

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 **23rd of July, 2009.**

ROLL CALL

After the Pledge of Allegiance the President Pro Tem, Faith Gunter, 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, James Bendell, Faith Gunter, Carmella Shumate and William Gunter. Lamar Collins, Willa Williams and Joyce Jackson 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 Information Services Tobin Mitchell and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Joan Carreon, Priscilla Koza, Lawanda Woods

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, June 25, 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

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 during the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, June 25, 2009 beginning at 8:05 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, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

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. Purcell introduced Dr. Patricia Moore, Assistant Superintendent. The Board welcomed Dr. Moore to District 148.

Ms. Mitchell reported that ninety 4th – 8th grade students completed an 18 day Computer Camp project with an 88% average attendance rate. “Summer Bridges” provided 239 students in grades Kindergarten – 8th in the area of Reading and Language Arts an extended learning opportunity. The average attendance rate for the 18 day Reading program was 76%. All classes were held at Lincoln School. Great gains were achieved by many students. Mr. Bendell asked that the students making these achievements be celebrated by all schools.

Dr. Dunleavy reported that Support Programs is closing out the past school year while simultaneously preparing schedules and looking for “highly qualified” staff to join their team. Reports that generate funds that enable the District to provide the highest quality of resources, teachers and staff for our students with disabilities have been completed.

PRESIDENT’S CALL

Two Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summary of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, July 9, 2009 was presented.

The summary of the Board Building and Grounds Committee Meeting held on Thursday, July 9, 2009 will be enclosed in the August Board Packet.

21ST CENTURY COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARD

Franklin, Washington Elementary and Roosevelt Elementary have been awarded five year 21st Century Competitive Grants. Dr. Purcell thanked Ms. Mitchell for her hard work to obtain these highly competitive grants for District 148.

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION - CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION 2008-2009

All District 148 Schools received Certificates of Recognition for the 2008-2009 school year. Certificates will be forwarded to each Principal.

2009-2010 REGISTRATION DATES

Tuesday, August 4th, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5th, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parents were asked to look ahead and mark your calendars now for student fee payment and registration dates for the 2009-10 School Year. Parents or guardians must be present to register students and to prove residency. Specific details are listed on the information flier that was available at the sign-in table.

BACK TO SCHOOL OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

This summer, The Village of Riverdale will launch its inaugural benefit concert, “The Back to School Outdoor Festival” in Riverdale, IL and hosted by Riverdale Mayor Deyon Dean. The festival will take place on Saturday, August 15, 2009. The purpose of the festival is to promote the core values shared by the residents of Riverdale and the surrounding south suburban villages: Education, Healthy Living, and the safety and well-being of our children during the upcoming school year. The festival will also be a fundraiser for the Women Only Self Defense Network, a non-profit organization whose mission is “by using martial arts as a conduit for teaching self-esteem and life skills, the Women Only Self Defense Network empowers girls and women, fostering a commitment to self and success.

CEC SUMMER INSTITUTE - FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2009

CEC (Consortium for Educational Change) will hold its Summer Institute on Friday, August 7, 2009 at the Wyndham Lisle-Chicago Hotel & Executive Meeting Center located at 3000 Warrenville Road in Lisle, IL from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The topic will be Rtl (Response to Intervention). Registration has been completed for the following: Mrs. Cathy Bendell, Mr. James Bendell, Ms. Joy Chase, Rev. Lamar Collins, Dr. Kathy Conroy, Ms. Lisa Davis-Smith, Dr. Candace Dunleavy, Mr. Michael Hurst, Ms. Joyce Jackson, Ms. Gail Jilek, Mrs. Cynthia Marks, Dr. Dell McFarlane, Mrs. Kathie McHenry, Ms. Tobin Mitchell, Dr. Patricia Moore, Mrs. Torie Navarre, Mrs. Michelle Overstreet, Dr. Jayne Purcell, Ms. Shalonda Randle, Ms. Jean Rogers, Ms. Carmella Shumate, Ms. Sharron Spearman, Ms. Dot Weathersby, Mrs. Willa Williams and Mr. Michael Winston. A reminder packet will be mailed home to all participants at the end of July.

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

Board Members were asked to mark their calendars for Friday, November 20 through Sunday, November 22, 2009. All seven Board Members have been registered to attend.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Correspondence, as reviewed by the Board of Education, which consisted of one request for retirement and two resignation letters, 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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

On vacation for July.

APPROVE SIMPLEX GRINNELL PROPOSAL

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the proposal from Simplex Grinnell to replace the existing obsolete Fire Alarm Panel at the Administrative Building in the amount of \$4,084.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE B & I PEST CONTROL PROPOSAL

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the proposal from B & I Pest Control to treat termites at Riverdale School in the amount of \$2,650.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SCISSOR LIFT AND TRAILER PRUCHASE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a 26 foot scissor lift in the amount of \$14,000 and a trailer to transport the lift for \$3,000.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS FOR CHEVRON PROJECT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Shumate moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the change orders for the Chevron Project in the amount of \$274,122.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PURCHASE FROM HORIZON

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the purchase for Point of Sale Software and Hardware from Horizon in the amount of \$56,010. The district has been awarded \$38,778.75 under the National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RENEW SELF (SCHOOL EMPLOYEE LOSS FUND)

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education renew the rate for Worker's Compensation Coverage via SELF for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$105,928.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PURCHASE FROM NUMARA

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the purchase of an inventory tracking system and scanning equipment from Numara in the amount of \$21,950.40.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REAUTHORIZE IMPREST FUND FOR 2009-10

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education reauthorize the Imprest Fund for 2009-10 with expenditures from the Imprest Fund not to exceed \$60,000 from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

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

RESOLUTION DECLINING REQUEST TO ACCEPT NON-RESIDENT CHOICE STUDENTS

Member Shumate moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Declining Requests to Accept Non-Resident Choice Students.

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

REVIEW MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSIONS

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the review of the Minutes from the Board's Closed Sessions: February 26, 2009, March 12, 2009, March 26, 2009, April 23, 2009, April 30, 2009, May 7, 2009, May 21, 2009 and June 25, 2009 that no longer require confidential treatment and are therefore available for public inspection.

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

DESTRUCTION OF VERBATIM RECORDINGS

That in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, at least 18 months have passed, and therefore Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approves the destruction of the verbatim records of the Closed Sessions made on January 9, 2008 and January 23, 2008.

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

APPROVE RETIREMENT

Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the request for retirement at the end of the 2009-2010 school year, from Jack Lewandowski, Social Worker, Roosevelt Elementary, in accordance with the P.N. Agreement between the DEA and the Board of Education.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:
Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter
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: Chynna Hampton, Psychologist, Harriet Tubman, Roosevelt Elementary and Washington Schools, Salimah Karim, Special Education Teacher, Roosevelt Jr. High and Timothy Schreiber, Special Education Teacher, Roosevelt Jr. High, effective the last day of the 2008-2009 school year.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ Michael Bruce as Assistant Principal of Washington School for the respective vacated position, effective July 27, 2009, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT PART-TIME GRANT POSITION

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ Cynthia Marks as part-time 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Coordinator, for the life of the Grant, effective July 24, 2009 contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE EMPLOYMENT RECLASSIFICATION

Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education reclassify Nancy Brown from Special Education Teacher to Director of Support Programs Assistant (non-administrative position) effective August 17, 2009, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**APPROVE EMPLOYMENT
CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following certified personnel in the following positions, at the following steps, for the 2009-10 school year, effective August 17, 2009, at a starting salary 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:

Twylia Bennett, Speech Paraprofessional, BA+20, Step 10, Lincoln Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High and Harriet Tubman Schools,

Chemonte Cosey, Speech Paraprofessional, BA+20, Step 9, Roosevelt Elementary, Roosevelt Jr. High and Franklin Schools,

Mah Kamlipour, Speech Paraprofessional, MA+20, Step 10, Washington Elementary, Washington Jr. High and Park Schools,

Kathleen Styler, School Nurse, BA+20, Step 6, Harriet Tubman School,

Nahreisha Tate, Third Grade Teacher, MA, Step 4, Roosevelt Elementary and

Paris Walker, Third Grade Teacher, MA, Step 2, Roosevelt Elementary.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member William Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment from the month of July, 2009, as printed under the Administration-Action Reports, Agenda Items I-2-a - I-2-l, totaling \$511,338.39 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	\$466,479.63		
b. ECC Grant	22.95		
c. Mentor Grant	433.23		
d. Safety Grant	226.00		
e. Summer Bridges	1,280.88		
f. Supp GSA	29,988.32		
g. Title I - IAAD	7,176.44		
h. Title II – Teacher Quality	1,705.00		
i. 21 st Century	4,025.94		
Total		\$511,338.39	
j. Total Custodians Extra Time	0.0		
k. Total Secretaries Overtime	0.0		
l. Total Substitute Payroll	0.0		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		0.0	
GRAND TOTAL			\$511,338.39

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

SUCCESS FOR ALL FOUNDATION

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education enter into an agreement with Success for All Foundation in the amount of \$74,989.00 to provide services to Riverdale School.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT

Member Bendell 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: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

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 as submitted.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board of Education welcomed all new employees to District 148.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss Pending Litigation, 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) and Performance of Specific Employee, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 8:53 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACTION FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

WARNING RESOLUTION

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the warning resolution dated July 23, 2009 to Administrator 07232009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on July 23, 2009 at 8:55 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

Ayes: Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Faith Gunter, President Pro Tem

Carmella Shumate, Secretary