

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149

MINUTES OF

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 22, 2024

The Board Meeting convened at 6:35 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Priscilla Centeno, Janene Preston, Carmen Canales, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Janice Opitz, DeWayne Anderson, Stacy Miles, Torreon Walker, Chief Pointer, Daryll Lacey, Ernesta Ransom, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Theresa Smith, Laura Wolf, Christina Montgomery, LaToyla Jones, Karen Slate, Tia Williams, Martiae Jenkins-Alexander, Nichole Jackson, Sparkle Tiffith, David Ormsby, John Shields, Nicole Taylor, Crystal Montgomery, Lynn McAfee Jamar Everett, Gerald Scott, Kenneth Burton, LaTisha Walker, Felita Crayton and Anita Flanagan.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Cabinet Reports

Dr. Maureen White reported on the current enrollment and the letter for the ISC Compliance Team, who conducted out state audit. The team was pleased with their visit and provided some feedback for some corrective actions that the district is currently working on.

The Middle School Administrators, along with the support of the District Administrators, held a mandatory town hall meeting to discuss behaviors and graduation requirements. There were 92 parents in attendance. Principals are making phone calls to parents who did not attend to give them a final opportunity to show up.

New wall mats have been installed in all the gyms with the exception of the 3 schools that are scheduled to be renovated. The Middle School has new entry doors.

Thank you to the Board for allowing the administrators to attend the AASA conference.

Ms. LaToyla Jones reported on the Pandemic Recovering Data showing that in 2019-2022, the district had an 8% decrease in reading and a 12% decrease in math. When we returned back to school in 2022-2023, the district showed a 48% increase in reading and a 19% increase in Math.

Ms. Theresa Smith reported on inclusion and how inclusion can impact our students socially and academically.

Dr. Maureen White was excited to announce that our CTE programs are off the ground. Two students from the culinary class and the agriculture class presented to the Board and shared their experiences thus far.

Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices

Mr. Tillman asked a question regarding a late fee on the American Express card. Janice Opitz explained that the payment sometimes crosses with the due date and this payment was late. Dr. White stated that we would call American Express to ask for payments to ISBE for fees for only two board members and not all of the board members. Janice Opitz clarified that the payments were for seminar fees that Mrs. Elston and Mrs. Jolly attended.

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated February 6, 2024 and February 22, 2024 consisting of 73 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table data-bbox="292 168 1071 451"> <tr> <td>Education Fund</td> <td>\$1,109,389.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td>\$ 132,616.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debt Services</td> <td>\$ 6,173.37</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation Fund</td> <td>\$ 280,002.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Projects</td> <td>\$ -</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td><u>\$ 104,363.77</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$1,632,545.57</td> </tr> </table> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	Education Fund	\$1,109,389.03	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 132,616.98	Debt Services	\$ 6,173.37	Transportation Fund	\$ 280,002.42	Capital Projects	\$ -	Tort Immunity Fund	<u>\$ 104,363.77</u>		\$1,632,545.57	<p>AGENDA ITEM E</p>
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Mr. Tillman asked a question regarding the process for purchases. Janice Opitz explained that there are protocols when requesting to purchase supplies, equipment, etc. The process requires approval before purchasing and she reviews the requisitions for any repeated ordering of items. Invoices are not paid until an administrator signs off on the receiver’s copy of the requisition.

Consent Agenda

<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve consent agenda items F1-4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of payroll summaries for January 5, 2024, in the amount of \$971,612.99 2. Approval of payroll summaries for December 21, 2023, in the amount of \$919,175.42 3. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held January 25, 2024 4. Personnel Report <p>Resignation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Acceptance of resignation from LaTrell Tinsely, Custodian at Diekman, effective 1/17/24 b. Acceptance of resignation from Latasha Freeman, Paraprofessional at Berger-Vandenberg, effective 1/29//24 c. Acceptance of resignation from John Johnson, Assistant Principal at the Middle School, effective 2/14/24 <p>Employment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> d. Approval of employment of Eric Green, Custodian at Diekman, effective date TBD e. Approval of employment of Denzell Sanders, Custodian at STEM, effective date TBD <p>Retirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> f. Acceptance of letter of intent to retire from Carrie Williams, 2nd Grade Teacher at Berger-Vandenberg, effective 05/24/2024 	<p>AGEND A ITEMS F1-4</p>
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<p>g. Acceptance of letter of intent to retire from Ruby Nelson, School Nurse at Diekman, effective 05/24/2024</p> <p>h. Acceptance of letter of intent to retire from Tselane Green, Art Teacher at Caroline Sibley, effective 06/30/2028</p> <p>i. Acceptance of letter of intent to retire from Leslie Jones, 6th Grade Teacher at Caroline Sibley, effective 06/30/2028</p> <p>Leave of Absence:</p> <p>j. Approval of FMLA for Tamika Jackson, Administrative Assistant at NBLA, effective 01/11/2024 through 02/22/2024</p> <p>k. Approval of FMLA for Karen Turnbough, 1st Grade Teacher at CS, effective 01/20/2024 through 03/17/2024</p> <p>l. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Sheria Robinson, Administrative Assistant in Office of Specialized Services, for the remainder of SY23-24</p> <p>m. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Umeka Carter, Kindergarten Teacher at Caroline Sibley for the remainder of SY23-24</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	
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Adjourn to Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:08 p.m.</p> <p>1. Motion to convene to a closed session meeting for the purpose of discussing the following matters:</p> <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>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Ms. Jemine.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p>
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Adjourn from Closed Session at 8:22 pm

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

Final Action on Closed Session Items

<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve student discipline decisions (if needed).</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H1</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve teacher discipline decisions (if needed).</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H2</p>

<p>MOTION to approve retirement request from Dr. Crystal Williams, as discussed in closed session.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE:</p> <p>MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF CONSIDERATION</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM H3</p>
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Old Business - None

New Business

<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve Board Members, Superintendent and Cabinet Members to attend the Superintendent’s Commission Dinner on March 21, 2024, in the amount of \$1,000.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J1</p>
<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve attendance for Superintendent, Cabinet Members and Principals to attend the Superintendent’s Commission Conference on March 22, 2024, in the amount of \$2,625.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J2</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve rate increase of 6.5% for John Kasperek Co., Inc. effective January 1, 2024.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Jolly.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J3</p>
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve the purchase of three Orbital Scrubbers from Expert Chemical & Supply, in the amount of \$13,500.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J4</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve a partnership agreement with Governors State University to provide free tutoring services during summer school.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J5</p>

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked a question regarding steps that will take place when materials are purchased. Dr. White replied that this material is a personalized learning platform and the district will use this for our Tier 3 intervention students.

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve the purchase of after-school math materials from BlueStreak, in the amount of \$26,357.40.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J6</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the purchase of after-school ELA materials from Sadlier, in the amount of \$15,812.52.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J7</p>

Board Discussion

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons addressed questions regarding the Trauma-Responsive Practices training that ISBE is offering. The class is optional for previous Board Members. New Board Members have already taken the class, as it was part of their New Board Member training bundle. Mr. Tillman stated that he would like to take the class.

Meeting Open for Public Comments - None

Adjournment

MOTION by Mrs. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to adjourn the board meeting at 8:33 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR SAID AYE MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM M
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Lolita Crisler-Liggons, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary