

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
 MINUTES OF  
 THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
 October 24, 2024

The Board Meeting convened at 6:32 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett (arrived at 6:41). Absent: 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, Christal Washington, Nicole Taylor, Gerald Scott, Janice Opitz, Christina Montgomery, Ernesta Ransom, Jamar Everett, David Ormsby, Martiae Alexander, LaToyla Jones, Danielle Franklin, Marian Dowling, Sheena Dixon, Dayrll Lacey, Tia Williams, DeWayne Anderson, Theresa Smith, Tanyelle Hannah, Sparkle Tiffith and LaTasha Clark.

**The Pledge of Allegiance** – Said by all

**Cabinet Reports**

Dr. Maureen White reported on the current school enrollment of 1,469 elementary students and 697 middle school students, for a total of 2,166 students currently enrolled in School District 149.

Dr. Maureen White shared some serious concerns about the arrival and drop-offs at the Middle School due to traffic and speeding. New procedures have now been put into place and a letter will be sent home to parents.

Dr. Maureen White informed the Board that IAR results are on a steady incline and that new school designations are out. These will be made public and finalized on October 30<sup>th</sup>. She is happy to report that we have gone from three commendable schools to five.

Janice Opitz presented on the Tax Levy.

**Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williamns to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated October 10, 2024 and October 24, 2024 consisting of 98 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Education Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,430,605.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 216,247.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Debt Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 5,265.63</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Transportation Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 756,727.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Capital Projects</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 68,895.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 4,677.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">\$2,482,419.25</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs., Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	Education Fund	\$1,430,605.41	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 216,247.91	Debt Services	\$ 5,265.63	Transportation Fund	\$ 756,727.36	Capital Projects	\$ 68,895.49	Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 4,677.45		\$2,482,419.25	<p>AGENDA ITEM E</p>
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## Consent Agenda

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Gray-Everett, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve consent agenda items F1-5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of payroll summaries for September 13, 2024, in the amount of \$999,211.88</li><li>2. Approval of payroll summaries for September 27, 2024, in the amount of \$1,999,626.56</li><li>3. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held September 30, 2024</li><li>4. Approval to host Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 7, 2024, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.</li><li>5. Personnel Report</li></ol> <p>Employment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Approval of employment of Jermain Maxey Jr., Culture &amp; Climate Coach at NBLA, effective date October 15, 2024</li><li>b. Approval of employment of Kimberly Whiting, Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher District-Wide, effective date October 18, 2024</li><li>c. Approval of employment of Ashia Johnson, Guest Art Teacher at CCA, pending pre-employment outcomes</li></ol> <p>Leave of absence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>d. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Kimberly Khan, Preschool for ALL Teacher at DKM, effective September 30, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025</li><li>e. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Umeka Brown, Kindergarten Teacher at CS, effective September 30, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025</li><li>f. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Javone Thompson, Administrative Assistant at Diekman, effective October 10, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025</li><li>g. Approval of FMLA for Carmen Canales, Benefits &amp; Service Specialist at District Office, effective October 6, 2024 through December 6, 2024</li></ol> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-William, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggon.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-5</p>
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## Adjourn to Closed Session

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to adjourn to a Closed session at 6:53p.m.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Motion to convene to a closed session meeting for the purpose of discussing the following matters:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of Dolton School District 149. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)</li><li>• Student Disciplinary Cases 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9)</li><li>• 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</li></ul></li></ol>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p>
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recorded for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Adjourn from Closed Session at 8:15 pm

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

### Final Action on Closed Session Items

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve student discipline decisions (if any hearings require Board action). <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM H1
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve placing Bobbie Green, Paraprofessional, on administrative leave. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM H2
<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve contracts as discussed in closed session (if needed). <b>NO ACTION NEEDED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM H3

### Old Business

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Ms. Jemine to ratify board poll for contractors selected through bidding process. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM I1
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### New Business

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the first reading of Press Plus Policy 116. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM J1
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly, to approve CTE Culinary program cost with Feeding the Future in the amount of \$25,000.00 per semester. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM J2
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tillman, to approve CTE Music Bar curriculum and instruction in the amount of \$11,700.00 per semester. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	AGENDA ITEM J3

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly, to approve CTE Music Performance program with Lana Mason in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per semester.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J4</p>
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Mrs. Gray-Everett asked what The Hive is and Dr. White answered that they are the company used for the Agriculture Program. They are the same company we used last year.

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve CTE Agriculture program with The Hive, amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 per semester.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J5</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman, to approve migrating our Skyward system to the upgraded platform in the amount \$12,859.00.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J6</p>

Dr. White explained that Il Empower Partner is a partner that we must have for school designations.

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve Savvas as our IL Empower partner in the amount of \$174,000.00.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J7</p>
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Mrs. Gray-Everett asked why are we changing auditors. Dr. White explained that we are not changing, The Group is hired through our auditors.

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve hiring The Terry Group to do the OPED Valuation for the audit in the amount of \$19,000.00.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J8</p>
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Mrs. Gray-Everett asked if there was anyone else to do this job. Dr. White explained that this was a big job that needed to be completed by a company.

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the repair of the storm basin sinkhole in the main parking lot at the Middle School performed by Chicago Rod Kings in the amount of \$6,250.00.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, , Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J9</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve changing the Middle School marquee and replace with a digital marquee.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J10</p>

**Public Comments –**

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams shared a Trunk or Treat flyer with the Board.

Mr. Tillman updated the Board on the Paid Leave Law. The State did exempt school districts. The County has not exempt school districts. Mr. Tillman is working with several executive board members. They have sent a letter to the County encouraging them not to support the law. The law has passed and is set to take place on January 1<sup>st</sup>. He and the team are continuing to work on an amendment to the law.

**Adjournment**

<b>MOTION</b> to adjourn the board meeting at 8:31 p.m. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> ALL IN FAVOR SAID AYE <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM L
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Lolita Crisler-Liggons, President

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Bertha Jolly, Secretary