

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 February 2010.**

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: Lamar Collins, James Bendell, Faith Gunter, Carmella Shumate, William Gunter and Joyce Jackson. Willa Williams was absent. Margaret Kostopulos, Attorney, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C., Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Business Manager Carolyn Keith, Principals Joy Chase, Kathy Conroy, Dell McFarlane, Kathie McHenry, Shalonda Randle, Dot Weathersby, Michael Winston, Assistant Principal Michael Bruce and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Joan Carreon, Sandy Reichard, Pat Friedericks, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, J. Kamala Buckner, Jerry Doss, Sanaz Tabrizi, Bonnie Jardine, Heather Clarkson, Cheryl Boker, Ann Jones, Tawana Jackson, Mary Harrington, Gail Jilek, Beverly Riley, Malika Evans, Darlene McMillian, Trina Pace, Gina Driskell, Kathryn Stanley, Leah Gusman, Ronisha Dubose, Toni Bolden, Collen Broughton, Tara Warner, Willie Mae Hillman, Brenda Gulledege-Jones, Arnetta Koger, Marsha Mckenzie, Michael Manser, Lawanda Woods, Kim Adkins, Kristen Cantrell, Aritha D. Harvey,

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, January 28, 2010 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: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010 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: 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.

Dr. J. Kamala Buckner, Superintendent District 205, told the Board and the Audience that District 205 is operating on a balanced budget. Dr. Buckner also gave a short overview of programs being offered including Thornton Township High School District 205 Summer Leadership Academy, Thornton Township Teaching and Learning Partnership – Khemistry Karnival, District 205 Summer School, District 205's Academic Enrichment Foundation adopted Jacmel, Haiti and District 205's Academy of Diesel Technology Powered by Navistar featured on CNN. Dr. Buckner also congratulated Thornridge Director of Bands and Instrumental Music Instructor David Eanes for being the 2010 recipient of the Howard Luckey Excellence in Jazz Leadership Award and the District 205 Speech Teams and Coaches on 3 State Championships.

Ms. Willie Hillman, Washington Parent, 13846 LaSalle, Riverdale, IL said that she heard that Teachers will be cut for next school year. She told the Board that this would cause overcrowding in classrooms and not be good for the students. The students are coming together with the Teachers and gains are being made.

Ms. Lakisha Mack, Washington Parent, 14101 Stewart, Riverdale, IL also voiced her concern over cuts that she heard were going to be made. She said that this would not be good for the students.

Ms. Toni Bolden, Parent and Substitute Teacher, 14225 S. Union, Riverdale, IL asked the Board to be careful in their decisions. She asked for support of the Teachers who are working in a struggling community to educate the children.

Ms. Jackson, Board President responded that each elected Board Member takes their responsibilities very seriously. All the comments will be taken into account during discussions.

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

ADMINISTRATION-INFORMATION REPORTS

Dr. Moore reported that the Parent Advisory Committee will be hosting Town Hall Meetings. If your child(ren) attend Lincoln, Tubman or Franklin the Town Hall Meeting will take place on April 21, 2010 at Lincoln School. If your child(ren) attend Park, Roosevelt Elementary or Roosevelt Junior High your Town Hall Meeting will take place on April 28, 2010 at Roosevelt Junior High. If your child(ren) attend Riverdale, Early Childhood Center or Washington Schools your Town Hall Meeting will take place on May 13, 2010 at Washington School.

Dr. Purcell reported for Dr. Dunleavy that the Illinois State Board of Education has completed its review concerning disproportionality and determined that although the district has disproportionality, the disproportionality is not the result of inappropriate identification. Many of our students move into the District with IEP's in place.

Dr. Purcell reported for Ms. Mitchell that Enrollment stands at 2,744 students. This is a gain of 3 students from January.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Two Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summary of the Finance Committee held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 was presented. The summary of the Parent Advisory Meeting held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 will be enclosed in the March Board Packet. The summary of the District Leadership Team Meeting held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 was also presented.

IASB CONSTITUTION & POSITION STATEMENTS

The Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) sent copies of their Constitution & Position Statements for review by the Board.

BLACK HISTORY CELEBRATION

Washington School, the Village of Riverdale & Patton School held a Black History Month Celebration at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. Special thanks were given to Ms. Chase, Ms. Dubose and Washington School for their efforts to make this program a success for District 148.

“TRANSFORMING THE PARADIGM OF EDUCATING CHILDREN”

The Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics & Diversity will be presenting their Conference 2010 entitled “Transforming the Paradigm of Educating Children”. This Conference will take place on Thursday and Friday, March 25 and March 26, 2010 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, Illinois. School District 148's Choir and Advanced Band will be performing during breakfast on Thursday, March 25 at 8:00 a.m.

PARENT INSTITUTE DAY FRIDAY MARCH 26, 2010 at PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE 202 S. Halsted Street, Chicago Heights, IL

The 19th Annual Parent Institute Day, presented by Good Shepherd Center, will be held on March 26, 2010 at Prairie State College.

This year's event focus is both timely and on-target. The Institute will address violence that children in our area must face on a daily basis through a panel discussion of professionals that assist children with this challenge each day. Other topics covered in break out sessions for special needs children including Autism, Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Financial Planning for your Child.

SPRING DINNER MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2010

The Illinois Association of School Boards will host a Spring Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel in Alsip. Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent of Education will discuss education reform including efforts toward internationally benchmarked common standards and assessments, longitudinal data systems, recent legislation impacting teacher and administrator evaluations and how the state plans to address low performing schools.

Additionally, he will discuss budget issues impacting Illinois fiscal year 2010 and 2011.

2010 NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's NSBA Annual Conference will be held April 10-12 in Chicago. The Conference includes everything you need to be a more effective leader:

- High-profile and high-impact speakers
- Expert-led sessions and workshops
- Specialized programming for superintendents, board support professionals, and new board members
- Mini tracks in Health and Wellness and 21st Century Skills
- Useful products and services in the NSBA Exposition
- Instructive site visits, tours, and special events

Ms. Jackson, Ms. Shumate, Mr. Gunter, Mrs. Williams and Dr. Purcell have been registered for this Conference.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained two letters 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

Each year Junior High students participate in District 148's Science Fair. Projects were selected by teachers from each junior high to receive awards from the League of Women Voters. Dr. Moore introduced each Principal and they presented the following scientists and asked them to explain their projects:

Darius Pace – Lincoln Junior High

Taniyah Roberson – Roosevelt Junior High

Howard Hillman – Washington Junior High

District 148 is honored for the ELEVENTH year by receiving recognition from the League of Women Voters who are strong supporters of the education received in School District 148. Ms. Pearl Mack and Ms. Julie Pierce presented U.S. Savings Bonds to our Spectacular Science Achievers.

Howard Hillman presented Thank You Letters to the Board for the new calculators.

RATIFY CONTRACT WITH TRI-ELECTRONICS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 ratify the contract with Tri-Electronics to repair the third floor bell system at Franklin School for \$1,940.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE VENDOR CONTRACT

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 approve the following contract: Sally Foster – Washington School.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SYMANTIC GHOST LICENSE/MAINTENANCE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member William Gunter moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of 1000 Ghost Licenses at \$6.01 each for \$6,010.00 and 1000 Ghost Licenses/Maintenance at \$1.08 for \$1,080.00 for a total of \$7,090.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PURCHASE FROM CHICAGO OFFICE TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of speakers for 10 portable Smartboards from Chicago Office Technology Group for a total of \$3,347.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE 2009 COST OF ELECTRONIC LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS CONTRACT

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 2009 cost of the Electronic Learning Environments Contract to provide E-Rate goods and services of basic maintenance of internal connections for a total of \$20,160.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PURCHASE FROM PARTSTOCK COMPUTERS

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 approve the purchase of 20 Dell Laptops from PartStock Computers for a total of \$15,840.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE INSPIRATION SOFTWARE RENEWAL & UPGRADE

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 approve the purchase of 500 renewal licenses and 200 additional licenses for Inspiration Software for a total of \$6,675.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SOFTWARE PURCHASE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of software from American Education Corporation in the amount of \$66,500.00 through 21st Century 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 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODULES/EVALUATION PURCHASE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Shumate moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of Professional Development Modules/Evaluation from PrimeTime Computers in the amount of \$25,600.00 through 21st Century 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 TEN YEAR SAFETY SURVEY

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the ten year safety survey 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

APPROVE WASHINGTON SCHOOL'S SIP PLAN

Member William Gunter moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the School Improvement Plan for Washington School as mandated by the Illinois State Board of Education.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

TABLE POLICY REVISIONS

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 table the motion to adopt policy revisions.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Tabled

TABLE MOTION TO REVIEW MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 table the motion to approve the review of Closed Session Minutes from July 1, 2009 to January 29, 2010.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Tabled

APPROVE REVISED TITLE I DISTRICT PLAN

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the revised Title I District Plan.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, accept the resignations of the following employees:
Erich Metzger, Physical Education Teacher, Washington Elementary, effective February 17, 2010 and
Vivian Smith, Fourth Grade Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective February 12, 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 February 2010 as printed under the Administration-Action Reports, Agenda Items I-2-a – I-2-o totaling \$1,210,040.54 and the accompanying Financial Reports, directing the secretary to place all reports on file for audit noting the Substitute Payroll of \$19,852.12.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
a. Regular Bills	\$932,811.11		
b. District Band	115.00		
c. ECC 3-5 Yrs	13,094.02		
d. Idea Grant	5,555.58		
e. Mentor Grant	88.00		
f. Reading Improvement	150.26		
g. Safety Grant	565.00		
h. School Improvement	4,158.00		
i. Supp GSA	104,163.82		
j. Title I	30,810.69		
k. Title II – Teacher Quality	365.55		
l. 21 st Century	97,751.41		
TOTAL BILLS		\$1,189,628.44	
m. Total Custodians Extra Time	0.0		
n. Total Secretaries Over Time	559.98		
o. Total Substitute Payroll	19,852.12		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitute		\$20,412.10	
GRAND TOTAL			\$ 1,210,040.54

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

Member Bendell stated that due to Board Member Williams' absence from Board Meetings she should not be allowed to attend the School Board Conference.

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion to drop Mrs. Williams from attending the School Board Conference in April.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

The Board directed the Secretary to send a letter to Member Williams and ask for proof that she is living in School District 148 boundaries and request response in 7 days.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education 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: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Member Shumate left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Member Bendell was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 10:27 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

TAKE FROM THE TABLE MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY REVISIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion to take from the table the motion to adopt Policy Revisions.

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT POLICY REVISIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion to adopt policy revisions to the following policies:

- 2:20-Powers and Duties of the School Board
- 2:40-Board Member Qualifications
- 2:110-Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 3:40-Superintendent
- 4:30-Revenue and Investments
- 4:40-Incurring Debt
- 4:100-Insurance Management
- 4:110-Transportation
- 4:140-Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:150-Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:160-Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 5:30-Hiring process and Criteria
- 5:90-Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100-Staff Development Program
- 5:120-Ethics
- 5:250-Leave of Absence
- 5:280-Duties and Qualifications
- 5:330-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:50-School Wellness
- 6:340-Student Testing and Assessment Program
- 7:190-Student Discipline
- 7:240-Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
- 7:300-Extracurricular Athletics
- 8:70-Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- 8:100-Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

TAKE FROM THE TABLE MOTION TO REVIEW CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 take from the table the motion to review Closed Session Minutes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REVIEW MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion to approve the review of Closed Session Minutes from July 1, 2009 to January 29, 2010 and determine that the Closed Session Minutes from: July 23, 2009, August 27, 2009, September 24, 2009, September 30, 2009, October 19, 2009, October 22, 2009, November 19, 2009, December 17, 2009 and January 28, 2010 no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: None

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

Motion Failed

ADJOURNMENT

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on February 25, 2010 at 10:34 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Joyce Jackson, President

Carmella Shumate, Secretary

James Bendell, Secretary Pro Tem