

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149

MINUTES OF

THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 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 Felicia Frazier, Janene Preston, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Crystal Montgomery, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Chief Pointer, Torreon Walker, Stacy Miles, Carmen Canales, LaTasha Clark, Christal Washington, Nicole Taylor, Gerald Scott, Janice Opitz, LaToyla Jones, Christina Montgomery, Ernesta Ransom, Jamar Everett, David Ormsby, Martiae Alexander, Laura Wolf, Danielle Franklin, Marian Dowling, Sheena Dixon, Karen Slate, Dayrll Lacey, Tia Williams, DeWayne Anderson, Theresa Smith, Tanyelle Hannah, Camisha Taiwo, Denzell Sanders, Giovanni Harris, and Dr. Kathleen Hickey.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Cabinet Reports

Dr. Maureen White and the Administrative team held an opening ceremony concerning this year's theme "L.E.A.N. in for Success". Team members passed the baton to Board members demonstrating "leaning" in for the race in learning.

Dr. Maureen White reported on the current school enrollment of 1,076 elementary students and 659 middle school students, for a total of 1,735 students currently enrolled in School District 149.

Dr. Maureen White shared that Diekman students and staff have been very hospitable and welcoming while hosting Berger-Vandenberg school.

Dr. Maureen White and Dr. Nicole Robinson informed the Board of transportation issues with Safeway. There is a Zoom meeting scheduled with Safeway tomorrow, August 23, 2024.

Dr. Maureen White introduced the new Berger-Vandenberg Principal, Ms. Marian Dowling and thanked Mrs. Nicole Taylor, Ms. LaToyla Jones, Mrs. Martiae Jenkins-Alexander and Ms. Christina Montgomery for providing support to Ms. Dowling.

Dr. Maureen White also reported on the SY 24-25 Assessment Calendar, the backflow repair needed in the amount of \$1,933.00, the asbestos bid opening with JMA Architects and the Pre-K for ALL Grant in the amount of \$252,000.00. JMA is currently working on the playground plans.

Janice Opitz reported on the tentative budget.

Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked if the transportation amount listed in the consent agenda was the correct amount. Dr. White answered that the amount is correct due to just starting the school year.

<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated June 30, 2024, July 10, 2024, July 25, 2024, August 8, 2024 and August 22, 2024 consisting of 107 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table data-bbox="402 191 1170 443"> <tr> <td>Education Fund</td> <td>\$ 1,071,625.10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td>\$ 255,201.66</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debt Services</td> <td>\$ 6,557.19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation Fund</td> <td>\$ 4,725.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Projects</td> <td>\$ 1,581,387.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td>\$ <u>653,515.30</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$ 3,573,011.93</td> </tr> </table> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-William, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	Education Fund	\$ 1,071,625.10	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 255,201.66	Debt Services	\$ 6,557.19	Transportation Fund	\$ 4,725.38	Capital Projects	\$ 1,581,387.30	Tort Immunity Fund	\$ <u>653,515.30</u>		\$ 3,573,011.93	<p>AGENDA ITEM E</p>
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Consent Agenda

<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve consent agenda items F1-15</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of payroll summaries for June 6, 2024, in the amount of \$951,973.84 2. Approval of payroll summaries for June 20, 2024, in the amount of \$2,601,925.30 3. Approval of payroll summaries for June 27, 2024 in the amount of \$43,366.25 4. Approval of payroll summaries for July 3, 2024 in the amount of \$368,922.91 5. Approval of payroll summaries for July 18, 2024 in the amount of \$365,517.76 6. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held June 27, 2024 7. Motion to approve the purchase of writing curriculum for SOFA from Sadlier in the amount of \$10,546.94 8. Motion to approve the purchase of writing curriculum for STEM from Sadlier in the amount of \$8,296.94 9. Motion to approve the purchase of vocabulary workshop curriculum District Wide from Sadlier totaling in the amount of \$21,079.11 10. Motion to approve the purchase of Heggerty Teacher manuals in the amount of \$5,119.20 11. Motion to approve the renewal of i-Ready assessment curriculum through Curriculum Associates in the amount of \$225,027.50 12. Motion to approve the purchase of training for principals and instructional coaches from Kagan totally in the amount of \$3,490.00 13. Motion to approve the purchase of Illinois Literacy Principal training from Event Brite totaling in the amount of \$2,750.00 14. Motion to approve Lotta Palooza expenses in the amount of \$12,065.38 15. Personnel Report <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Resignation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of resignation from Kyle Janczewski, Assistant Principal at Berger-Vandenberg, effective June 25, 2024 b. Approval of resignation from Lauren Foster, Teacher at DKM, effective July 25, 2024 c. Approval of resignation from Leah Joyner, Paraprofessional at DKM, effective July 25, 2024 	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-15</p>
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- d. Approval of resignation from Lorin Hilo, Teacher at NBLA, effective July 9, 2024

Employment:

- e. Approval of employment of Eric Brown, 6th Grade Teacher at CCA, effective August 12, 2024
- f. Approval of employment of Sydney Carroll, 1st Grade Teacher at DKM, effective August 12, 2024
- g. Approval of employment of Marian Dowling, Principal at Berger-Vandenberg, effective August 5, 2024
- h. Approval of employment of Yolanda Harrington-Ferrin, Temporary Substitute at Carol Moseley Braun, effective August 12, 2024
- i. Approval of employment of Karen Jones, Guest Teacher (Pre-K) at Diekman, effective August 12, 2024
- j. Approval of employment of Kisha Randolph, Temporary Substitute at Caroline Sibley, effective August 12, 2024
- k. Approval of employment of Kevin McFall, Night Custodial Supervisor, District Wide, effective August 12, 2024
- l. Approval of employment of Esther Osei, GEC Teacher at Caroline Sibley, effective August 12, 2024
- m. Approval of employment of Felix Owusui, GEC Teacher at SOFA, effective August 12, 2024
- n. Approval of employment of Jared Gomez, GEC Teacher at Berger-Vandenberg, effective August 12, 2024
- o. Approval of employment of Magdalene Bawa, GEC Teacher at Caroline Sibley, effective August 12, 2024
- p. Approval of employment of Nora Aoga, GEC Teacher at NBLA, effective August 12, 2024
- q. Approval of employment of Faustina Agyemang, GEC Teacher at NBLA, effective August 12, 2024
- r. Approval of employment of Rita Annan, GEC Teacher at STEM, effective August 12, 2024

Leave of absence:

- s. Approval of extended Long Term Disability for Alisha Clay-Adams, 3rd Grade Teacher at Caroline Sibley, through January 3, 2025
- t. Approval of FMLA for John Shields, Computer Specialist, effective June 28, 2024 through September 30, 2024
- u. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Annette Mack, Paraprofessional at Caroline Sibley, effective August 12, 2024 through SY 24/25
- v. Approval of FMLA for David Bockel, Custodian at NBLA, effective August 9, 2024 through August 31, 2024

ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.

MOTION CARRIED

Adjourn to Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tillman to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:08 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)• 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 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: Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM G1
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Adjourn from Closed Session at 8:01 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. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve the termination of Yolanda Martin, 21st Century Learning Director.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H1
<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve no termination of two custodians, Giovanni Harris and Denzell Sanders and instead to receive a two-week suspension with no pay.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Nay: Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H1
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve the settlement with Ms. Redd for Special Education Services in the amount of \$50,000.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H2

Old Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to ratify the board poll to approve annual salary of \$80,000.00 for District Wide Night Custodial Supervisor</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I1
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<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to ratify the board poll for \$121,000.00 for coil repair at Carol Moseley Braun.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I2
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to ratify the board poll to contract with nursing agency, Care First.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I3
<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to ratify the board poll for barber and cosmetology CTE programming.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>Abstain: Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I4
<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mr. Tillman to ratify the board poll to pay July bills.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>Abstain: Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I5

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if Mrs. Crisler-Liggons would please share with the board her conversation on the barber and cosmetology CTE programs. Mrs. Crisler-Liggons responded that her focus is on higher education and had some concerns about the programs not focusing on being college-bound.

New Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve the School District 149 tentative budget as presented, to post said budget on the district website starting August 23, 2024, to have available for inspection starting on August 23, 2024, at 292 Torrence Avenue between the hours of 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for at least thirty days, and to schedule a public hearing on September 30, 2024, at 6:30 PM, and to publish notice of said meeting in the local paper.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J1
<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Jolly, for the first reading of Press Plus Policy Issue 114 & 115.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J2
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, to approve purchase 6 poster printers from ecoler, not to exceed \$33,750.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Jolly.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J3

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if the principal development was for all of the principals. Dr. White replied that it is for all. Mrs. De Vasher-Williams stated that we have some tenured principals. Dr. White replied that we only have two tenured principals.

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jeminen to approve renewal of agreement with JT Sanford Educational Consulting for principal development in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month per principal for 10 months. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J4</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve agreement with Halliburton & Associates, LTD to provide psychological evaluations at the rate of \$1,100.00 per evaluation for the SY 2024-2025. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J5</p>
<p>MOTION to approve renewal of a single-year consultant agreement with Dr. Kathleen Hickey for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$30,000.00. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF CONSIDERATION</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J5</p>

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

<p>MOTION to adjourn the board meeting at 8:10 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