

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT 149
MINUTES OF
PUBLIC HEARING FY26 BUDGET
September 18, 2025

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

Roll Call: Present: Mr. Tillman, Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, Mrs. Tillman, and Mrs. King. Mrs. Elston arrived @ 6:37 p.m.

Absent: Ms. Burks and Mr. Crivens.

Also in attendance: Dr. Maureen White, Attorney Centeno, Janene Preston Dr. Mellodie Brown, Robert Bufford, DeWayne Anderson, Nicole Taylor, Ernesta Ransom, La Toyla Jones, Martiae Jenkins-Alexander, Janice Opitz, Dr. NiTia Williams, Christal Washington, Marian Dowling, Daryll Lacey, Jason Battle, Tammy Buckley, Crystian Chatman, LaTasha Clark, Gerald Scott, Latasha Randle, Tanyell Hannah, Sparkle Tiffith, Jorie McCowan, Anna Karrison, Shelia Colone, Sharonne Dinnwiddie, LaWanda Scott, Dr. Ashlee Stanely, Taneka Boyce, LaNeisha Chandler, Dr. Jerry Doss, Chief Pointer, Stacy Miles, Torrean Walker, Jamar Everett, and Carla Griffith.

The Pledge of Allegiance – Said by all

Public Comments –

Carla Griffin, Executive Director of When Girls Get Together, a mentoring organization for girls in the South Suburbs, addressed the Board to share information about the program. She explained that the organization partners with the Family Arts Center, where professional directors lead sessions in art, music, dance, and theater. Last year, the girls participated in Roll to Play, performing in February as part of a Black History Month celebration.

Ms. Griffin noted that the program also focuses on entrepreneurship and financial literacy. Some participants have started their own ventures, and the organization previously hosted a WGGT Shark Tank event where girls presented business ideas to a panel of judges. She clarified that the organization was not requesting any financial assistance, only approval to distribute program information within District 149 schools.

The Board thanked Ms. Griffin for her presentation and noted that they would review the information and follow up with her.

Discussion of adoption of 2025-2026 Budget – None

Adjournment

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| MOTION by Mrs. De Vasher-Williams, seconded by Mrs. Tillman, to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m. ROLL CALL TO VOTE: Aye: ALL IN FAVOR MOTION CARRIED | AGENDA ITEM F |
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