

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 **20th of May 2010**.

ROLL CALL

After the Pledge of Allegiance the President, Joyce Jackson, called the meeting to order a 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. Margaret Kostopulos, Attorney, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C., Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Interim Business Manager James McEnroe, Principals, Kathy Conroy, Lisa Davis-Smith, Dell McFarlane, Kathie McHenry, Shalonda Randle, Dot Weathersby, Michael Winston, Assistant Principal Michael Bruce and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Cathy Bendell, Chordra Bernard, Simona Wells, Jean Lewis, Brenda Britt-Cox, Angela Diamond, Jamael Diamond, Jordan Diamond

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, April 29, 2010, beginning at 7:07 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 Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 29, 2010, beginning at 8:10 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: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, May 6, 2010, beginning at 7:35 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 Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Special Meeting on Thursday, May 6, 2010 beginning at 7:50 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: Collins, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

OATH OF OFFICE

The newly appointed Board Member Mr. Larry Lawrence will be administered the Oath of Office by the Board Attorney.

"I, Larry Lawrence, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Dolton West School District 148, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

"I further swear (or affirm) that: "I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school district's assets; "I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

"I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and "I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Wells, 14308 Grant, Lincoln Parent voiced her concern over students receiving proper recognition for accomplishments. Ms. Jackson referred her to Mr. Winston.

Ms. Lewis, 14309 Grant, Lincoln Parent wanted to know why she did not receive newsletters. The Board explained that newsletters go home with all students however sometimes students do not give this information to their parents. They suggested checking book bags.

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

ADMINISTRATION-INFORMATION REPORTS

Dr. Moore presented the District Assessment Committee Report. She explained that many different assessments are now being used. A recommendation from the Assessment Committee has been made to have one common assessment at all schools. Dr. Moore will be presenting this information at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Dr. Dunleavy presented Special Education Focus Monitoring. She explained activities that have been designed for the school year 2010-11 to achieve the professional development objective for educators and parents to improve the placement of special education students in the general education setting.

Ms. Mitchell reported that Enrollment stands at 2,772 students down 4 from last month.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Two Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The Finance Committee, May 6, 2010 and Parent Advisory, May 14, 2010. The Finance Committee summary was presented. The Parent Advisory summary will be included in the June Board Packet. The summary of the District Leadership Team Meeting held on Thursday, April 22, 2010 was also presented.

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATIONS

Eighth Grade Graduations have been set as follows:

Lincoln Jr. High Tuesday, May 25, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. at Thornridge High School, 15000 Cottage Grove, Dolton Illinois

Roosevelt Jr. High Wednesday, May 26, 2010 - 7:00 p.m. at Thornridge High School, 15000 Cottage Grove, Dolton, Illinois

Washington Jr. High Thursday, May 27, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at Thornton High School 15001 Broadway, Harvey, Illinois

CEC SUMMER INSTITUTE

CEC (Consortium for Educational Change) will hold its Summer Institute on Friday, August 6, 2010 at Northern Illinois University Outreach Center, NIU Naperville, 1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville, IL from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The topic will be Supporting Useful Conversations about Teacher and Leader Practice and Performance.

2010-11 REGISTRATION DATE Wednesday, August 4th, 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 2010-11 School Year. Registration will take place on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents or guardians must be present to register students and to prove residency.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained one request for retirement and 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, Lawrence, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mrs. Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Band Director was not able to attend the Board Meeting. Mrs. Ronisha Dubose presented the District Band Director's Award to Ashley Smith.

Mrs. Ronisha Dubose, Choral Director presented a new award this year, the District 148 Choral Director's Award to Chihontay Bernard and Jaisyn Passmore.

Mrs. McHenry introduced Ms. Martinez from Thornridge High School who explained a program that she partnered with Harriet Tubman School this year. On a quarterly basis her High School Students came to Harriet Tubman and read to students. A short video was shown that showed how "Reading Buddies" formed special relationships that benefitted both Thornridge and Harriet Tubman students.

APPROVE EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the disposal of selected CPU's, monitors, and other components.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE ELECTRICAL ENHANCEMENT

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 proposal from Victory Heating & Cooling to provide three (3) additional 30 amp electrical boxes in the Server Room not to exceed \$1,800.00 and three (3) separate 110 lines in two separate repair areas not to exceed \$2,680.00 for a total cost not to exceed \$4,480.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SECURITY CAGE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the contract with Victory Heating & Cooling to construct a security cage in the lower lever of Riverdale School to house 40+ laptop carts for summer storage and maintenance not to exceed \$6,700.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Lawrence moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the renewal of the contract with Milestone Therapy to provide physical therapy for the 2010-2011 school year.

Member Bendell commented that Milestone Therapy's rates will remain the same as this year.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RENEWAL OF PREFERRED MEALS CONTRACT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Lawrence moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the renewal of the contract with Preferred Meals with a 1.9% increase for the 2010-2011 school year.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE AMENDED RENEWAL ILLINOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Bendell moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the amended renewal of the contract with Illinois Central School Bus for student transportation.

The Board of Education thanked Dr. McEnroe for obtaining a lower rate for bus services.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Member Lawrence moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the Partnership Agreement with Success for All Foundation for an Investing in Innovation development grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE CHANGES TO DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148 approve the changes to the District Improvement Plan based on the identified areas from the Special Education Focus Monitoring visit conducted in January by the Illinois State Board of Education.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ms. Jackson thanked Ms. Kostopulos for the donation from Ancel Glink in the amount of \$840.00 for the District's summer program.

Ms. Jackson thanked Chevron for their donation of \$1,500.00 towards the District Recognition Dinner.

Ms. Jackson announced that Thornton Township Youth Committee Inaugural Gala Event will be held on July 17, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Riverdale Facility, 14323 S. Halsted. This is a fund raising event to come and enjoy gourmet food, live band and a comedian. Tickets are \$75.00 and all proceeds will go to our youth, students and families of Thornton Township. Please contact Mr. Vic Fuller at Lincoln School for more information or to purchase tickets.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING AND COMMITTEE DATES

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the School Board and Committee Meeting Schedule for Board Meetings for the 2010-2011 School Year, as printed on the Board and Committee Meeting Schedule effective July 1, 2010.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADOPT POLICY REVISIONS

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education table the motion to adopt policy revisions.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Tabled

APPROVE RETIREMENT

Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the request for retirement from Patricia Robertson, Second Grade Teacher, Franklin School, effective the last day of the 2010-2011 school year, complying with the P.N. Agreement between the DEA and the Board of Education.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member Shumate seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the resignations of the following employees effective the following dates: Patricia Aguilar, Alternative Certification Teacher, Franklin School effective May 7, 2010 and Maurice Byles, Science Teacher, Washington Jr. High effective May 6, 2010.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RECOGNIZE TEACHER TENURE IN SCHOOL DISTRICT 148

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education recognize the following certified employees for acquiring tenure in School District 148:

LaShawn Baclig, Christine Dottery, Ronisha Dubose, Kathleen Eifrid, Gloria Johnson, Kim Lewis, Michael Manser, Darlene McMillian, Gloria Montgomery, Donna Pryor, Mary Short, Kimberly Valladay, Tara Warner and Antoinette Williams.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment from the month of May 2010 as printed under the Administration- Action Reports, Agenda Items J-3-a - J-3-n totaling \$1,815,798.57, 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	\$1,005,431.40		
b. ARRA	621,852.74		
c. District Band	82.96		
d. ECC 3-5 Years	3,191.55		
e. IDEA Grant	3,783.31		
f. Safety Grant	113.00		
g. School Improvement	10,316.00		
h. Supp GSA	108,527.10		
i. Title I	20,190.45		
j. Title II-Teacher Quality	8,801.72		
k. 21 st Century	20,464.99		
TOTAL		\$1,802,755.22	
l. Total Custodians Extra Time	170.85		
m. Total Secretaries Overtime	0.0		
n. Total Substitute Payroll	12,872.50		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		13,043.35	
GRAND TOTAL			\$1,815,798.57

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson 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, Lawrence, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AND RENTAL REPORTS

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the Buildings and Grounds and the Rental Reports as submitted.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss:
Collective Bargaining Matters, 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (2).
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, Lawrence, Bendell, Faith Gunter, Shumate, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Member Shumate left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and Member Bendell was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 9:38 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION
ADOPT RESOLUTION**

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt the resolution dated May 20, 2010 concerning certain alleged behaviors of employee number 05202010.

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

NOTICE OF CHARGES

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education issue a notice of charges and dismissal dated May 21, 2010 concerning the alleged behavior of employee number 05202010.

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

TAKE FROM THE TABLE

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education take from the table the motion to adopt policy revisions.

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

POLICY REVISIONS

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion to refer policy revisions back to Policy Committee for consideration and recommend that approval be put on the June 24, 2010 Board Agenda.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on May 20, 2010 at 9:41 p.m.

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

Joyce Jackson, President

Carmella Shumate, Secretary

James Bendell, Secretary Pro Tem