

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149

MINUTES OF

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 15, 2023

The Board Meeting convened at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett (via Zoom) Absent: Mrs. Elston.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Priscilla Centeno, Janene Preston, Carmen Canales, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Janice Opitz, DeWayne Anderson, Jamar Everett, Stacy Miles, Chief Pointer, Coureen Jackson, Danielle Franklin, Daryll Lacey, Yolanda Martin, Ernesta Ransom, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Theresa Smith, Crystal Montgomery, Christina Montgomery, Nicole Taylor, Kyle Janzcewski, LaToyla Jones, Karen Slate, Gerald Scott, Tia Williams, Martiae Jenkins-Alexander, John Johnson, and David Ormsby.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Cabinet Reports

Dr. Maureen White reported on the key fob system. Trophies were awarded to the schools for their iReady stats. Dr. White also reminded the board about the in-district need for an alternative program and that outside sources are at capacity.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked a question regarding what is necessary to move into this phase and Dr. White answered with clarity.

Ms. Jemine asked a question regarding the Teacher Vacancy Grant and Dr. White answered with clarity.

Mrs. Janice Opitz reported on the Tax Levy.

Ms. Jemine asked a question regarding the levy and Mrs. Opitz answered with clarity. Ms. Jemine complimented Mrs. Opitz and her presentation.

Ms. Ernesta Ransom provided a Pre-K presentation and discussed the Big Rocks for this year.

Ms. Christina Montgomery reported on Diekman’s BEST.

Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices

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| MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated November 9, 2023 and November 15, 2023, consisting of 57 pages and chargeable to the following accounts: | AGENDA ITEM E |
| Education Fund \$1,080,327.21 | |
| Operations and Maintenance Fund \$ 73,629.51 | |
| Debt Services \$ 11,526.78 | |
| Transportation Fund \$ 15,278.06 | |
| Capital Projects \$ 0 | |
| Tort Immunity Fund <u>\$ 140,251.88</u> | |
| \$1,320.653.44 | |
| ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Gray-Everett. | |
| MOTION CARRIED | |

Mr. Tillman requested to remove Consent Agenda item E3.

Dr. White made a correction regarding Mrs. Lewis. Corrected date of 11-17-23.

Consent Agenda

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| <p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve consent agenda items E1-2, 4-5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Approval of payroll summaries for October 13, 2023, in the amount of \$971,689.682. Approval of payroll summaries for October 27, 2023, in the amount of \$978,650.914. Approval of the resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2023 to pay debt services on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016A of School District 1495. Personnel Report <p>Resignation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Acceptance of resignation from Milina Carraway, Permanent Guest Teach at Berger-Vandenberg, effective 10/23/2023b. Acceptance of resignation from Carter Miles, Custodian at Caroline Sibley, effective 11/6/2023c. Acceptance of resignation from Latricia Lewis, Assistant Principal at the Middle Schools, effective 11/7/23 <p>Employment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">d. Approval of employment of Kimberly Gore, Climate & Culture Coach at Diekman, effective 11/13/2023e. Approval of employment of Tina Moore, Day-to-Day Substitute, District Wide, effective 11/13/23f. Approval of employment of Raydeen Springs, Day-to-Day Substitute, District Wide, effective 11/13/23 <p>Leave of Absence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">g. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for LaTanzya Howell, Paraprofessional at NBLA, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGEND A ITEMS E1-2, 4-5</p> |
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Adjourn to Closed Session

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| <p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tillman to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:20 p.m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Motion to convene to a closed session meeting for the purpose of discussing the following matters:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Dolton School District 149. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)• Student Disciplinary Cases 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) | <p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p> |
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| <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Gray-Everett.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | |
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Adjourn from Closed Session @ 8:23 pm

Roll Call: Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams. Absent: Mrs. Elston

Final Action on Closed Session Items

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| <p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve student discipline decision as discussed in closed session.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM H1</p> |
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| <p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting hold October 26, 2023.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Gray-Everett.</p> <p>Abstain: Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM E3</p> |
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New Business

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| <p>Attorney Priscilla Centeno made a statement regarding Press Plus Policies and their importance.</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J1</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve Areial Contracting Group, LLC to provide mold remediation for the Teacher’s Lounge at Diekman School, Room 223 at the Middle Schools and the Business Office at the District Office in the amount of \$5,550.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J2</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve hybrid work for 12-month employees during Winter Break.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J3</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve MOU from GEC for 10 Visa J1 certified teachers to be paid out of the Teacher Vacancy Grant.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>Abstain: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J4</p> |
| <p>Mr. Tillman asked a question regarding the need for the interim principal and Dr. White answered with clarity.</p> | |
| <p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to hire Interim Administrator at SOFA middle school.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J5</p> |

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| <p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve cellular phones for all Board Members. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggon, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett. MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J6</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve contractual negotiations with JMA Architect Company. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Nay: Mr. Tillman and Mrs. De Vasher- Williams. MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J7</p> |
| <p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve contract with Montage Pheloan (The Music Barf) for music instruction in the amount of \$9,000.00. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM J8</p> |

Meeting Open for Public Comments: None

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if the district had any FOIAs and Dr. White answered with clarity.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if the district is receiving any reports from Donne Trotter the Lobbyist. Dr. White stated that we would request updates.

Mr. Tillman requested that going forward, Board Packets be delivered 3 days prior to the meetings. The Board agreed.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if the packets could be received electronically. Dr. White stated that we will move forward with working towards electronic submission and utilizing Board Books in January.

Adjournment

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| <p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Jemine to adjourn the board meeting at 8:42 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR SAID AYE MOTION CARRIED</p> | <p>AGENDA ITEM L</p> |
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Lolita Crisler-Liggons, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary