

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 30 , 2024

The Board Meeting convened at 6:47 p.m.

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

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, Christina Montgomery, Ernesta Ransom, Jamar Everett, David Ormsby, Martiae Alexander, Danielle Franklin, Marian Dowling, Sheena Dixon, Karen Slate, Dayrll Lacey, Tia Williams, DeWayne Anderson, Theresa Smith, Tanyelle Hannah, Camisha Taiwo, Sparkle Tiffith, John Shields Curtis Ford, Angela Benford, Kenny McKinney and Jim Maciejewski.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Cabinet Reports

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 the coil at Carol Moseley Braun has been replaced.

Dr. Maureen White informed the Board of transportation issues with Safeway and addressed the House Bill HB305 regarding the Township Trustee.

Dr. Maureen White also reported that the CTE programs are up and running and that we currently have 242 middle school students who are participating in the programs.

Dr. Maureen White shared a recent statement received by ISBE regarding SD 149 reducing absentism. All 8 schools have show improvement in attendance. Congrats to the staff and administrators who have the the elbow into the work in getting kids to school.

Jim Maciejewski gave a presentation on the renovation updates and the playground project.

Benford Protection Services presented to the Board in regards to their firm and security services they provide.

Caroline Sibley Principal Tanyelle Hannah and parent Kim Rogers reported on Community Engagement and the positive impact it is making.

Dr. Nicole Robinson presented on the 5 Essentials.

Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated September 12, 2024 and September 30, 2024 consisting of 107 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table data-bbox="402 331 1166 583"> <tr> <td>Education Fund</td> <td>\$1,578,832.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td>\$ 215,612.03</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debt Services</td> <td>\$ 6,196.29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation Fund</td> <td>\$ 565,501.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Projects</td> <td>\$ 978,353.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td><u>\$ 259,011.34</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$3,603,506.97</td> </tr> </table> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-William, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	Education Fund	\$1,578,832.30	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 215,612.03	Debt Services	\$ 6,196.29	Transportation Fund	\$ 565,501.23	Capital Projects	\$ 978,353.78	Tort Immunity Fund	<u>\$ 259,011.34</u>		\$3,603,506.97	<p>AGENDA ITEM E</p>
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Consent Agenda

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Eltson to approve consent agenda items F1-12:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of payroll summaries for August 2, 2024, in the amount of \$360,197.07 2. Approval of payroll summaries for August 16, 2024, in the amount of \$1,033,044.59 3. Approval of payroll summaries for August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$1,002,628.80 4. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held August 22, 2024 5. Approval of MOU with community partner, Grandma Jones Daycare Center 6. Approval of MOU with community partner, Nurturing Development & Learning Academy II 7. Approval of MOU with community partner, Children’s Home Center 8. Approval of MOU with community partner, Dolton Library 9. Approval of MOU with community partner, Easterseals Head Start 10. Approval of MOU with community partner, Angela Searcy DBA Simple Solutions Educational Services 11. Approval of MOU with community partner, Destiny Dental 12. Personnel Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resignation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of resignation from Tracey Gray-Caruthers, Administrator Assistant at Diekman, effective September 6, 2024 Retirement: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Approval of letter of Intent to Retire from David Bockel, Head Custodian at NBLA, effective June 30, 2028 Employment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> c. Approval of employment of Melissa Thompson, Payroll Specialist at the District Office, effective August 26, 2024 	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-12</p>
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- d. Approval of employment of Shawn Phelps, Custodian at STEM, effective August 22, 2024
- e. Approval of employment of Artease Coley, Culture & Climate Coach at Carol Mosely Braun, effective August 20, 2024
- f. Approval of employment of Amarri McKay, Culture & Climate Coach at Caroline Sibley, effective September 11, 2024
- g. Approval of employment of Dominique Anderson, Paraprofessional at Berger-Vandenberg, effective date September 19, 2024
- h. Approval of employment of Rosalind Jones-Evan, 12 month Administrative Assistant at Caroline Sibley, effective date TBD
- i. Approval of employment of Joshua Ivery, Culture & Climate Coach at CCA, effective date TBD
- j. Approval of employment of Yolanda Okeke, Paraprofessional at STEM, effective date TBD
- k. Approval of employment of Joy Holverson, Physical Education Teacher at STEM, effective date TBD

Leave of absence:

- l. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Tiffany Blackman, 2nd Grade Teacher at NBLA, effective August 21, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- m. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Lawanda Scott, 4th Grade Teacher at Berger-Vandenberg, effective August 27, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- n. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Jeanne Watson, Kindergarten Teacher at Berger-Vandenberg, effective September 9, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- o. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Yvonne Jackson, 4th Grade Teacher at Berger-Vandenberg, effective September 9, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- p. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Jorie McCowan, Paraprofessional at Diekman, effective September 9, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- q. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Sheria Robinson, Administrative Assistant at the District Office, effective September 10, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- r. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Latanzya Howell, Paraprofessional at SOFA, effective September 12, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- s. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Jennifer Walsh, Pre-K Teacher at Diekman, effective September 19, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- t. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Angela Grimes, 6th Grade Teacher at CCA, effective September 20, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- u. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Marissa Fenton, 4th Grade Teacher at Caroline Sibley, effective September 23, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025

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 Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Elston to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:27 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)• 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: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM G1
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Adjourn from Closed Session at 8:44 pm

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

Final Action on Closed Session Items

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams Motion to approve student discipline decisions (if any hearings require Board action).</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 Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, seconded by Mrs. Elston to approve the termination of Antoine James, Custodian.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman and Ms. Jemine.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H2

Mr. Tillman made a comment the he thinks head and shoulders that since he has been sitting at this table, that the Superintendent has shown them that she is the best hire that the District has ever made.

Mrs. Jolly congratulated the Superintendent and Dr. White thanked the Board.

<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve admended Superintendent contract and evaluation outcome with a 4% salary increase effective July 1, 2024.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H3
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<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Elston to amend agenda item H4 to read as resolution ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H4
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Elston to adopt resolution to appoint Janice Opitz, District CSBO, as the Thornton Township Trustee Appointee.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H4

Old Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Elston to approve Press Plus Policies 114 & 115.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I1
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Elston to ratify board poll for the recommendation for contract award for asbestos abatement at Berger-Vandenberg.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I2
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Elston to approve Board of Education revised Mission and Vision and Board Goals.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I3

New Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve approve the Board of Education and designees to attend the NSBA Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, April 3-6, 2025.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J1
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Elston, approve the SY 24-25 School District 149 budget.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs, Elston, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J2
<p>MOTION by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Elston, to approve purchase of a District Wide camera system with Precision Control Systems in the amount of \$577,000.00.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Elston, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J3

Public Comments – None

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the board meeting at 8:59 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL IN FAVOR SAID AYE MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM L
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Lolita Crisler-Liggons, President

Bertha Jolly, Secretary