

# **OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 148**

### **DOLTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

The **MINUTES** of the **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Education, District No. 148, Dolton, Cook County, Illinois held at the Administrative Office in said School District at 7:00 p.m., on the **29<sup>th</sup> of April 2010.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

After the Pledge of Allegiance the President, Joyce Jackson, called the meeting to order a 7:07 p.m. and directed that the roll be called. Upon the roll being called, the following members answered present: Lamar Collins, James Bendell, Faith Gunter, Carmella Shumate, William Gunter and Joyce Jackson. Margaret Kostopulos, Attorney, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C., Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Interim Business Manager James McEnroe, Principals Joy Chase, Kathy Conroy, Lisa Davis-Smith, Dell McFarlane, Kathie McHenry, Shalonda Randle, Dot Weathersby, Michael Winston, Assistant Principals Torie Navarre, Michael Bruce and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

#### **VISITORS**

Cynthia Marks, Joan Carreon, Kathleen Young, Brenda Britt-Cox, Candice Brown

#### **MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING**

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, March 25, 2010 beginning at 7:16 p.m. be approved as written and direct the secretary to place them on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION**

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010 beginning at 8:36 p.m. be approved as written and direct the secretary to place them on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

#### **MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING**

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 beginning at 7:52 p.m. be approved as written and direct the secretary to place them on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION**

Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Special Meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2010 beginning at 8:10 p.m. be approved as written and direct the secretary to place them on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

An opportunity was extended to the audience to address the Board of Education. In that there were no other questions or comments from the audience, this portion of the meeting was closed.

## **ADMINISTRATION-INFORMATION REPORTS**

Dr. Purcell presented a list of 95 workshops that have been offered from July 2009 to March 2010 affording an opportunity for professional development to District 148 employees.

Dr. Moore reported that on April 1, 2010, 56.4 % of students were represented at Parent Conferences. She also presented the 2010-2011 School Calendar with an opening day of August 16, 2010 and a closing day of May 26, 2011. Dr. Moore gave an overview of Summer Bridges 2010 which will start on June 14, 2010 and continue through July 14, 2010.

Dr. Dunleavy reported that a Parent Survey was taken that showed the areas of concern that will be addressed in the 2010-2011 school year. A Needs Assessment Survey for Staff was also given to show what areas need to be addressed for staff. Workshops will begin this May to begin preparing for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Purcell reported for Ms. Mitchell that enrollment stands at 2,776 students.

## **PRESIDENT'S CALL**

Three Committees met since the last regular Board Meeting. The summary of the Finance Committee held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 and the Ethics Committee also held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 were presented. The summary of the District Leadership Team Meeting held on Thursday, April 22, 2010 will be enclosed in the May Board Packet. The summary of the Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday, March 18, 2010 was also presented.

Ms. Jackson reported that at the recent Board Convention she attended many excellent workshops that added to her professional development as a Board Member. Ms. Jackson gave handouts to all Board Members for their review.

## **FINE ARTS FESTIVAL**

District 148's Week of the Arts will take place Monday, May 3, 2010 – Friday, May 7, 2010

Park School's Gymnasium, 14200 Wentworth Ave. Riverdale.

Monday, May 3, 2010 – "Festival of Jazz and Art" – An Artist Reception from All District Schools in Park School's gym – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4, 2010 – "Festival of School Choirs and a Visual Art Exhibition" from Various school choirs in Park School's gym – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 – "Festival of School Choirs and a Visual Art Exhibition" from Various school choirs in Park School's gym – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 6, 2010 – "Festival of School Choirs and a Visual Art Display" from Various school choirs in Park School's gym – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 7, 2010 – "A Visual Art Display for the Community" in Park School's gym – 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

## **PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The last Parent Advisory Committee Meeting of the 2009-2010 school year will be held on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will take place at District Office. All parents were encouraged to participate. Summer programs for students will be discussed.

## **ANNUAL DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER FRIDAY MAY 14, 2010**

Board Members were asked to please mark their calendars now to reserve Friday night May 14, 2010 for District 148's Annual Recognition Dinner. The Dinner will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, 5000 West 127<sup>th</sup> Street, Alsip, Illinois. Retirees include Christine Geisler, Constance Kerber, Ruth Lenz, Jack Lewandowski, Sandra Mickles, Tobin Mitchell, Linda Veal and Rita Carter-Winter. The Board will also recognize Board Member Mrs. Willa Williams for her service to the Board of Education.

## **EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATIONS**

Eighth Grade Graduations have been set as follows:

Lincoln Jr. High Tuesday, May 25, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. at Thornridge High School, 15000 Cottage Grove, Dolton Illinois

Roosevelt Jr. High Wednesday, May 26, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. at Thornridge High School, 15000 Cottage Grove, Dolton, Illinois

Washington Jr. High Thursday, May 27, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Thornton High School 15001 Broadway, Harvey, Illinois

## **CEC SUMMER INSTITUTE**

CEC (Consortium for Educational Change) will hold its Summer Institute on Friday, August 6, 2010 at Northern Illinois University Outreach Center, NIU Naperville, 1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville, IL from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The topic will be Supporting Useful Conversations about Teacher and Leader Practice and Performance.

## **BOARD POLICY UPDATE – FIRST CONSIDERATION**

School District 148 is a Member of the Illinois School Board Association's "Policy Reference Education Subscription Service" that provides frequent updates to keep Board Policies current. The Board Policy Committee has reviewed the recommendations from IASB. All changes are brought as drafts to the District Leadership Team and then recommended to the Board for adoption. Adoption always takes the Board of Education two readings over two months. The first is called "First Consideration" and there is no required Board motion. Next month, the Board will be asked to adopt the changes to the following policies:

2:200 Types of School Board Meetings

4:30 Revenue and Investments

4:60 Purchases and Contracts

4:90 Activity Funds

4:110 Transportation

4:170 Safety

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited

6:60 Curriculum Content

7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities

7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited

7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

## MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained one letter of resignation, as reviewed by the Board of Education be accepted as written and placed on file as part of the official Board Minutes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

Below are the results of the Regional Science Fair. District 148 students earned seven 1<sup>st</sup> Place and thirteen 2<sup>nd</sup> Place honors during the Regional Science Fair on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Lincoln Junior High

Genesis Lee & Joslyn Spruiell - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tabitha Manning - 1<sup>st</sup>

Darius Pace - 1<sup>st</sup>

Kaylynn Sanders - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jamall Spruiell - 1<sup>st</sup>

Botrice Stewart - 1<sup>st</sup>

Corsion Townsend-Patrick - 1<sup>st</sup>

Desiree Wease & Ashaley Maxy - 1<sup>st</sup>

### Roosevelt Junior High

Torrian Akins - 1<sup>st</sup>

Albert Cox - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Diondre Jennings - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Zaaria Jordan - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Janeka Lewis - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Briana Washington - 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Washington Junior High

Tyera Adugba - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Howard Hillman - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Machond Livingston - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Deonte McCants - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jaisyn Passmore - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tahari Woods - 2<sup>nd</sup>

## AMEND 2009-10 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education amend the 2009-10 school calendar to eliminate five days of attendance, June 1 through June 7, 2010, as they were not needed for emergency conditions, to reflect a calendar where the opening date was August 17, 2009; the last day of student attendance will be May 28, 2010; Institute Days were August 17, 2009 and April 1, 2010; Inservice Days were full-day inservices on November 5 and 6, 2009, with November 5<sup>th</sup> being in session from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; for a total of 181 days.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **ADOPT 2010-2011 SCHOOL DISTRICT 148 CALENDAR**

Following a recommendation from the Calendar Committee Member Bendell moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt a school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year whereby the opening of school will be August 16, 2010; the last day of student attendance will be June 3, 2011; Institute Days will be August 16, 2010, April 5, 2011; and full-day inservices will be on November 1 and November 2, 2010, with November 2, being in session from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; for a total of 185 days.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **SET REGISTRATION SCHEDULE FOR 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR**

Following a recommendation from the Calendar Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education set Tuesday, August 4, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as Registration Date for the 2010-11 School Year.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **APPROVE MY READING COACH PURCHASE**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of 20 concurrent My Reading Coach licenses: (10) Washington Elementary and (10) Washington Junior High in the amount of \$45,000.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve twenty-four Professional Development Days for the 2010-2011 school year; two per month beginning July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$36,000 from IDEA grant funds.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **APPROVE SMARTBOARD PURCHASE**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Shumate moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of ten permanently installed SmartBoards including additional maintenance agreement in the amount of \$40,000 from AARA Title I funds.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **APPROVE PRIME TIME COMPUTER SERVICES INC. CONTRACT**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the contract for SES/Choice Summer School Services at Washington Elementary to service Washington and Riverdale students with Prime Time Computer Services, Inc. at a per-pupil hourly rate of \$21.05.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **APPROVE MICROSOFT PUBLISHER LICENSES PURCHASE**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of 900 licenses of Microsoft Publisher for new student laptops in the amount of \$14,049 to be used with Open Office.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **APPROVE CITRIX NETWORK LICENSE PURCHASE**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of 50 concurrent Citrix network licenses to allow use of network applications with the addition of 765 new laptops in the amount of \$16,526.50.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **SCHEDULE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Jackson moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education Dolton West School District 148 schedule a Special Board Meeting, Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. located at District Office, 114 West 144<sup>th</sup> Street, Riverdale, Illinois for the purpose of interviewing candidates to fill the vacant School Board Member seat.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **DISCHARGE - NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, approve the discharge of Vincent Escamilla, Maintenance, District Wide, effective April 16, 2010.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## ACCEPT RESIGNATION

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, accept the resignations of the following employee: Tonjia Meanweather, Part time Custodian, Roosevelt School effective April 13, 2010.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment for the month of March, 2010, as printed under the Administration- Action Reports, Agenda Items I-2-a - I-2-p totaling \$1,504,321.78 and the accompanying Financial Reports, directing the secretary to place all reports on file for audit. The Board noted the escalating substitute pay. Dr. Purcell explained that substitute pay does not only reflect teacher absences, it also shows professional development.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
a. Regular Bills	\$899,199.17		
b. District Band	831.25		
c. ECC 3-5 Yrs	3,646.37		
d. IDEA Grant	308,236.40		
e. Mentor Grant	451.34		
f. E2T2	200.00		
g. Safety Grant	565.00		
h. School Improvement	5,958.00		
i. Supp GSA	226,613.25		
j. Title I	27,286.51		
k. Title II – Teacher Quality	5091.00		
l. 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	2,527.16		
m. Summer Bridges	292.12		
Total		\$1,480,897.57	
n. Total Custodians Extra Time	34.17		
o. Total Secretaries Overtime	0.0		
p. Total Substitute Payroll	23,390.04		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$23424.21	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,504,321.78</b>

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **ACCEPT STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT**

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the Student Activity Account Report as submitted.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **ACCEPT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AND RENTAL REPORTS**

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the Buildings and Grounds Report and Rental Reports as submitted.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

None

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss:

Collective Bargaining Matters, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2).

Pending Litigation, 5ILCS 120/2(c) (11),

Performance of Specific Employee, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1) and

Student Discipline Cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (9).

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Member Shumate left the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Member Bendell was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

## **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 9:20 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

## **ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

None

## ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on April 29, 2010 at 9:20 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Joyce Jackson, President

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Carmella Shumate, Secretary

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James Bendell, Secretary Pro Tem