

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 July, 2011.**

ROLL CALL

After the Pledge of Allegiance the President, Joyce Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:07 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 James McEnroe, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Joan Carreon, Karen Marshall, Ricardo Murray, Pamela Brown, Chardnay Heard, Brenda Britt-Cox, Carolyn Abernathy, Kilwanna Williams

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, June 23, 2011, beginning at 7:10 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 Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held on Thursday, June 23, 2011, beginning at 8:55 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. Moore turned over the acknowledgment of the contribution to Summer School from Margaret Kostopulos, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C. to Ms. Jackson. Ms. Jackson explained that due to this contribution 20 student fees to attend District 205 summer school were paid for. Ms. Kostopulos said it is always a pleasure to help in support of School District 148. A certificate was presented.

Dr. Dunleavy thanked the Board for their continued dedication to the rising needs of students. Shirts bearing a Rainbow Support Programs Logo were given to all Board Members. These shirts were purchased locally to help keep money in the community. Dr. Dunleavy also gave a synopsis of State Reports that have been compiled, completed and delivered by Support Programs.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Two Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summaries of the Building and Grounds Meeting and the Finance Committee Meeting both held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 were presented.

TEACHER LIABILITY: WHAT WE DON'T KNOW MIGHT HURT, US BY ANGELA MAYNARD SEWELL

President Jackson gave a presentation and conducted a discussion with her fellow Board Members concerning an article entitled "Teacher Liability: What We Don't Know Might Hurt, Us" by Angela Maynard Sewell. This discussion centered on the duties and responsibilities of teachers within legal guidelines. Procedure guidelines were discussed and the importance of the safety, at all times, for all of our students.

2011-12 REGISTRATION DATE Wednesday, August 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Parents were asked to look ahead and mark their calendars now for student fee payment and registration date for the 2011-12 School Year. Registration will take place on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents or guardians must be present to register students and to prove residency.

CEC SUMMER INSTITUTE

CEC (Consortium for Educational Change) will hold its Summer Institute on Friday, August 5, 2011 at Chicago Oak Brook Marriott, 1401 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The topic will be Transforming School Culture featuring Dr. Anthony Muhammad. District Leadership Team Members will be attending.

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

Board Members were asked to mark their calendars for Friday, November 18 through Sunday, November 20, 2011. Registration has been completed for all seven Board Members. Hotel reservations have been made at the Hyatt Regency. Several Board Members requested registration for Friday Workshops.

GUIDE TO ILLINOIS STATUTES AFFECTING SCHOOL & DIGEST OF BILLS PASSED

Two documents recently made available by the Illinois Association of School Boards were presented:

Guide to Illinois Statutes Affecting Schools – Reference to those Illinois statutes that are not in the School Code but are occasionally involved in the resolution of issues faced by school districts.

Digest of Bills Passed – Summary of bills passed during the Spring Session of the Illinois General Assembly that will now be given to the Governor for his signature or veto.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained one retirement request, 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

A "Showcase of Summer School & Computer Camp" was presented by Mrs. Joan Carreon, Community Liaison. Mrs. Carreon gave a guided tour during the Power point that showed glimpses of what students did during these programs.

APPROVE E-RATE CONSULTING SERVICES

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member William Gunter moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the Proposal/Agreement with GTA, LLC for E-Rate Consulting and Administrative Services for the 2011-2012 school year with an annual fee of \$20,000.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR 3 WELL SINKS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Lawrence moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the proposal from Commercial, Residential Plumbing and Repair to install new 3 compartment sinks at Riverdale School in the amount of \$11,053.90 and at Park School in the amount of \$10,053.90 in compliance with all state and local codes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE CENTRALIZED PRINT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Bendell moved and Member Wooten seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the purchase of centralized printing management software from PaperCut MF in the amount of \$20,908.82 with funds from the Title I Grant. It was noted that this is a 5 year contract.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY INSURANCE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the purchase of Law Enforcement Liability Insurance from Indian Harbor Insurance Company for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$4,509.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RENEW MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH COOK ORGANIZATION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION (SCOPE)

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Wooten moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 renew membership in the South Cook Organization for Public Education, SCOPE, for the 2011-2012 school year by authorizing the dues payment in the amount of \$1,467.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REAUTHORIZE IMPREST FUND FOR 2011-12

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 reauthorize the Imprest Fund for 2011-12 school year with expenditures from the Imprest Fund not to exceed \$60,000 from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE BUDGET FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 set 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 25, 2011 at the Administrative Offices of School District 148, 114 West 144th Street, Riverdale, Illinois, as the time, date, and location for the Open Meeting to the public for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing on the Budget for the 2011-12 School Year.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION DECLINING REQUEST TO ACCEPT NON-RESIDENT CHOICE STUDENTS

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 adopt Resolution #07282011 Declining Requests to Accept Non-Resident Choice Students.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

TABLE REVIEW MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSIONS

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education table the motion to approve the review of the Minutes from the Board's Closed Sessions.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RETIREMENT DEA

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the request for retirement from the following employee effective the following date complying with the P.N. Agreement between the DEA and the Board of Education:

Kathy Cherry, 6th Grade Teacher, Roosevelt Jr. High effective the last day of the 2013-2014 school year.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

HIRE DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 hire Karen Marshall as Director of Technology for the respective vacated position and contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates effective August 1, 2011. Congratulations were offered and acknowledged by Ms. Marshall.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

HIRE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Member Jackson moved and Member Gunter, seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 hire Martez James as Assistant Principal, Washington School for the respective vacated position and contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates effective August 1, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

EMPLOYMENT NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following non-certified employees effective the following dates, at the following positions, and at salaries as determined by the most current Board/DSA Agreement in effect, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all employment mandates: Jason DeVries, Skilled Maintenance, District Wide, effective upon receipt of employment mandates and Alesia Fleshman, Office Assistant, Roosevelt Jr. High effective August 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

APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member Jackson moved and Member Wooten seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment from the month of July, 2011, as printed under the Administration-Action Reports, Agenda Items H-2-a - H-2-k, totaling \$813,083.31 and the accompanying Financial Reports, directing the secretary to place all reports on file for audit. Discussion was held concerning the amount of Custodian extra time. Mr. Zamora, Director of Building and Grounds explained that part time and substitutes were being used for extra time to achieve and maintain a higher standard of cleanliness.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	SUB-TOTAL	GRAND TOTAL
a. Regular Bills	\$703,649.38		
b. Idea Grant	10,323.50		
c. Mentor Grant	25.00		
d. Safety Grant	56.50		
e. Title I – Basic	30,494.46		
f. Title II – Teacher Quality	3,332.20		
g. Supp GSA	48,088.70		
h. 21 st Century	6,998.14		
Total		\$802,967.88	
i. Total Custodians Extra Time	1,001.45		
j. Total Secretaries Overtime	931.48		
k. Total Substitute Payroll	10,115.43		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$10,115.43	
GRAND TOTAL			\$813,083.31

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 William Gunter 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 REPORT

Following a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee, Member Lawrence moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, accept the Buildings and Grounds 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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

An opportunity was extended to the audience to address the Board of Education.

Ricardo Murray, Ivanhoe Park District, asked the Board to show a spirit of cooperation concerning the rental/sharing of the Park School Gym with Ivanhoe Park District. Discussion was held with Dr. McEnroe, Interim Business Manager, giving a synopsis of recent meetings with Mr. Bates concerning the agreement on file and obligations of both entities that have been discussed. Ms. Jackson added that concerns have been forwarded to the school board's Attorney and that budget cuts across the nation are paramount on everyone's agendas leading to discussions regarding collection of funds.

Brenda Britt-Cox, Park School Parent/Ivanhoe Park District, asked for an explanation of the Imprest Fund. Ms. Jackson said the fund is similar to a petty cash fund and is used for immediate, small expenses that cannot wait to be processed through the monthly bills. Ms. Britt-Cox also asked for the name added to the agenda on non-certified employee hires. The Board responded that the name was Jason DeVries, Skilled Maintenance. Ms. Britt-Cox then spoke for Ivanhoe Park District asking for cooperation on both sides without Attorney involvement. She commented that both sides have breached the current agreement with her hope of now going forward with success for all.

Kilwanna Williams, Normal Avenue, said she was not notified of what school her child, who completed fourth grade at Riverdale School, would attend this fall. Dr. Purcell replied that it would be Washington School.

Discussion was held concerning the changes in Administration at Washington School and the process used in the selection of Ms. Joanna Sharp as Principal and Mr. Martez James as Assistant Principal. Dr. Purcell told the parents to "put on your seatbelt and get ready for a ride as we move forward" to make Washington School a better place for Staff and Students.

Carolyn Abernathy spoke on a bad experience at Washington School and what procedure she should follow to transfer her child to Roosevelt. Ms. Abernathy was asked to meet with the Superintendent after the meeting for guidance.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

None

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, move into Closed Session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss: Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6), 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, Wooten, Lawrence, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, return to Open Session at 10:10 p.m.

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 MOTION TO REVIEW MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education take from the table the motion to approve the review of the Minutes from the Board's Closed Sessions.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REVIEW MINUTES OF CLOSED SESSIONS

Following discussion and clarification from the Attorney Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the review of the Minutes from the Board's Closed Sessions: July 23, 2009, August 27, 2009, September 24, 2009, September 30, 2009, October 19, 2009, October 22, 2009, November 19, 2009, December 17, 2009, January 28, 2010, February 25, 2010, March 11, 2010, March 25, 2010, April 15, 2010, April 29, 2010, May 6, 2010, May 20, 2010, June 10, 2010, June 24, 2010, July 22, 2010, August 26, 2010, September 23, 2010, October 28, 2010, November 18, 2010, December 2, 2010, December 16, 2010, January 13, 2011, January 27, 2011, February 24, 2011, March 10, 2011, March 24, 2011, April 7, 2011, April 21, 2011, May 9, 2011, May 19, 2011, June 9, 2011 and June 23, 2011 that due to discussions of pending litigation, the above listed closed session minutes still require confidential treatment and therefore will not be available for public inspection.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISMISS EMPLOYEE

Member Collins moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, dismiss employee 07282011 effective July 5, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, adjourn the Meeting held on July 28, 2011 at 10:18 p.m.

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