

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 20, 2024

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

**MOTION** by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tillman to appoint Mrs. De Vasher-Williams as Pro Tem Secretary.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** ALL IN FAVOR SAID AYE

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Roll Call:** Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett (arrived at 6:48) and Mrs. Elston (arrived at 6:56). Absent: Mrs. Jolly.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Zazour, Janene Preston, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Crystal Montgomery, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Chief Fox, Torrean Walker, Stacy Miles, Christal Washington, Nicole Taylor, Gerald Scott, Janice Opitz, Christina Montgomery, Ernesta Ransom, Jamar Everett, David Ormsby, Martiae Alexander, LaToyla Jones, Marian Dowling, Karen, 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 1,479 elementary students and 704 middle school students, for a total of 2,182 students currently enrolled in School District 149.

Dr. Maureen White shared that the arrival and drop-off issues at the Middle School have been resolved and that parents and staff have commented on how safe it now is.

Dr. White also reported that the collaborative teaching plan is moving forward and she is happy to report that most of the staff are excited to have a partner in the same classroom to assist with instruction. We will continue to support them.

OTL presented on the IAR data.

**Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices**

**MOTION** by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated October 25, 2024, November 7, 2024 and November 20, 2024 consisting of 102 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:

Education Fund	\$1,401,091.48
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 123,553.78
Debt Services	\$ 7,134.75
Transportation Fund	\$ 620,106.76
Capital Projects	\$ 537,756.01
Tort Immunity Fund	<u>\$ 430,836.96</u>
	\$3,120,479.80

AGENDA  
ITEM E

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Tillman requested to remove Consent Agenda Item F5

## Consent Agenda

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Gray-Everett, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve consent agenda items F1-4 &amp; 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approval of payroll summaries for October 11, 2024, in the amount of \$1,024,986.98</li><li>2. Approval of payroll summaries for October 25, 2024, in the amount of \$1,999,626.56</li><li>3. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held October 24, 2024</li><li>4. Approval of the resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2024 to pay debt services on General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016A of School District 149</li></ol> <p>6. Personnel Report</p> <p>Employment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Approval of employment of Doreen Jones, Day-to-Day Substitute Teacher District-Wide, effective date November 11, 2024</li></ol> <p>Leave of absence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>b. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Gabrielle Herndon, 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher at STEM, effective October 22, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025</li><li>c. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Catherine Perez, 1st Grade Teacher at BV, effective October 10, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025</li><li>d. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Jerome Smith, 6th Grade Teacher at CCA, effective October 30, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025</li><li>e. Approval of FMLA for Camisha Taiwo, Administrative Assistant at CMB, effective November 11, 2024 through December 20, 2024</li><li>f. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Melissa Gronendyke, Resource Teacher at DKM, effective November 4, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025</li></ol> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. De Vasher-William, Mrs. Elston, and Mrs. Gray-Everett.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-4 &amp; 6</p>
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<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Gray-Everett, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve consent agenda items F5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Approval of the final Tax Levy for the calendar year 2024 payable in calendar year 2025 and filing of Certificate of Levy with the Cook County Clerk</li></ol> <p><b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-William, Mrs. Elston, and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. Abstain: Mr. Tillman.</p> <p><b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F5</p>
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## Adjourn to Closed Session

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mr. Tillman, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:10 p.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:</li></ol>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p>
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- 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).

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Aye: ALL IN FAVOR SAID AYE  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Adjourn from Closed Session at 7:43 pm

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

**Final Action on Closed Session Items**

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

**Old Business**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to adopt Press Plus Policy 116.  <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM I1</p>
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**New Business**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Elston to approve Cintas to perform fire alarm repair at Diekman School in the amount of \$7,478.00.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J1</p>
<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tillman, to approve Budd Mechanical Systems to install a new Walk-In Freezer at the Middle School in the amount of \$15,957.00.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston and Mrs. Gray-Everett.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J2</p>

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Gray-Everett, seconded by Ms. Jemine, to approve contract with Delta-T Group, Behavioral Healthcare Referral Agency, for SY 24/25 Substitute Staff.  <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Elston, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons.  <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J3</p>
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**Public Comments –**

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams addressed that Board stating that they are there to serve the scholars and that she is very disappointed in how the District handled Trunk or Treat. She stated that she felt the response was due to ego.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons responded that anything that happens on District grounds must go through the Board. This was not an ego issue. This is a matter of respect and liability.

Attorney Zarzour confirmed that the District is responsible for any people invited from the outside and therefore Board action needs to be taken to ensure all measures and precautions are taken.

Ms. Jemine thanked Dr. White for all that she does. The increased scores, happy employees, parents and students.

**Adjournment**

<p><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></p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM L</p>
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Lolita Crisler-Liggons, President

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Shonda De Vasher-Williams, Pro Tem Secretary