

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 21, 2025

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

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Burks, Mr. Crivens, and Mrs. King.
Absent: Mrs. Tillman and Mrs. Elston.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Centeno, Janene Preston, Dr. Nakita Cloud, Dr. Mellodie Brown, Robert Bufford, DeWayne Anderson, Nicole Taylor, Ernesta Ransom, La Toyla Jones, Martiae Jenkins-Alexander, Janice Opitz, Tia Williams, Christal Washington, Marian Dowling, Karen Slate, Daryll Lacey, Jason Battle, Danielle Franklin, Tammy Buckley, Crystian Chatman, LaTasha Clark, Renee Carter, Gerald Scott, Latasha Randle, Chief Pointer, Stacy Miles, Torreon Walker, Jamar Everett, and Renee Drake.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Mr. Tillman gave thanks to the Board for approving the Families Matter events and to the staff for their hard work in making the events successful. Stay tuned for more events to come.

Cabinet Reports-

Dr. White reported on the following:

- Student Enrollment: As of today, enrollment stands at 1,034 students in elementary schools and 494 in middle schools, for a total of 1,528 students district-wide.
- Carol Moseley-Braun School: Fourth and fifth-grade students have transitioned to a new departmentalized structure. Rather than remaining with one teacher for the entire day, students rotate among classrooms for different subjects. This approach is designed to build independence, responsibility, and confidence as students prepare for middle school and beyond. Early feedback has been positive, with students embracing the change with enthusiasm and maturity.
- Partnership with District 205: A formal partnership has been established, allowing eighth-grade honor roll students from STEM Academy to participate in advanced math instruction at District 205 in the mornings. Currently, nine students are enrolled. The goal of this collaboration is to provide access to advanced coursework, strengthen the high school transition, and better prepare students for rigorous math instruction.
- Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS): In partnership with the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA), the district is implementing MTSS to support students' academic, behavioral, and social-emotional needs. The program emphasizes proactive, data-driven interventions. Dr. Robinson is leading this initiative, which will be introduced to staff during the September 10th School Improvement Day.
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program: Dr. Brown will launch the district's new CTE program in the coming weeks. Additional information and course offerings will be announced soon.

Janice Opitz, Business Manager, reported on the following:

- Budget Timeline:
 - August 18: Tentative budget made available for public review at the district office.
 - August 21: Public notice published in the newspaper announcing the September 18 public hearing.
 - September 18: Scheduled date for public hearing and board vote on the budget.
- Fund Balance: A six-year history of the district's fund balance shows consistent increases over the past three years. A strong fund balance is maintained for several reasons, including:
 - Meeting long-term bond obligations (through 2038).
 - Addressing unexpected facility issues (e.g., construction contingencies).
 - Preparing for emergencies such as another pandemic.
- Use of Grants:
 - Federal and state grants continue to support the budget.
 - The Teacher Vacancy Grant, now in its final year, funded classroom technology, including new Smart Boards for BV School.
 - Evidence-Based Funding increased by 1% this year (compared to 3% last year). Allocation of these funds:
 - 71% to Education
 - Operations (facilities and grounds)
 - Bond & Interest
 - Transportation
 - Tort Liability (security)
- Revenue vs. Expenditures (FY25):
 - FY25 actuals showed an excess of \$6.5 million in revenue over expenditures.
 - FY26 budget projects a \$1 million surplus for contingencies.
 - Major budget categories include:
 - Salaries: \$24.3M
 - Benefits: \$5.6M
 - Purchased Services: \$20.6M
 - Supplies: \$2.8M
 - Capital Equipment: \$0.5M
 - Other Objects (e.g., dues/fees): \$3.5M
- Equity in School Allocations:
 - Classroom supply allocation increased from \$5 per student to \$60 per student.
 - Principal supplies remain at \$15 per student.
 - Paper remains at \$15 per student.
 - Guidance supplies remain at \$5 per student.
- Revenue Sources:
 - Federal funds decreased significantly with the expiration of ESSER funding (from \$22.2M to \$6.2M).
 - State funding increased (from \$4.4M to \$10M), largely due to the DCEO grant.
 - Real estate tax revenue remains strong, with collection rates between 80–85%, though the levy decreased as CPI dropped (from 5% to 3.4%).
- Expenditure Trends:
 - Salaries remain the largest expense, followed by purchased services (primarily curriculum).
 - Historical graphs of revenues and expenditures were presented to the board to show long-term trends.

Mr. Crivens stated that he thought Mrs. Opitz had said that the federal grants had increased.

Janice Opitz reiterated that our federal grants decreased.

Mr. Crivens asked if that is because of our current administration.

Janice Opitz clarified that federal grant funding decreased because ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) funds have ended. ESSER II and ESSER III funds expired as of May 2025, including those for digital equity.

Mr. Crivens asked if Janice Opitz had stated that the majority of the state grant came from DCEO.

Janice Opitz clarified that the \$6 million increase was due to a DCEO grant. The majority of state funding actually comes from Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) and real estate taxes, not DCEO.

Mr. Crivens also asked for clarity about two items that will carry the district to 2038 and 2036.

Janice Opitz clarified that the district currently has four outstanding bonds scheduled to be paid off in 2032, 2034, 2036, and 2038. The final debt obligation will not be cleared until 2038.

Principal Mary Dowling and Assistant Principal Renee Carter presented on the successful start of the 2025–2026 school year.

- Acknowledgments: The administrators thanked the Board of Education for their support and for making the school’s renovation process possible. They also expressed appreciation to district leadership, staff, parents, and the community.
- School Year Theme: The district theme “*Thrive, Learn, and Connect*” is being actively lived out daily at Berger-Vandenberg.
- Opening Day: The first day of school was filled with excitement and positive energy. Parents and students arrived eager and prepared, and teachers welcomed families with smiles and open hearts. The partnership between families and staff was highlighted as foundational to student success.
- School Motto: “*Strong Minds, Brave Hearts, and Bear Pride*” serves as a guiding principle for teaching, learning, and community growth. The motto aligns with the district theme by emphasizing thriving as learners, connecting as a community, and developing brave, confident students.
- Video Presentation: A short video was shared with the Board, capturing moments from the first day of school and showcasing the pride and spirit of the Berger-Vandenberg community.

<p>MOTION by Mr. Crivens, seconded by Mrs. King, to approve authorization to the Township Treasurer to pay invoices August 5, 2025, August 8, 2025, and August 21, 2025, consisting of 107 pages and chargeable to the following accounts:</p> <table><tr><td>Education Fund</td><td>\$ 186,118.66</td></tr><tr><td>Operations and Maintenance Fund</td><td>\$ 92,131.76</td></tr><tr><td>Transportation Fund</td><td>\$ 76,885.10</td></tr><tr><td>Capital Projects</td><td>\$ 60,680.76</td></tr><tr><td>Tort Immunity Fund</td><td>\$ 42,763.06</td></tr><tr><td></td><td><u>\$ 458,579.34</u></td></tr></table>	Education Fund	\$ 186,118.66	Operations and Maintenance Fund	\$ 92,131.76	Transportation Fund	\$ 76,885.10	Capital Projects	\$ 60,680.76	Tort Immunity Fund	\$ 42,763.06		<u>\$ 458,579.34</u>	<p>AGENDA ITEM E</p>
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<p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mr. Crivens, Mrs. King, Ms. Burks, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>													

<p>MOTION by Mrs. King, seconded by Ms. Burks, to approve consent agenda items F1-8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approval of payroll summaries for July 2, 2025, in the amount of \$420,471.37 2. Approval of payroll summaries for July 17, 2025, in the amount of \$430,241.36 3. Approval of the minutes from the regular board meeting held August 5, 2025 4. Approval of renewal of MOU with community partner, Grandma Jones Daycare Center 5. Approval of renewal of MOU with community partner, Nurturing Development & Learning Academy II 6. Approval of renewal of MOU with community partner, Children’s Home Center 7. Motion to approve Pre-K curriculum renewal with Teaching Strategies to be paid out of the Title IV grant, in the amount of \$4,828.14 8. Personnel Report <p>Resignation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of resignation of Christina Montgomery, Principal at Diekman, effective June 30, 2025 b. Approval of resignation of Jennifer Portwood, Paraprofessional at Diekman, effective August 4, 2025 c. Approval of resignation of Amber Stanton, Administrative Assistant at Caroline Sibley, effective August 15, 2025 d. Approval of resignation of Javone Thompson, Administrative Assistant at Diekman, effective August 29, 2025 e. Approval of resignation of Amari McKay, Culture & Climate Coach at Caroline Sibley, effective August 11, 2025 <p>Employment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> f. Approval of employment of Courtney Grayson, Paraprofessional at NBLA, effective date TBD g. Approval of employment of Cecilia Reyes, Music Teacher at Caroline Sibley, effective date TBD h. Approval of employment of Lana Manson, Music Teacher at CCA, effective August 11, 2025 i. Approval of employment of Makiah Brooks, 2nd grade teacher at NBLA, effective August 14, 2025 j. Approval of employment of Darnell Jones, Permanent Guest Teacher at STEM, effective August 11, 2025 k. Approval of employment of Samaiyah Lewis, Permanent Guest Teacher at Caroline Sibley, effective August 11, 2025 <p>Leave of absence:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> l. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Theresa Gist, Custodian at Berger-Vandenberg, effective July 31, 2025 through June 30, 2026 m. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Dr. Nicole Robinson, Director of District Services at the District Office, effective August 11, 2025 through June 30, 2026 n. Approval of Intermittent FMLA for Valortia Lipsey, Teacher at Diekman, effective August 123, 2025 through June 30, 2026 o. Approval of FMLA for Annette Mack, Paraprofessional at SOFA, effective August 18, 2025 through June 20, 2026 <p>ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: Mrs. King, Ms. Burks, Mr. Crivens, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM F1-8</p>
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Adjourn to Closed Session

<p>MOTION by Mr. Crivens, seconded by Mrs. King, to adjourn to a Closed session at 7:06 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 or legal counsel of Dolton School District 149, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)2. Motion to adjourn closed session meeting and reconvene open session meeting <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Crivens, Mrs. King, Ms. Burks, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM G
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Adjourn from Closed Session at 8:33 p.m.

Final Action on Closed Session Items

<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Ms. Burks, to approve Administratives' Salaries SY 2025-2026 as discussed in closed session ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Burks, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H1
<p>MOTION by Ms. Burks, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, to approve Confidentials' Salaries SY 2025-2026 as discussed in closed session ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Burks, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM H2

Old Business

Mrs. King asked about the number of principals and assistant principals receiving services, what the consulting services entail, and how effectiveness is measured.

Dr. White explained that at the start of each school year, an audit is conducted to determine the needs of each principal and assistant principal. Consulting support focuses on both instructional leadership (hard skills) and relationship-building (soft skills). Progress is monitored through mid-year and end-of-year audits. Consulting services are not intended to be permanent; principals showing strong growth may be phased out of the program. Currently, four new assistant principals require support, and the total number of individuals receiving services will not exceed eight.

<p>MOTION by Ms. Burks, seconded by Mrs. King, to approve the renewal of agreement with JT Sanford Educational Consulting for principal development in the amount of \$1,000.00 per month per principal for 10 months, not to exceed 8 principals/assistant principals. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Burks, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, and Mr. Tillman. Present: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams. MOTION CARRIED</p>	AGENDA ITEM I1
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Board President Report

Crossing Guard Program

- Clarified that the vendor program previously thought to be “free” does, in fact, have costs outlined in the proposal.
- The City of Calumet City is exploring a possible intergovernmental agreement, but nothing has been finalized.
- The Board president emphasized that all district students have access to bus transportation, so crossing guard services may not be necessary.
- Mrs. De Vasher-Williams gave a reminder to be cautious when stating “100% of students ride buses”—many have access, but some still walk.

Graduation Fees

- District currently covers all 8th-grade graduation costs, which totaled \$27K (2022), \$31K (2023), and \$42K (2024).
- Other area districts require parents to pay.
- Board discussed options such as partial fees, fee waivers for families in poverty, or payment plans.
- Superintendent will research practices in neighboring districts and report back.

Student Cell Phones

- Concern raised about fights and disruptions fueled by social media and texting during school.
 - Options discussed:
 - Lock boxes in classrooms.
 - Magnet-lock pouches similar to those used at concerts.
 - RF-blocking bags.
 - Issues identified: student/parent pushback (emergency contact), costs, vendor selection, and policy exceptions.
 - Next step: gather info on vendors, costs, and practices in other districts before further action.
- **Board-Issued Cell Phones (Former Members)**
 - Some recently departed board members did not return district-issued iPhones.
 - Cost of devices was minimal (\$1 each), and service has already been cut off.
 - Discussion concluded that pursuing recovery through the attorney would cost more than the phones are worth.
 - Agreed to make “best effort” to retrieve phones but not escalate further.
 - **Board Meeting Meals**
 - Concern raised that catering costs for board meetings have become excessive.
 - Board members are reminded to be mindful when ordering.
 - Suggested adopting a per diem meal allowance (e.g., \$100/day with set breakdowns for meals) to standardize costs.

MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. King, to amend the board agenda to move the Public Comments right after the Board President’s Report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, Ms. Burks, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM L
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Public Comments –

Ms. Renee Drake requested permission to set up a table at the New Beginnings Learning Academy Open House to conduct a bone marrow registry drive on behalf of her grandson, who had been recently diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia. The Board thanked her for her comments and directed her to provide information to the Superintendent for review and follow-up.

New Business

MOTION TABLED FOR MORE INFORMATION Motion to approve date(s) for the Board to receive training from SuperEval at no cost to the District	AGENDA ITEM K1
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Mrs. De Vasher-Williams inquired about how administrators are selected to attend conferences.

Dr. White explained that the selection process is determined by reviewing the conference session offerings and aligning attendance with relevant departmental roles and responsibilities. For example, if no sessions are applicable to the CSBO, that position would not be designated to attend. Dr. White further noted that a spreadsheet is maintained to ensure equitable opportunities over time and that final designees will be identified once the conference program is released.

Mr. Crivens raised a question regarding the number of conferences typically attended each year.

Dr. White clarified that administrators and Board members generally participate in three primary conferences: CUBE, the Triple I Conference held in Chicago each November, and NSBA.

MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Ms. Burks, to approve the Board of Education and administrator designees to attend the NSBA Conference in San Antonio, April 10-12, 2026 (\$32,917.59 estimated from last year’s conference). ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Burks, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM K2
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Mrs. De Vasher-Williams stated that at the last board meeting, there was a motion for Skyward training for \$4,500.00, and this motion is for \$5,400, and she would like to know what the difference is.

Dr. White explained that the previous training was for administrators only to support future scheduling and block scheduling in classrooms. The current training includes both administrators and teachers, as required by the teachers’ negotiated agreement, and ensures compliance with the contract. Dr. White further noted that the training is part of a migration to the most current version of Skyward, which was delayed last year, resulting in performance improvement plans for staff who missed prior training.

Mr. Crivens asked if the teachers get CPDUs for this training.

Dr. White clarified that all participants will receive CPDU credit provided by the district. Additionally, Dr. White explained that training time will be scheduled as full-day sessions on the calendar for the current school year.

MOTION by Ms. Burks, seconded by Mrs. King, to approve Skyward Gradebook Training for School Administrators and Teachers in the amount of \$5,400.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Burks, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM K3
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Mr. Crivens asked about the current contractor for mechanical services.

Dr. White confirmed that Budd Mechanical is the current contractor and noted that their quote was the lowest received. Attempts to obtain multiple bids were unsuccessful because other contractors were unwilling to assume liability for work originally installed by Budd Mechanical. Dr. White also clarified that Budd Mechanical has provided services to the district for an extended period and operates on an invoice basis rather than under a formal contract.

Mr. Crivens suggested discussing the possibility of establishing a master services agreement for future work.

MOTION by Ms. Burks, seconded by Mr. Tillman, to the purchase and installation of a compressor at the Middle School through Budd Mechanical in the amount of \$14,353.00. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Burks, Mr. Tillman, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, and Mrs. De Vasher-Williams. MOTION CARRIED	AGENDA ITEM K4
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Attorney Centeno explains that policy or procedure changes must go through the board’s formal policy amendment process, reviewed by the policy committee, presented for first reading, second reading, and then board vote. Once approved, updates are posted on the website. Attorney Centeno shared a sample agenda from another district to show how policy committee meetings typically structure proposed changes.

Mrs. King stated that the agenda items under new business should be governed by policy and therefore, should be addressed through the policy committee process.

Attorney Centeno cited Board Policy 2:240, which states that the board governs by written policies, and Policy 2:220, which outlines agenda order. She explained that changes should follow the Illinois Association of School Boards’ PRESS guidance to avoid inconsistency or legal risk.

Mr. Crivens expressed frustration over past actions—such as decisions on leave-with-pay versus leave-without-pay—that were approved without a clear policy basis, warning against selective application.

Mr. Tillman emphasized that board decisions must follow established policy procedures, referring to a past instance where a board directive conflicted with written policy—leading to legal confusion—he reminded members that policy changes should start in the policy committee, include input from administrators and legal counsel, and go through formal first and second readings before adoption.

Mr. Tillman addressed concerns about self-promotion related to the name, image, and likeness discussion. He shared that during election season, he had explored billboard advertising and compared its reach to the school’s marquee, which currently displayed his name. To demonstrate that the issue was not about personal recognition, he directed the Superintendent to remove his name and position from the marquee for the next month, noting that “thousands and thousands” of passersby would not see it. He concluded by reaffirming that student education—not board member publicity—was the priority and warned that bypassing proper policy procedures risks misalignment and legal complications.

Mr. Crivens noted that the issue of proper procedure applies to everything the board does, including polling members, and stressed that documents emphasizing only the board president’s name—rather than highlighting the district—can raise concerns about fairness.

Mr. Tillman responded that he agreed and was focused solely on following the correct policy process, emphasizing that any change requires a majority vote of four board members to take effect.

Attorney Centeno clarified that if the Board wants to adopt this change, they must formally amend the written policy, vote on it, and ensure the updated language.

<p>MOTION TABLED FOR POLICY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Motion to approve name, image or likeness - any and all forms of written communication from Dolton School District 149, whether printed or otherwise, on any form, or on social media, or on the District website, shall include all board members full names in the same size font, same font style, and same boldness</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K5</p>
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Mr. Crivens suggested moving the public comment section earlier in the agenda so community members could share input before votes are taken, noting that other Boards, such as ISBE and local townships, follow this practice to give the public more opportunity to be heard.

Mr. Tillman explained that public comment had been moved later in the agenda years ago after repeated incidents where attendees arrived only to criticize the Board and then immediately left without listening to the meeting. He recalled an example where a community member, after waiting to comment, realized her concerns were already addressed during the meeting and chose not to speak. Mr. Tillman said he was not opposed to moving public comment earlier; he was reminding the group of the reasons for the previous change.

Attorney Centeno referenced Board Policy 2:220, which allows the Board President—with majority consent—to set or change the order of business. She clarified that members can always make a motion to adjust the agenda at any meeting, but that a permanent change would require a policy amendment.

<p>MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Ms. Burks, to approve moving public comments up on the agenda to appear right after Cabinet Reports.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Ms. Burks, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K6</p>
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<p>MOTION MOVED AS A DIRECTIVE</p> <p>Motion to approve requiring a written superintendent report and the Cabinet Reports (2:220) to be submitted in writing at every Board Meeting to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. High-level picture showing the health and growth of the District b. Monthly credit card statement by user and itemized details c. Monthly budget showing month-to-date and year-to-date high-level snapshot of spending by budgetary code d. Grant balances to show expenditures month-to-date, year-to-date, and the expiration date showing when the funds need to be used e. Student enrollment numbers f. Employee headcount by school and district office g. Employee vacancies by school and district office 	<p>AGENDA ITEM K7</p>
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<p>MOTION MOVED AS A DIRECTIVE</p> <p>Motion to approve employee hiring packet for the Board approval for all new hires shall include the following content for each new hire, printed job description with salary, job posting, the resume, and a printed copy of their certification and license from the Illinois State Board of Education website. The background information is needed to make informed decisions concerning hiring. (3:50) (2:220)</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K8</p>
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Mrs. De Vasher-Williams asked whether the District has an ethics committee or a grievance committee.

Dr. White responded that the District does not, but explained that, by law, the District must have a designated complaint manager.

Mrs. De Vasher-Williams inquired who currently serves in that role.

Dr. White clarified that Dr. Brown is the complaint manager. She further explained that the responsibility is actually listed in Dr. Robinson’s job description. Dr. Scott had been handling the duties temporarily while Dr. Robinson acclimated to her new position, but according to the official job description, the role belongs to Dr. Robinson.

<p>MOTION by Ms. Burks, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, to research and cost for the creation of an electronic written anonymous survey for students, parents, and all district employees that will be submitted seamlessly via email simultaneously to the superintendent and all board members at the same time. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent or designee to investigate all complaints and report out to the board the findings, the remedy, and/or recommendation to the board if the remedy requires board approval. ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Ms. Burks, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. King, Mr. Crivens, and Mr. Tillman. MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K9</p>
<p>MOTION STRIKEN</p> <p>Written report on tentative budget and a copy of tentative budget (4:10)</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K10</p>
<p>MOTION STRIKEN</p> <p>Presentation on the State of the District, how to understand the District Report Card, and understanding Illinois Assessment for Readiness numbers and other data to measure progress</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K11</p>

Dr. White stated that the items listed in agenda item K12 are already supplied to the Board.

Mr. Crivens noted that some submissions, particularly for transportation services, lacked necessary contract details, making it difficult to approve them.

Mrs. King suggested creating a standardized template to outline the required information for any submission, providing consistency and clarity.

Mr. Crivens emphasized that contracts and service approvals must include costs, terms, conditions, and specifics about the services provided, referencing existing Policy 4:60, and stated that incomplete submissions should not be considered.

Dr. White explained the practical difficulty with the transportation vendor who uses a wheelchair lift, noting that pricing could not be determined until student numbers were known, and asked how the Board wanted her to proceed.

Mr. Crivens agreed the service was important but clarified that the vendor's initial request lacked sufficient details, such as per-mile or per-student costs.

Dr. White added that the vendor had provided a rate of \$58 round-trip, but did not yet know the number of students.

Attorney Centeno explained that transportation operates on an as-needed basis with a 24-hour scheduling window.

Ms. Burks inquired about how many children need this transportation thus far.

Dr. White replied that she would need to get that number from OSS.

Mr. Crivens asked if this was daily, not as needed.

Dr. White stated that some students may be dropped off by parents, so the service is not required daily.

Mr. Crivens asked if the vendor is paid when not needed.

Dr. White confirmed they are not.

<p>MOTION by Mr. Crivens, seconded by Ms. Burks, to approve recommendations for purchase and contracts to perform business with the District shall be in writing to include company name, address, contact person info, and FEIN, contract terms - duration of the contract, outline of the service(s)/product(s) to be provided and how the service(s)/product(s) will be provided, shall provide the total cost of the service(s)/product(s) for the contract, and a breakdown of itemized costs per hour, or per day, or per student, or per mile, etc, if transportation service list all vehicles make, model, color, and year, update registration and proof of insurance of said vehicles, and all contracts shall be in compliance with Federal, State, and Local laws (4:60) 105 ILCS 5/10-20.21</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: Mr. Crivens, Ms. Burks, Mrs. King, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, and Mr. Tillman.</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM K12</p>
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Adjournment

<p>MOTION by Ms. Burks, seconded by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, to adjourn the board meeting at 10:03 p.m.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Aye: ALL IN FAVOR</p> <p>MOTION CARRIED</p>	<p>AGENDA ITEM M</p>
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Wilbur Tillman, President

Sheryl Tillman, Secretary