

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 **17th of December, 2009.**

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, Carmella Shumate, William Gunter and Joyce Jackson. Lamar Collins and Willa Williams were absent. Margaret Kostopulos, Attorney, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C. , Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Comptroller Carolyn Keith, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Acting Director of Technology Tobin Mitchell, 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, Monica White, Darlene McMillian, Pat Friedericks, Cathy Bendell, Mattie Miller, Armika Toney, Patricia Aguilar, Shaunte Brown, Sarah Kadan, John Stewart, Julie Nootbaar, Norine Leyden, Mary Short, Laura Mackowiak, Mimi Claeson, Connie Lester, Josh Markward, Jim Freidag, John Donermeyer, Aritha Harvey, Vanessa Drew, Sharmetta Wilson-Wynn, Shimara Walton, Rita Lucas

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 beginning at 7:00 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, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member James Bendell seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, November 19, 2009 beginning at 8:15 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, 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 questions or comments from the audience, this portion of the meeting was closed.

ADMINISTRATION-INFORMATION REPORTS

Dr. Moore reported that School District 148 has 238 Highly Qualified Teachers teaching NCLB Core Academic Assignments. This represents 100% of District 148 Certified Staff.

Dr. Dunleavy reported that Elena King, ELL Teacher for District 148, currently has 60 students that have been identified as English Language Learners. Dr. Dunleavy also reported that we have 369 Special Education students with IEP's in-district and 54 students placed at out-of-district facilities for a total of 423 Special Education Students. Transfer-in students now exceed 70.

Ms. Mitchell reported that enrollment stands at 2,726 students, an increase of 1 student from November.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Two Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summary of the Finance Meeting Held on Thursday, December 3, 2009 was presented. The summary of the Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 17, 2009 will be presented at the January Board Meeting.

IASB/IASA/IASBO JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE November 20-22, 2009

Board Members, Superintendent and the Comptroller attended the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference on November 20-22, 2009 held in downtown Chicago. Professional Development was offered for Board Members. Each Board Member in attendance commented positively on the workshops that they attended.

COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARDS

On November 21, 2009 the Halfway House Committee, Inc. Sadie Waterford Manor presented awards to both School District 148 and Dr. Jayne Purcell.

Halfway House Committee, Inc. /Sadie Waterford Manor announced that it is proud to partner with the Board of Education of School District 148. They recognized the collective efforts in partnering with a community agency to provide behavior support and teacher training in the day to day school environment. Ms. Joyce Jackson, President of the Board of Education of School District 148, has shown extraordinary leadership during her two terms as President. She motivates her Board to continually seek innovative ways to move students toward academic excellence by recognizing and working to correct other inequities that impede student's academic progress.

Dr. Purcell was recognized for her tireless work for District 148, her church family and the countless hours in the community investing in young people and promoting the community greater good.

Congratulations were given to the entire Board of Education as well as Dr. Jayne Purcell.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 148 BANDS AND VOCAL ENSEMBLES

For the fourth year in a row the District Bands directed by Mrs. Fitzpatrick and District Vocal Ensembles directed by Mrs. Dubose performed at the Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at Washington School. They also performed at Our Savior's Senior Citizen Home and Ingalls Hospital on December 15, 2009. The Ensembles and Bands were praised for their amazing performances.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The District Leadership Team Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010. The Meeting will take place at District Office at 6:30 p.m. The January 21, 2010 DLT Meeting will be 2 hours long as we begin the Strategic Plan process.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained one letter to The League of Women Voters, 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, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ms. Jackson invited everyone to attend the January and February Board Meetings to view the science fair winners projects.

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Washington School Team presented "Showcasing the Illinois Learning Standards". Ms. White, Fourth Grade Teacher presented a short video of students and teachers achieving their goals. Ms. Harvey, SFA Facilitator, presented the ISAT Question of the Day, Mr. Donermeyer, Rtl Coach and Mrs. Penny Lund, presented Artifacts – evidence of research-based strategy use. Washington School Teachers filled the audience in support of the efforts being put forth each and every day at Washington School.

The Board of Education took a 5 minute recess.

APPROVE THE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Dolton West School District 148 District Improvement Plan as mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education with submission by the required deadline date of December 18, 2009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

OPT OUT OF SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

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, is seeking to opt out of the summer feeding program due to concerns surrounding safety of students, hazardous conditions and budgetary concerns.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT THE EXTENSION OF LEVY FOR TAX YEAR 2009

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, approve the extension of the 2009 tax levy, as reviewed by the Finance Committee, and presented to the Board of Education during the Regular November School Board Meeting, November 19, 2009, and as stated in the Certificate of Tax Levy dated December 17, 2009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT LEVY REDUCTION RESOLUTION FOR TAX YEAR 2009

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, adopt the Resolution directing the Cook County Clerk how to Reduce the 2009 Levy should it be capped under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE 2010 PROPERTY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, approve the renewal premium for property insurance for the calendar year 2010 to the Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool in the amount of \$98,353.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REVIEW MINUTES OF VERBATIM RECORDING

That in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 18 months have passed, and therefore Member Faith Gunter moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the destruction of the verbatim record of the Closed Sessions made on June 9, 2008, June 11, 2008 and June 25, 2008. The attorney explained that due to pending litigation, a recommendation to retain the records was given.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: None

Nays: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Motion Failed

APPROVE “RACE TO THE TOP” MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, approve District 148’s participation in Illinois “Race to the Top” and direct the Superintendent to complete and execute the Memorandum of Understanding.

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

APPROVE PAYMENT TO SADIE WATERFORD ASSESSMENT & THERAPY CENTER

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, approve District 148’s second and final payment to Sadie Waterford Assessment & Therapy Center to provide a therapeutic approach to discipline, conduct grade level meetings, provide observations of teachers and students to ensure proper implementation of strategies, and provide staff team building activities in the amount of \$1,937.50.

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

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following certified employee, for the 2009-10 school year at the following position and at the salary based upon the following step and lane as determined by the most current Board/DEA Agreement in effect at any time during the 2009-10 school year, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates: Alvin Carter, Fifth Grade Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary, MA, Step 4, effective November 17, 2009.

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

EMPLOY NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following non-certified employees effective the following dates, at the following probationary positions, and at salaries as determined by the most current Board/DSA Agreement in effect contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all employment mandates: Leneice Kippers, Office Assistant, Washington School, effective October 21, 2009.

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

APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member Jackson moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment for the month of December 2009 as printed under the Administration-Action Reports, Agenda Items I-2a - I-2p totaling \$1,585,067.29 and the accompanying Financial Reports, directing the secretary to place all reports on file for audit. The Board noted the amount of total substitute/overtime pay.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
a. Regular Bills	\$1,380,034.99		
b. District Band	275.20		
c. ECC 3-5 Years	8,995.30		
d. E2T2	150.00		
e. Idea Grant	31,308.45		
f. Mentor Grant	984.40		
g. Safety Grant	565.00		
h. School Improvement	7,909.82		
i. Supp GSA	62,702.45		
j. Title I - Acct.	5,121.06		
k. Title I – Basic	32,502.32		
l. Title II – Teacher Quality	22,414.05		
m. 21 st Century	5,130.72		
TOTAL		\$1,558,093.76	
n. Total Custodians Extra Time	241.74		
o. Total Secretaries Overtime	2,278.91		
p. Total Substitute Payroll	24,452.88		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$26,973.53	
GRAND TOTAL			\$1,585,067.29

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: 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: 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 Shumate moved and Member Bendell 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: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Jackson asked if any Board Members would like to attend the upcoming Basics of Law seminar being offered by the IASB. Board Members will get back to Ms. Jackson with a decision.

A moment of silence was observed for RaVonn Sampler a student at Roosevelt Elementary who recently passed away.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session at 8:10 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, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Member Shumate left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Member Bendell was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 11:26 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

EXPULSION OF STUDENT

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education expel student 20091217 until the end of the current school year with alternative placement to be arranged by the Superintendent.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on December 17, 2009 at 11:28 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Joyce Jackson, President

Carmella Shumate, Secretary

James Bendell, Secretary Pro Tem