

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 **22nd of December, 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, Valencia Wooten, Larry Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Lamar Collins, William Gunter and Joyce Jackson. The following members were absent; none. Margaret Kostopulos, Attorney, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C. , Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Interim Business Manager Terrence LaBella, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Director of Technology Karen Marshall, Principals Kathy Conroy, Lisa Davis-Smith, Dot Jeter, Dell McFarlane, Shalonda Randle, Michael Winston, Assistant Principal Martez James, and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Joan Carreon, Kurt Martin, Darlene McMillian, Carol A. Benda, Unique Morris, Bonnie Jardine, Sharron Spearman, Anthony Michaels, Carrie Brown, Miquel Padilla, LeeAnn Smith, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Gail Jilek, Patricia Belanger, Emil McCauley, Cynthia Esser, Don Esser, Kevin Reese, Chris Woods, Tarnell Bowen

ADDRESS THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Jackson, Board President on behalf of the Board of Education thanked everyone for all that has been accomplished in 2011 and for putting children first. She also thanked teachers for the job they do and said we look forward to making 2012 even better.

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 beginning at 4:50 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member William Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Special Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011 beginning at 5:14 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, November 17, 2011 beginning at 7:05 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Wooten moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2011 beginning at 9:53 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATION-INFORMATION REPORTS

Dr. Bethany Lyke, Acting Superintendent and Colleagues from District 205 introduced themselves and gave a short synopsis of their job responsibilities. A PowerPoint was presented focusing on curriculum and building improvements. Dr. Lyke said she and her team came to reintroduce District 205 to the District 148 Board, staff and community and renew the partnership with the feeder elementary districts.

Dr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent presented Teacher Service Record/NCLB HQ/Certification Report FY2012 and noted that all of our teachers are highly qualified. She also reported that Parent Conferences 2011 showed a 4% increase in parent participation. Washington & Riverdale Schools have been awarded "Special Programs Project" Grants.

Dr. Dunleavy, Director of Support Programs reported that the Kidney Mobile was at Park School. She presented details of the various screenings. She thanked the nurses for their diligence in putting the schedule together. The Kidney Mobile will be at Lincoln School during April Parent Teacher Conferences.

Ms. Marshall, Director of Technology said that enrollment as of December 2nd was 2,495 a decline of 6 students from last month.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Three Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summaries of the Board Building & Grounds Meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, the Finance Meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 and the Policy Committee Meeting held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 were presented.

IASB/IASA/IASBO JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE - November 18-20, 2011

Board Members and the Superintendent attended the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference on November 18-20, 2011 held in downtown Chicago. Professional Development was offered for Board Members. Ms. Jackson gave details of the various policies including bullying that the district will continue to improve on. Dr. Purcell and Dr. Dunleavy were among presenters from the district who led a session on the Book of Knowledge. Mrs. Gunter said she attended a finance workshop that focused on monitoring and planning for the future.

TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

A copy of the textbooks and instructional materials for each grade level (Kindergarten-Eight) in all subject areas that District 148 will be using during the 2011-2012 school year was presented. This information was provided to be in compliance with District 148 Board Policy 6:210 Instructional Materials. Mr. Gunter expressed concern about the age of some classroom books being used. He suggested that we update them.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 148 BANDS AND VOCAL ENSEMBLES

For the sixth year in a row the District Bands directed by Mrs. Fitzpatrick and District Vocal Ensembles directed by Mrs. Dubose performed at the Winter Concert at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at Washington Junior High School. Friday, December 16th the Symphonic Band and Advanced Vocal Ensemble performed at Our Savior Senior Citizen Home (14600 Indiana-Dolton, IL) at 10:00 a.m. and Ingalls Hospital (One Ingalls Drive-Harvey, IL) at Noon. Ms. Jackson commended the two directors. Dr. Purcell said every available seat was filled that we have outgrown our space at these shows. As the Spring Concert approaches she said we may need to talk about perhaps using one of District 205's auditoriums. Mrs. Dubose expressed appreciation for the huge turn out.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

The District Leadership Team Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2012. The Meeting will take place at District Office at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Jackson invited all to attend.

HVAC AT LINCOLN & ROOFING DISTRICT WIDE

Mr. Mario Planera of DeTella, Planera Architects spoke about an energy savings grant that was applied for earlier this year. This is a 50/50 grant he said to be used for the HVAC controllers and modules at Lincoln. Discussion was held concerning the affordability of this project. Mr. Planera spoke about the condition and the need for some preventive maintenance of the roofs throughout the district.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained two thank you notes and three 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

Happy Holidays and good health was offered to one & all.

CONDUCT TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, open the meeting to the public, as required by law, to conduct the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mr. La Bella gave a synopsis of Truth in Taxation which included the levy amounts. There were no questions or comments from the audience.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education close the meeting to the public after conducting the Truth in Taxation Hearing and return to the regular order of business.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT THE REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, adopt the Real Estate Tax Levy, as reviewed by the Finance Committee and as stated in the Certificate of Tax Levy dated December 22, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT LEVY REDUCTION RESOLUTION FOR TAX YEAR 2011

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Lawrence moved and Member Wooten seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, adopt the Resolution directing the Cook County Clerk how to Reduce the 2011 Levy should it be capped under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Act.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PAYMENT TO SUBURBAN SCHOOL COOPERATIVE INSURANCE POOL

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member William Gunter moved and Member Lawrence seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve payment in the amount of \$107,005 to the Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool for insurance premiums for 2012.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT POLICY REVISIONS

Following a recommendation from the Policy Committee Member Wooten moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148, forego first consideration due to the need of immediate attention and adopt policy revisions to maintain Legal Compliance as follows:

2:250 – Access to District Public Records

6:150 – Home and Hospital Instruction

7:305 – Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the resignation of the following employees:
Brad Repking, PC/Network Technician, Technology Department, effective December 23, 2011,
Lucy Shlikas, Second Grade Teacher, Riverdale School, effective December 3, 2011 and
Barbara Thomas, Fifth Grade Teacher, Park School effective December 9, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, 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 December as printed under the Administration – Action Reports, Agenda Items H-2a - H-2o totaling \$1,034,713.99 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	\$925,277.74		
b. District Band	969.70		
c. ECC Grant	14,333.13		
d. IDEA Grant	7,076.61		
e. Safety Grant	452.00		
f. Title I	30,607.92		
g. Title II	3,900.00		
h. GSA – Police Liaison	10,892.02		
i. GSA - Referees	2,347.50		
j. GSA - Supp	499.81		
k. 21 st – Police Liaison	3,375.58		
l. 21 st - Supp	1,984.02		
TOTAL		\$1,001,716.03	
m. Total Custodians Overtime	698.35		
n. Total Secretaries Overtime	569.61		
o. Total Substitute Payroll	31,730.00		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$32,997.96	
GRAND TOTAL			\$1,034,713.99

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT

Member Jackson 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AND RENTAL REPORTS

Following a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee, Member Jackson moved and Member Wooten seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, accept the Buildings and Grounds and Rental Reports as submitted.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Wooten, Lawrence, 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. In that there were no questions or comments from the audience, this portion of the meeting was closed.

The Board took a five minute recess.

MISCELLANEOUS

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education table the miscellaneous section of the Board Meeting until after Closed Session.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, move into Closed Session at 8:30 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, return to Open Session at 1:15 a.m. on December 23, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

TAKE FROM THE TABLE MISCELLANEOUS

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education take from the table the Miscellaneous section of the Board Meeting.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

EXPULSION

Member Collins moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148 expel student 20111222 for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year with alternative placement to be arranged by the Superintendent.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

TERMINATION

Member Collins moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148 approve the termination of employee 20111222-1 effective December 23 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Abstain: Bendell

Motion Carried

UNPAID SUSPENSION

Member Collins moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148 place employee 20111222-2 on suspension without pay effective December 23, 2011 pending dismissal charges.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

UNPAID SUSPENSION & WARNING RESOLUTION

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148 give employee 20111222-3 thirty (30) days suspension without pay beginning January 9, 2012 and a warning resolution to be adopted by the Board of Education will be placed in the employee's file. Employee is required to attend training as directed by the Superintendent before reassignment.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

A discussion was held concerning full day kindergarten. A recommendation to place full day kindergarten as an agenda item in the January 26, 2012 Board Packet was made by the Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Bendell moved and Member Wooten seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, adjourn the Meeting held on December 22, 2011 at 1:39 a.m. on December 23, 2011

On roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Joyce Jackson, President

Lamar Collins, Secretary