

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 **25th of August, 2011.**

ROLL CALL

After the Pledge of Allegiance the President, Joyce Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and directed that the roll be called. Upon the roll being called, the following members answered present James Bendell, Faith Gunter, Lamar Collins, William Gunter and Joyce Jackson. The following members were absent; Valencia Wooten and Larry Lawrence. Margaret Kostopulos, Attorney, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C. , Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Interim Business Manager James McEnroe, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Director of Technology Karen Marshall, Director of Building and Grounds, Alex Zamora, Principals Kathy Conroy, Lisa Davis-Smith, Dot Jeter, Dell McFarlane, Shalonda Randle, Joanna Sharp, Michael Winston, Assistant Principal Martez James and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Joan Carreon, Ricardo Murray, Darlene McMillian, Sharon Spearman, Anthony Michaels, Lawanda Woods, Carrie Brown, Angela Rose, Jerelean Williams, Gail Jilek, Chief Chris Van Dyke, Gwendolyn Nance, Lovetta Fulgham, Kendall Parott, Kiana Belcher, Mrs. Adkins, Mrs. C. Griggs

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, July 28, 2011 beginning at 7:07 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: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held on Thursday, July 28, 2011 beginning at 8:50 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: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATION-INFORMATION REPORTS

Dr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent gave a power point presentation highlighting the Summer School Program.

Dr. Dunleavy, Director of Support Programs gave a synopsis of Professional Development that was offered for teachers. She also reported that there has been an overwhelming response to the Ronald McDonald Health Care Mobile that will be at District Office.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Four Committees were scheduled to meet since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summary of the Building and Grounds Committee which met on August 11, 2011 was presented. The summary of the Finance Committee Meeting which also met on August 11, 2011 was presented. The District Leadership Team participated in CEC (Consortium for Educational Change) Summer Institute on Friday, August 5, 2011 at the Chicago Oak Brook Marriott. The CEC Summer Institute Summary and DLT Meeting Minutes were presented. Ms. Jackson gave a report on the outstanding program that was presented. She also said that discussion was held during the DLT meeting concerning all day kindergarten. The Policy Committee Meeting which was scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2011 was cancelled. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

OPENING INSTITUTE 2011-2012 ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Opening Institute was held on Monday, August 22, 2011 at Lincoln School. This district-wide gathering began with a hot breakfast compliments of Preferred Meals. Ms. Jackson thanked all the presenters for an outstanding opening day program.

NCLB – CHOICE OPTIONS

Copies of NCLB Choice Options letters that were distributed during registration to all parents of students at Franklin, Lincoln Elementary, Park, Riverdale, Washington Elementary and Washington Junior High Schools were reviewed. The deadline for returning letters is September 9, 2011. Each case will be reviewed and decisions made after that date.

FALL DINNER MEETING

The South Cook Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards will be holding a Fall Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the Double Tree in Alsip. The topic will be "The 2011 Education Reform Bill" presented by Ben Schwarm, Associate Executive Director, Illinois Association of School Boards.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained seven resignation letters, 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: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. Conroy, Principal of the Early Childhood Center reported that the Early Childhood Grant was rewritten from scratch this year. She asked for \$240,000.00 and was pleased to report that was what was awarded.

Interim Riverdale Fire Chief, Chris Van Dyke presented "The Explorer Program". He asked the Board for their support of this program. The program will be offered for 13 to 18 year olds of the community interested in the fire service and will provide them an opportunity to learn about the fire service through classroom and hands-on activities leading to an exciting career path as firefighters and EMT's. The Board agreed to support their efforts.

CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2011-2012 BUDGET

Ms. Jackson thanked Dr. McEnroe for his hard work on the Budget.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148, open the meeting to the public, as required by law, to discuss the 2011-2012 Budget.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ms. Kim Adkins asked where she could view the budget. Dr. McEnroe explained that the budget has been available for the last 30 days.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148, close the meeting to public discussion of the 2011-2012 Budget and return to the regular order of business.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT THE 2011-2012 BUDGET

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt the Budget of Dolton School District 148, Cook County, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE LINCOLN SCHOOL ROOM SIGNAGE

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 from Direct Sign System's to provide interior room signage and installation for Lincoln School in the amount of \$9,900.00

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE UNIFORM AND WALK-OFF MATS CONTRACT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148, approve a five year contract with UniFirst Corporation to provide uniforms with a weekly total of \$114.40, walk-off mats with a weekly total of \$262.43 and combined delivery, energy, fuel, environmental weekly charge of \$14.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SCHOOLDUDE SOFTWARE CONTRACT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve a one year contract with SchoolDude to provide online tools to more efficiently manage operations in the amount of \$5,367.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SMART BOARDS PURCHASE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148 approve the purchase of 90 Smart Boards not to exceed \$368,000.00 from Title I funds.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE IPAD PURCHASE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148 approve the purchase of 12 Apple IPADS not to exceed \$7,600.00 from Title I funds.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE DISSERTATION REQUEST

Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve District 148's participation in the Dissertation entitled "Success for All or Fall between the Cracks: The Impact of a Comprehensive School Reform Model on a Suburban School" conducted by Lisa Davis-Smith, Principal Franklin School.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the resignations of the following employees:

Laura Brannigan, Preschool For All Teacher, Early Childhood Center

Raven Daniels, Third Grade Teacher, Riverdale School,

Cynthia Dillon, Social Worker, Washington School,

Theresa Habenschuss, Fifth Grade Teacher, Washington Elementary,

Nadine Mele, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln School,

Jeffery Spikner, Physical Education Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary and

Teresa Woodard, Third Grade Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary

all effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RECALL TEACHERS WHO WERE DISMISSED AS PART OF REDUCTION IN FORCE

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 recall and appoint for the 2011-2012 school year the following teachers who were previously notified of their dismissal due to change of enrollment in the District. Said teachers will be reinstated with no break in service for purposes of calculating years of full time employment toward contractual continued service (tenure):

Kim Johnson Sr., Physical Education Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary,

LaRhonda Lane, Third Grade Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary,

Rita Lucas, Fifth Grade Teacher, Washington Elementary School and

Josh Markward, Third Grade Teacher, Washington Elementary School.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT INTERN PSYCHOLOGISTS

Member William Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education Dolton West School District 148 employ the following Intern Psychologists at a salary of \$12,000.00, for the 2011-12 school year, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates: Kimberlie Bryson, Lincoln School and Nicole Cassidy, Park School both effective August 22, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RECALL SUPPORT STAFF WHO WERE DISMISSED AS PART OF REDUCTION IN FORCE

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 recall and appoint the following support staff who were previously notified of their dismissal due to change of enrollment in the District. Said support staff will be reinstated with no break in service for purposes of calculating years of employment: Antonio Midcalf, Full time Custodian, Franklin School.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:
 Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried

EMPLOYMENT NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following non-certified employee effective the following date, at the following position, and at a salary as determined by the most current Board/DSA Agreement in effect, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all employment mandates: Deborah Witcher-Delaney, Ten Month Secretary, Roosevelt Elementary School, effective August 1, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:
 Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried

APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment from the month of August, 2011, as printed under the Administration-Action Reports, Agenda Items Administration- Action Reports, Agenda Items H-2a to H-2q totaling \$641,610.85 and the accompanying Financial Reports, directing the secretary to place all reports on file for audit.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
a. Regular Bills	\$470,681.61		
b. ARRA – T/1	19,761.89		
c. District Band	551.20		
d. ECC Grant	0.00		
e. IDEA Grant	1,282.95		
f. Library Grant	0.00		
g. Mentor Grant	293.04		
h. SP Proj	1,105.65		
i. Safety Grant	282.50		
j. Title I - Basic	92,110.89		
k. Title II – Teacher Quality	9,423.06		
l. Supp GSA	22,247.42		
m. 21 st Century	9,429.40		
n. Technology	12,646.00		
SUBTOTAL		\$639,815.61	
o. Total Custodians Extra Time	876.29		
p. Total Secretaries Overtime	918.95		
q. Total Substitute Payroll			
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$1,795.24	
GRAND TOTAL			\$641,610.85

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:
 Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson
 Nays: None
 Motion Carried

ACCEPT STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, accept the Student Activity Account Report as submitted.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

Following a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee, Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, accept the Buildings and Grounds Report as submitted.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

An opportunity was extended to the audience to address the Board of Education.

Mrs. Lawanda Woods, Washington parent asked about supplies that parents were asked to provide. Mrs. Woods was referred to Ms. Sharp, Washington Principal.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Nance, Lincoln and Franklin Parent asked about the survey concerning all day kindergarten. Ms. Jackson said surveys were distributed in 2004 and 2009. Mrs. Nance asked about boundaries, choice letters, and placement of students after the closing of Harriet Tubman School. Mrs. Nance was encouraged to attend Parent Advisory.

Ms. Kim Adkins said her question concerning all day kindergarten had been answered. Ms. Adkins voiced her concern on the registration process being a duplicate of paper work that had already been filled out and a waste of paper. She asked for an electronic way to register. A discussion was also held on one day registration. Ms. Adkins was encouraged to also attend Parent Advisory.

Ms. Lovetta Fulgham, Dolton Park District asked about working together on after school programs. School supply bags from Dolton Park District were distributed to the Board.

In that there were no other questions or comments from the audience, this portion of the meeting was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Jackson suspended the miscellaneous section until later in the meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, move into Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss: 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: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, return to Open Session at 11:49 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:
Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

DISMISS EMPLOYEE

Member Collins moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, dismiss probationary employee 08252011 effective August 26, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:
Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT

Member Collins moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148 approve the Superintendent’s contract as revised August 25, 2011, effective July 1, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:
Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Jackson led a discussion on students having books from the very first day of school, lesson plans and classrooms being ready for student learning.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, adjourn the Meeting held on August 25, 2011 at 12:01 a.m. on August 26, 2011.

On roll call, the following vote was taken:
Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Joyce Jackson, President

Lamar Collins, Secretary