

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
 MINUTES OF
 THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
 March 27, 2025

The Board Meeting convened at 6:31 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Wong, Janene Preston, Dr. Kenneth Scott, Chief Pointer, Torrean Walker, Christal Washington, Nicole Taylor, Janice Opitz, Christina Montgomery, Jamar Everett, Martiae Alexander, LaToyla Jones, Marian Dowling, Karen Slate, Daryll Lacey, LaTasha Clark, DeWayne Anderson, Theresa Smith, Sparkle Tiffith, Dr. Nicole Robinson, Crystal Montgomery, Tia Williams, Tanyelle Hannah, Gerald Scott, Danielle Franklin, Sheena Dixon, David Ormsby, Sonya Williams, Ally Joseph, Antionette Ervin, Stephanie Boone, Reginald Haymo, Janae AHymon, Betinna Taylor, Alma Shelton, Toney Henderson, Ca'May Pittman, Janice Casserre, Naija Casserre, Sheena Hawkins, Jeremiah Thomas, Danielle House, Dorille Clark, Tytiana Wilson, Latinaa Bryant, Sherry Tate and Gina Lee.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Cabinet Reports

Dr. Maureen White reported on the current enrollment of 1,535 elementary students and 693 middle school students for a total of 2,228 students within Dolton School District 149.

Dr. White informed the Board of renovations updates and that the District is still on track for reopening Berger-Vandenberg after spring break.

Dr. White thanked TF North for allowing the District to use their facility for our 8th grade graduation.

Student Tavon Kyles, District Oratory Winner, performed.

The Board recognized the Calumet City Essay Contest Winners, Dorille Clark, Janae Haymon, Allysha Joseph-Art, Ca'Mya Pittman, Sahri Smith and Jeremiah Thomas.

Venture Program presentation was given by students Chrisette Bell and Tytiana Wilson.

OTL directors, Martiae Jenkins-Alexander and La Toyla Jones, provided the Board with a IAR review.

Approval authorizing Township Treasurer to pay invoices

MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices dated March 12, 2025 and March 27, 2025 consisting of 100 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:		AGENDA ITEM E
Education Fund	\$1,337,020.48	
Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 138,028.16	
Debt Services	\$ 6,090.84	
Transportation Fund	\$ 752,174.99	
Capital Projects	\$ 436,337.27	

Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 125,256.15 \$2,751,407.89	
ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons		
MOTION CARRIED		

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons tabled F #4D, 4N, 4P & 4Q
Mrs. De Vasher-Williams tabled F #4B & 4C

<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve consent agenda items F1-3, 4 a, e-m, o, r-x:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1. Approval of payroll summaries for February 14, 2025, in the amount of \$1,015,001.00 2. Approval of payroll summaries for February 28, 2025, in the amount of \$1,040,670.80 3. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held February 26, 2025 <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Gray-Everett</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEMS F1-3, 4A, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, O, R, S, T, U, V, W & X</p>
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Adjourn to Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:19 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: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM G1</p>
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Adjourn from Closed Session at 8:50 p.m.

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

Final Action on Closed Session Items

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve student discipline decisions. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Ms. Jemine MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H1
<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve amended motion for recommended disciplinary action for Stacy Miles, as discussed in closed session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H2
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve employment contract for 21st Century Learning Director as discussed in closed session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Gray-Everett Nay: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams Abstain: Mr. Tillman MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H3
<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons to approve an amendment to Superintendent's contract as discussed in closed session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Jolly MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H4
<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Gray-Everett to approve retirement requests as discussed in closed session. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Jolly and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H5

Consent Agenda F4 C&D

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve employment of Tammy Buckley, Assistant Principal at Caroline Sibley, effective June 9, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons Nay: Mr. Tillman and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM 4C
<p>MOTION Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve employment of Fredi Taylor, Middle School Math Coach, effective July 1, 2025. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mr. Tillman MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM 4D

Old Business - None

New Business

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mr. Tillman to approve an Asynchronous eLearning day on Tuesday, April 1, 2025. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM J1
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<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, to approve MOU regarding Mentor Coordinator.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Gray-Everett.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J2</p>
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Mr. Tillman made a statement regarding not knowing what is happening with federal funds and suggested that items J3-5 be tabled and that the District go back out and see if we can obtain lower bids.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked what the landscaping, transportation and food service contracts looked like and what the District is about to pay them.

Dr. White stated that the District would pay the same amount as previously.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if there is not an increase for the fiscal year 2026.

Dr. White stated there is no increase. She further stated that Safeway has been on point with transportation services for the last month or so.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons asked about OrganicLife and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams stated she has had a couple of parents complain about spoiled milk. Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if the milk is frozen.

Dr. White replied that the milk is brought in every day and that she has not received any complaints about spoiled milk.

<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve one-year extension for lawn care and snow removal services with Desiderio Landscaping LLC for SY 25-26.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons</p> <p>Nay: Mr. Tillman and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J3</p>
<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve one-year extension for student bus transportation with Safeway Transportation for SY 25-26.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mrs. Gray-Everett</p> <p>Nay: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J4</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve one-year extension for food services with OrganicLife for SY 25-26.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Gray-Everett and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons</p> <p>Nay: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J5</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve renewal of District's health insurance with EBC.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J6</p>

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams stated that she received a flyer from SpyGlass but no contract and so the Board is approving or recommending to go with this particular company.

Dr. White stated that the District is not going with them, they are just providing recommendations for cost savings.

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Ms. Jemine to approve SpyGlass to analyze the District technology expenses to provide cost savings recommendations.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons</p> <p>Abstain: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J7</p>
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Mrs. De Vasher-Williams stated that we are going from June into a new fiscal year. She further asked if summer school is normally 6 weeks.

Dr. White stated that is has normally been 4 weeks but this is not enough time to give students quality instruction. The District surveyed parents and teachers and they both wanted 6 weeks.

<p>MOTION by Ms. Jemine, seconded by Mrs. Jolly to approve Summer School dates of June 2, 2025 through July 10, 2025 Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for students and 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for staff.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Jolly, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. Gray-Everett, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J8</p>
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Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked what was included in the graduation fees.

Dr. White stated that the graduation package was included in last month’s board packet.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked whether or not the yearbook or field trip is included

Dr. White stated that everything is included and that the Board advised that they did not want graduation expenses to be at the cost of parents.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked if the students receive a yearbook.

Dr. White replied that students do not receive a yearbook but an autograph book.

<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve expenses for 8th grade graduation.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mrs. Crisler-Liggons and Mr. Tillman</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J9</p>
<p>MOTION by Mrs. Jolly, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams to approve SY 2025-2026 calendar, pending ROE edits.</p> <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. Jolly, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Jemine, Mr. Tillman and Mrs. Crisler-Liggons</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM J10</p>

Public Comments –

Ms. Antoinette Ervin addressed the Board regarding her son and his special services needs.

Ms. Jemine stated that she had a conversation with Mr. Tillman during the Triple I conference. He advised her to get out of the race because “they” were going to challenge her petitions. Mr. Tillman never stated who “they” were. Ms. Jemine then received an email that Ramonde Williams was the one who challenged her petitions. Ms. Jemine talked with Mr. Tillman again and asked if he was serious because he was adamant

about what these people might do and basically said they can come for her work and family. Ms. Jemine filed a police report because she was unsure of what might happen. Mr. Tillman sent Ms. Jemine an email with a withdrawal form.

Ms. Jemine wanted to inform the Board of what had taken place. She further stated that she is just here to serve her community and is not tied to Tiffany Heynard. She stated that Mr. Tillman was at the library with laminated petitions, telling others not to vote for her. Ms. Jemine said that she wants something done and referred to the attorney for guidance. She went on to state that this is not the first time that Mr. Tillman has been out in the public speaking negatively of board members.

Mr. Tillman asked that Ms. Jemine prove what she is saying.

Mrs. Crisler-Liggons stated that the Board’s business has been completed and this can be taken up at another time.

Attorney Wong advised Ms. Jemine to submit her complaint in writing and that Mr. Tillman can respond in writing.

Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn the board meeting at 9:22 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