High School District 205.

Bulletins and Reports - None

Public Comments

Board Attorney James Vasselli wanted to clarify he was not at the June 3, 2022 Special Board meeting.

Principal of Diekman School Mrs. April Davis retiring June 30, 2022 and thanked the Board, Superintendent, colleagues, parents, families, and friends for serving and working with them.

Final Action on Closed Session Items, if needed

Adjournment

MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to Adjourn at 8:29 P.M. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Castillo and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	ADJOURNMENT
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Rayya Ghani, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary