

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 **17th of November, 2011.**

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 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 Terrence La Bella, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Director of Technology Karen Marshall, Principals Dell McFarlane, Shalonda Randle, Joanna Sharp, Michael Winston, Assistant Principals Martez James, Torie Navarre and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

VISITORS

Joan Carreon, Sandra Washington, Sherry Griffin, John K. Brown, Sr., Thedora Langston, Maria Mareno, Valerie Coston-Chalmers, Sadie Coston-Chalmers, Yolanda Perry, Christine Dottery, melvina Norwood, Inita Moore, Dionne Martin, Willie Martin, Darlene McMillian, Jennifer Williams, Christine Quinlan, Carol A. Benda, Shannea Brooks, Arrion Pamon, Jennifer Fitzpatrick, Jonathan Evans, Unique Morris, Debra Samuels, Caylah Samuels, Daphne Isom, Gwendolyn Nance, Michelle Collins, Kimberly Bell, Patricia Benton, Reneta Clifton, Lawanda Woods, Michael Langston, Veronica Garcia, Marketa Williams, Sheila McCaster, Chelsea Mumford

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. Winston, Lincoln Principal introduced Ms. Dottery, Lincoln Art Teacher who gave an overview of what is done in Art Class at Lincoln School. Miracle Chalmers, Makayla Humphries and Jose Garcia, students from Lincoln School, presented and explained their outstanding Art Projects.

Ms. Benda, Lincoln Jr. High NJHS Co-Sponsor presented Arrion Pamon and Jose Garcia, NJHS Officers, who read essays to the Board in honor of School Board Members Day. Both students thanked Board Members for their service to the District.

Mrs. Dubose and her choir performed for the Board and presented a Thank You booklet. Mrs. Dubose reminded everyone that they can hear more from our ever expanding Choir at the Winter Concert on December 21, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at Washington Jr. High. The Board gave the Choir a recognition certificate.

Dr. Purcell invited representatives from Park School to present their thank you messages to the Board. Dr. McFarlane introduced Caylah Samuels and Jayla Smith who thanked the Board.

Ms. McMillian and Mrs. Morris from Roosevelt Elementary showed two oversized thank you cards signed by students and staff for the Board. They also introduced students Ari Brown and Michael Williams who read thank you's.

Ms. Randle, RJH Principal introduced student Akia Collins who read her thank you essay.

Mrs. Williams, Riverdale Elementary Teacher, introduced Shaunti McGuire who presented oversized thank you cards from ECC and Riverdale School. Shaunti also read her thank you message.

Ms. Sharp, Principal at Washington Schools introduced students Swaysey Rankin and Reiauna Taylor, NJHS and Student Council representatives who read their thank you sentiments.

Ms. Randle presented Franklin School's thank you card.

Certificates were presented to all of the students.

Dr. Purcell presented certificates to the Board Members for their dedicated service.

Ms. Jackson thanked students, staff and parents.

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, October 27, 2011 beginning at 7:05 p.m., 2011 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 Faith Gunter moved and Member Lawrence seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held on Thursday, October 27, 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, Assistant Superintendent reported that the District received a \$1, 918.98 Library Grant. Media Specialists are working on next year's grant.

Dr. Dunleavy, Director of Support Programs reported that the Illinois Eye Institute will provide eye exams and glasses to District Students. She credited our partnership with Sadie Waterford for helping make this opportunity possible for our students.

Ms. Marshall, Director of Technology reported that November Enrollment of 2,501 awesome students which is an increase of 51.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Two Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summaries of the Board Building & Grounds Committee held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 and the Finance Committee also held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 were presented. The summary from Parent Advisory held on October 20, 2011 will also be presented.

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

Board Members were reminded to mark their calendars for Friday, November 18 through Sunday, November 20, 2011 to attend the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference. Registration has been completed for all seven Board Members.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained one thank you note and two resignation letters 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

ACCEPT RESULTS OF ILLINOIS STANDARDS ACHIEVEMENT TEST AND SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education School District 148, accept the 2011 results of the Illinois Standards Achievement Test and School Report Cards for Dolton West, School District 148, and that all of the school report cards be 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

ADOPT POLICY REVISIONS

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt policy revisions to maintain Legal Compliance as follows:

Policy 2:180 - Board Member Observation of Buildings and Grounds (New)

Policy 2:190 - Board Member Use of District-Owned Tablet Computers (New)

Procedure 7:340AP – Administrative Procedure – Student records – will be adopted as part of the policy

6:240 - Field Trip Procedure will be adopted as part of Field Trip Policy

5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media: Usage and Conduct

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RENEWAL WITH SIMPLEX GRINNELL

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 agreement renewal with Simplex Grinnell for the following locations: Administrative Building – 114 W. 144th Street, Franklin Elementary – 14701 Chicago Road, Lincoln School – 14151 Lincoln Avenue, Riverdale Elementary – 325 West 142nd Street, Washington School – 13900 School Street, Early Childhood Center – 560 West 144th Street Harriet Tubman Elementary – 333 East 142nd Street, Park Elementary – 14200 Wentworth Avenue and Roosevelt School – 111 West 146th Street from 12/1/2011 to 11/30/2012 in the amount of \$10,820.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RENEWAL OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES ONLINE

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Lawrence moved and Member Wooten seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, approve the renewal of School Board Policies Online from the Illinois Association of School Boards in the amount of \$2,500.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RENEWAL OF POLICY REFERENCE EDUCATION SUBSCRIPTION (PRESS)

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Wooten moved and Member Lawrence seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, approve the renewal of the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS) from the Illinois Association of School Boards in the amount of \$675.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

PRESENT THE PROPOSED 2011 LEVY PRIOR TO ADOPTION IN DECEMBER

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member William Gunter moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education present the proposed levy to the public prior to the adoption of the 2011 Levy scheduled for the Regular Board Meeting, December 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

SET TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Lawrence moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education set the time, date and location for the Truth in Taxation Hearing for 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 22, 2011 at the District 148 Administrative Office, 114 West 144th Street, Riverdale, Illinois.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Member Bendell moved and Member Lawrence seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the resignation of the following employees:

Mollie Berenbom, Kindergarten Teacher, Riverdale School, effective October 3, 2011 and

Kimberly Brown, Sixth Grade Co-Teacher, Lincoln School effective October 25, 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 EMPLOYMENT SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Lawrence seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ Deborah Stryjewski, School Psychologist, Early Childhood Center, Park, Riverdale and Washington Schools, contingent upon receipt of all required employment mandates, effective October 24, 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 CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Lawrence moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following certified employees, for the 2011-12 school year at the following positions and at salaries based upon the following steps and lanes as determined by the most current Board/DEA Agreement in effect at any time during the 2011-12 school year, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all required employment mandates: Paris Walker, Second Grade Teacher, Franklin School, MA+10, Step 2, effective October 31, 2011.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

CONFIRM COORDINATOR 21ST CENTURY SATURDAY SCHOOL

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education confirms the approval of the 21st Century Saturday School Program Coordinator, Shalonda Randle at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, paid out of Title I funds, not to exceed \$900.00 for the 2011-2012 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

APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment for the month of November as printed under the Administration – Action Reports, Agenda Items H-2a - H-2l totaling \$809,729.36 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	\$742,287.78		
b. District Band	180.00		
c. ECC Grant	11,736.17		
d. Idea Grant	5,018.71		
e. Safety Grant	734.50		
f. Title I	2,617.33		
g. Title II	6,400.00		
h. Supp GSA	7,354.21		
i. 21 st Century	3,251.00		
TOTAL		\$779,579.70	
j. Total Custodians Extra Time	517.33		
k. Total Secretaries Overtime	129.83		
l. Total Substitute Payroll	29,502.50		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$30,149.66	
GRAND TOTAL			\$809,729.36

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 Wooten 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 William Gunter moved and Member Faith 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.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Nance, 243 East 142nd Street, Dolton, IL who has students attending Lincoln, Franklin and ECC talked about busing concerns with her great nephew at ECC. Her concern centered on the length of time these young children are on the bus. Mr. La Bella, Interim Business Manager, addressed her concerns. Mrs. Nance also expressed concerns about her children arriving early at Franklin and having to wait outside in the cold. Mrs. Jackson advised her to speak to Principal Ms. Davis-Smith. Mrs. Nance next question focused on the funding source of iPads used by Board Members and Administrators. Ms. Jackson explained that iPads were purchased through a technology grant.

Mr. Quan Bruce, former student from Harriet Tubman and Washington Schools, asked about the reasons for the closing of Harriet Tubman School. Ms. Jackson explained the process used in reaching that decision.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. La Bella gave a very informative Power Point presentation on the proposed 2011 tax levy. He also informed the Board of a pending property tax appeal which High School District 205 is currently challenging. He asked the Board whether the District wants to take a position as well. The consensus of the Board was to take no action at this time and wait and see what happens.

Member Lawrence left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, move into Closed Session at 9:15 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: Bendell, Wooten, Faith Gunter, Collins, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays:

Motion Carried

Member Lawrence rejoined the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member Wooten seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, return to Open Session at 10:40 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

There was no action following Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Collins moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, School District 148, adjourn the Meeting held on November 17, 2011 at 10:45 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