

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149  
MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
December 18, 2024

The Board Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Present: Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams (arrived at 6:32 p.m.) and Mr. Tillman. Absent: Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Elston.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Wong, Janene Preston, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Crystal Montgomery, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Chief Pointer, Torreon Walker, Stacy Miles, Christal Washington, Nicole Taylor, Janice Opitz, Christina Montgomery, Ernesta Ransom, Jamar Everett, John Shields, Martiae Alexander, LaToyla Jones, Marian Dowling, Karen Slate, Tia Williams, DeWayne Anderson, Theresa Smith, Tanyelle Hannah, Sparkle Tiffith, Danielle Franklin, Sheena Dixon, Montage Pheloan and Lana Manson.

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

**Cabinet Reports**

Dr. Maureen White yielded her time to the CTE Music Bus for a presentation.

Mr. Montage Pheloan gave everyone a tour of the Music Bus to get a first-hand view of the CTE program.

OSS presented on cyclical monitoring by the State, the ECC program and Diverse Learners.

**Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated December 10, 2024 and December 18, 2024 consisting of 85 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table style="width: 100%; margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Education Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,562,817.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 102,700.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debt Services</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 6,324.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transportation Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 453,193.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Capital Projects</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 324,919.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tort Immunity Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$ 138,087.10</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>\$2,588,042.46</u></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	Education Fund	\$1,562,817.43	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 102,700.83	Debt Services	\$ 6,324.15	Transportation Fund	\$ 453,193.45	Capital Projects	\$ 324,919.50	Tort Immunity Fund	<u>\$ 138,087.10</u>		<u>\$2,588,042.46</u>	<p>AGENDA ITEM E</p>
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**Consent Agenda**

<p><b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve consent agenda items F1-6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approval of payroll summaries for November 08, 2024, in the amount of \$1,011,490.51</li> <li>2. Approval of payroll summaries for November 22, 2024, in the amount of \$1,009,541.08</li> </ol>	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-6</p>
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3. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held November 20, 2024
4. Approval of the minutes from the special board meeting held December 4, 2024
5. Approval to pay bills for Breakfast with Santa totaling \$3,276.36 (Net profit from event is \$1,193.94)
6. Personnel Report

Employment:

- a. Approval of employment of Rita Annan, GEC 3rd Grade Teachers at Berger-Vandenberg, effective December 2, 2024
- b. Approval of employment of Marquis Burks, Culture & Climate Coach at STEM, effective December 2, 2024
- c. Approval of employment of Diamond Walker, Paraprofessional at Carol Moseley Braun, effective November 26, 2024
- d. Approval of employment Jamie Dillard, Paraprofessional at STEM, effective December 6, 2024

Leave of absence:

- e. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Tamika Jackson, Administrative Assistant at NBLA, effective December 3, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025
- f. Approval of FMLA for Carmen Canales, Benefits Specialist at the District Office, effective December 9, 2024 through the end of SY 2024-2025

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:00 p.m.

1. Motion to convene to a closed session meeting for the purpose of discussing the following matters:
  - 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).

AGENDA  
ITEM G1

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

Adjourn from Closed Session at 7:19 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**

<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, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM H1
<b>MOTION</b> to approve employee discipline decisions (if needed). <b>NO ACTION NEEDED</b>	AGENDA ITEM H2
<b>MOTION</b> to approve contracts as discussed in closed session (if needed). <b>NO ACTION NEEDED</b>	AGENDA ITEM H3
<b>MOTION</b> to table Superintendent’s contact as discussed in closed session. <b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b> Aye: ALL IN FAVOR <b>MOTION TABLED</b>	AGENDA ITEM H4

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

<b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve the board to attend the UNCF Scholarship Gala on February 21, 2025. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM J1
<b>MOTION</b> by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine, to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan and Protocols. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM J2
<b>MOTION</b> by Ms. Jemine seconded by Mrs. Jolly, to approve the Business Manager and JMA Architects to apply for the School Maintenance Grant for \$50,000.00. <b>ROLL CALL TO VOTE:</b> Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	AGENDA ITEM J3

**Public Comments –**

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked what the outcome was regarding the mealworm at the Middle School. Dr. White stated that she interviewed students and they all recanted their stories. Dr. White also mentioned that there is currently a Tik Tok challenge going around about mealworms in school lunchrooms.

Mrs. De Vaasher-Williams wanted to know the status of SuperEval. Janene Preston will reach out to confirm the account setup.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if there is a current list of after-school programs. Dr. White replied that other than the after-school tutoring, the District does not have any after-school programs.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams inquired whether or not there are currently any incentives for principals when they retire. Dr. White stated that there are not currently any incentives set in place for principals but that it seems that they can ask for some of the things that the teachers get in their contracts. Dr. White has not yet had the experience of a principal requesting retirement to know for certain.

**Adjournment**

<b>MOTION</b> to adjourn the board meeting at 7:28 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