

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 **28TH of January, 2010.**

ROLL CALL

After the Pledge of Allegiance the President, Joyce Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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, Comptroller Carolyn Keith, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Principals Joy Chase, Kathy Conroy, Lisa Davis-Smith, Dell McFarlane, Kathie McHenry, Shalonda Randle, Dot Weathersby, Assistant Principals Torie Navarre, Michael Bruce and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Cynthia Marks, Darlene McMillan, Mike Hurst, Marilyn Hirsch, Kristy Dixon, Tamiko & Adewale Langston, Neshia Wiley, Jaye Wiley, Qamaal Williams, Jamie Wiatrowski, Vivian Smith, Michael Hutson, Anthony Coker, Bridgett Reed, Ryshika Parker, Bonnie Jardine, Sanaz Tabrizi, Joan Carreon, Lillian Greene, Pamela Loftman, Monica White, Curtis J. Pointer, Jr. Antoinette Williams, Sharron Spearman, Ryan Kenny, Rhonda Lewis, Damonte McCorkle

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Joyce Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, December 17, 2009 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: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, December 17, 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: 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.

Mr. Ricky Jones, 16950 Page Ave., Hazel Crest, IL, Custodian thanked the Board for their Sympathy Card for the loss of his mother. He also asked the Board to invest in a device to help move the heavy boxes to make his job easier. Mr. Jones was referred to speak to Mrs. Keith.

Ms. Ryshika Parker, 14128 Michigan Riverdale, IL 60827, Park Parent commented on the rude and belligerent behavior of Junior High Students when she is picking up students at Park School. Ms. Randle commented that she walks her students daily to 144th Street and at times does go all the way to Park School. Ms. Jackson asked Ms. Parker to stay after the meeting to discuss ways to utilize the Youth Officer to help control the students.

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 during the months of December and January all schools in District 148 had the opportunity of working with Sharon Rak on ways of teaching math to increase student understanding and student achievement. All the feedback received from principals was extremely favorable. Dr. Moore also reported that February 2, 2010 will be a non-attendance day for students. Grade Level Articulations will be held for all teachers. Dr. Moore added that calculators have been purchased for all students in grades 3 through 8. Calculators can be used on ISAT tests this year.

Dr. Dunleavy reported that the Illinois State Monitoring Team visited January 11th -15th. A Parent Public Forum was held at Washington Jr. High and was well attended. The Team interviewed faculty at all the buildings as well as reviewing approximately 30 student IEP files. The Team leader reported that District 148 is rich in resources. ACCESS testing which is similar to ISAT for our ELL students has begun in all buildings. Students taking the ACCESS tests are expected to show improvement. Dr. Purcell commented that the Monitoring Team visit was quite extensive and the preliminary report was favorable.

Dr. Dunleavy reported for Ms. Mitchell that enrollment stands at 2,741 students, an increase of 15 students from December.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Three Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. Board Building and Grounds Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 – Summary was presented. Finance Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 – Summary was presented. District Leadership Team Meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2010 – Summary will be presented at the February Board Meeting. Ms. Jackson reported that the Strategic Plan Process was started during the District Leadership Team Meeting. The Summary of the Policy Committee held on Thursday, December 10, 2009 was also presented.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFASTS

Two Legislative Breakfasts were planned during January 2010. A Legislative Breakfast sponsored by South Cook Illinois Association of School Administrators and SCOPE was held on Friday, January 22, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. Mike Hollingsworth School District 143, Rob Grossi Bloom Township Treasurer and Joe Matula Governors State University provided a presentation on School Funding using the IASA School Funding Toolkit. Mrs. Gunter, Mr. Gunter, Dr. Purcell and Mrs. Keith attended this breakfast

A Legislative Breakfast sponsored by the South Cook Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards will be held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Mike Kiser will discuss the changes in the Freedom of Information Act law. Ms. Jackson, Ms. Shumate, Mr. Bendell, Mrs. Williams and Dr. Purcell have been registered for this breakfast.

**COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
H1N1 VACCINATION CAMPAIGN**

On Thursday, January 14, 2010 the Cook County Department of Public Health administered the H1N1 Vaccine in every building of School District 148. The vaccine was delivered at 8:00 a.m. and administered to all students with signed consent forms. All District 148 staff was also eligible to receive the vaccine.

BRING YOUR PARENT TO SCHOOL

Friday, February 12, 2010 is "Bring Your Parent to School" day in School District 148. All Parents were encouraged to participate.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at District Office.

BOARD POLICY UPDATE – FIRST CONSIDERATION

Ms. Jackson reported that the Board is reviewing policies for first consideration that are driven by changes to Illinois Law.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell 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 fourth graders throughout District 148 complete science projects as part of the science requirements. Mr. Michael Hurst, Science Fair Coordinator along with Teachers selected one project from each school to be displayed for the Board of Education. Each student was introduced. Students explained their projects. Certificates were presented from the Board of Education.

<u>Franklin School</u>	Thirstine Coker
<u>Harriet Tubman</u>	Qamaal Williams
<u>Lincoln School</u>	DeRonte Pope
<u>Park School</u>	Jacobi Dixon
<u>Riverdale School</u>	Khalid Muhammad
<u>Roosevelt School</u>	Jordan Greene
<u>Washington School</u>	Curtis Pointer

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO PREPARE 2010-11 BUDGET IN TENTATIVE FORM

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution designating and directing the Comptroller to prepare the annual budget in tentative form for Dolton West School District 148 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the software renewals for Barracuda Web Filter 610 services that include Energizer Updates and Instant Replacement for 3 years for a total amount of \$11,198.00

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RATIFY CALCULATOR PURCHASE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 ratify the purchase of Texas Instrument calculators and storage cases not to exceed \$30,000.00 for student usage.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE TECHNOLOGY AUDIT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve a contract with UHY Advisors for computer network security audit services.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES REGARDING THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND DESIGNATING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICERS AND THOSE WHO WILL RECEIVE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TRAINING

Following a recommendation from the District Leadership Team, Member Jackson moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 adopt the resolution adopting policies regarding the Freedom of Information Act and the Opening Meetings Act and designating Jayne Purcell, Joyce Selix, Priscilla Koza, Paulette Nolen, Nora Rowe, Karen Marshall and Gayle Planeto the School District's Freedom of Information Act Officers and further designates Joyce Selix and Karen Marshall to receive training from the Office of the Illinois Attorney General on compliance with the Open Meetings Act Training.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

TABLE MOTION TO APPROVE RIVERDALE SCHOOL'S SIP PLAN

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 table the motion to approve the School Improvement Plan for Riverdale School due to editing completion by ISC4.

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 APPROVE RESEARCH REQUEST

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 table the motion to approve a research request.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Tabled

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, accept the resignations of the following employees: Emanuel Bramlett, Second Grade Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary, effective January 26, 2010 and Paris Walker, Third Grade Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary, effective January 15, 2010.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

HONORABLE DISMISSAL

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, honorably dismiss Sandra Stokes, Secretary, Roosevelt Elementary, effective December 14, 2009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

TABLE DISMISSAL

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 table the motion to dismiss a custodian.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Tabled

APPROVE CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member William Gunter moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 employ the following certified personnel for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year, at a salary determined by the most current Board/DEA Agreement in effect at any time during the 2009-10 school year, contingent upon receipt of all required employment mandates, effective the following date: Michael Johnson, 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Washington Jr. High, BA + 20, Step 1, effective December 16, 2009.

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 January 2010 as printed under the Administration-Action Reports, Agenda Items I-2-a – I-2-t totaling \$1,172,448.62 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	\$1,039,049.43		
b. District Band	865.00		
c. Drug Free	1,407.71		
d. ECC 3-5 Yrs	9,282.12		
e. E2T2	50.00		
f. Idea Grant	1,556.29		
g. Mentor Grant	206.43		
h. Safety Grant	1,130.00		
i. School Improvement	6,217.93		
j. Supp GSA	47,262.26		
k. Supp GSA – Police Liaison	4,265.38		
l. Title I – Basic	15,821.00		
m. Title I –IAAD	23,800.83		
n. Title I – Washington	2,149.00		
o. Title II - Teacher Quality	5,702.80		
p. Title 4 – 21 st Century	565.00		
q. 21 st Century	4,232.92		
TOTAL BILLS		\$1,163,564.10	
r. Custodian Extratime	97.02		
s. Secretaries Overtime	0.0		
t. Total Substitute Payroll	8,787.50		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitute		\$8,884.52	
GRAND TOTAL			\$1,172,448.62

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 Shumate moved and Member Faith 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 Faith Gunter moved and Member William Gunter 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

Ms. Jackson asked the Board if they had gotten a chance to review the New School Laws included in the Board Packet. Discussion concerning updating of policies to comply with the new laws was held.

Mr. Bendell stated that he would not be attending the State of Economy Breakfast or the 2010 Foundations Conference.

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: 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 Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 10:55 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

STUDENT EXPULSION

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion to expel student 01282010 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: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson
Nays: None
Motion Carried

TAKE FROM THE TABLE MOTION TO DISMISS CUSTODIAN

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion to take from the table the motion to dismiss a custodian.

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

DISMISSAL

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 dismiss James Johnson, Custodian, Washington School, effective January 28, 2010.

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 APPROVE RESEARCH REQUEST

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 take from the table the motion to approve a research request.

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

RESEARCH REQUEST

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the research request on the Influence of the African-American English Dialect on Reading Achievement by Daphne Sajous-Brady, Doctoral Student at Northwestern University. Discussion was held concerning many aspects of the research, and many other research projects currently taking place within the District.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on January 28, 2010 at 11:20 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