

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 **22nd of October, 2009.**

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: Lamar Collins, Willa Williams, James Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter and Joyce Jackson. Carmella Shumate was absent. Margaret Kostopulos, Attorney, Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer P.C., Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Acting Director of Technology Tobin Mitchell, Principals Joy Chase, Kathy Conroy, Lisa Davis-Smith, Shalonda Randle, Michael Winston, Assistant Principals Torie Navarre, Michael Bruce and Board Secretary Joyce Selix were also present.

SECRETARY PRO-TEM

President Jackson appointed James Bendell as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of Secretary Carmella Shumate.

VISITORS

Fatimah Al-Neridin, Jodi Lucas, Kathleen Young, Lakeisha Pittman, Bernedette Roddy, Suzzanne Arnold, Chris Van Dyke, Tanya Alexander, George Haas, Jim Freiday, Patricia Aguilar, Stephanie Sanford, John Stewart, Shimara Walton, Sharmetta Wilson, Mattie Miller, Mimi Glaeson, Leah Gusman, Cathy Bendell, Joan Carreon, Erin Moore, Adrienne Miller

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, September 24, 2009 beginning at 7:04 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, Williams, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, September 24, 2009 beginning at 8:13 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, Williams, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 beginning at 8:05 p.m. be approved as written and directed the secretary to place the minutes on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 beginning at 8:40 p.m. be approved as written and directed the secretary to place the minutes on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING

Member William Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Monday, October 19, 2009 beginning at 5:10 p.m. be approved as written and direct the secretary to place them on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MINUTES - CLOSED SESSION

Member Williams moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Special Meeting held on Monday, October 19, 2009 beginning at 5:11 p.m. be approved as written and direct the secretary to place them on file as a part of the official Board Minutes.

On roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

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. Moore reported that Open House Results showed that 44% of students were represented. This is a 2% increase from the previous year. Dr. Moore added that Parent Involvement is an area that needs to be improved. FY2010 School District Library Grant Program Application was also presented. This grant has been applied for and is awaiting approval. Dr. Moore told the Board that Linking Learning: The Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines has been ordered for the Board's review.

Dr. Dunleavy reported that School District 148 has been selected for an onsite monitoring review to be conducted in the critical performance area of "educational environments for students with disabilities." Preparation is now taking place for the visit on January 11-15, 2010. Dr. Dunleavy also reported that the Illinois State Board of Education has notified School District 148 that our District shows an overrepresentation of African American students identified with Specific Learning Disabilities. District Self Assessment will take place on November 20, 2009. Results will be sent to ISBE by January 2010. The District Improvement Plan is due by February 28, 2010 and implementation of the Plan by March 2010.

Ms. Mitchell reported that enrollment stands at 2,660, an increase of 191 students from the September report. ECC has shown the largest increase of 47 students.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

Four Committees met since the last Regular Board Meeting. Summaries of the following Committees were presented: District Leadership Team held on Thursday, October 1, 2009, Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 8, 2009 and the Ethics Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The Parent Advisory Meeting held on Thursday, October 15, 2009 will be included in the November Board Packet.

HARVEST DAY PARTY FOR CHILDREN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009

All children are invited to a Harvest Day Party on Friday, October 30, 2009 at Park School. Volunteer help will be appreciated!

ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP 2009

The "Report to the Membership 2009" from the Illinois Association of School Boards, was reviewed.

BOARD POLICY UPDATE – FIRST CONSIDERATION

School District 148 is a Member of the Illinois School Board Association's "Policy Reference Education Subscription Service" that provides frequent updates to keep Board Policies current. The Board Policy Committee has reviewed the recommendations from IASB. All changes are brought as drafts to the District Leadership Team and then recommended to the Board for adoption. Adoption always takes the Board of Education two readings over two months. The first is called "First Consideration" and there is no required Board motion. Next month, the Board will be asked to adopt the changes.

2:100	Board Member Conflict of Interest
2:240	Board Policy Development
2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
5:180	Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
5:220	Substitute Teachers
6:15	School Accountability
7:70	Attendance and Truancy

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

The IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference will be held Friday, November 20th through Sunday, November 22nd 2009. All seven Board Members have been registered to attend.

**NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
April 10th -12th 2009**

The National School Boards Association Annual Conference will be held April 10th through 12th, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois. Ms. Jackson, Mr. Gunter, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Shumate and Dr. Purcell have been registered for this conference.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Member Bendell moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Correspondence which contained two thank you notes, 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, Williams, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

District 148's Mentor/Induction Coordinator, Mr. Michael Hurst, invited all new members of District 148's faculty that are part of the Governors State University Alternative Certification Program that are working in tandem with Teachers at Riverdale and Washington Schools to voluntarily attend the October Board Meeting. Dr. Purcell reported that this is a unique partnership with Governors State University consisting of 15 Teachers, 11 at Washington and 4 at Riverdale, working for a very small stipend. Each, in attendance, stood, stated their name, school and Teacher they are working with. We are very proud of all of our new District 148 staff members.

Ms. Erin Moore, 8th Grade Science Teacher at Lincoln School, is the only teacher in the State of Illinois who was selected to participate in the 2009 Weightless Flight of Discovery program. Mrs. Moore reported on her new "Celebrity Status" at Lincoln school and gave a synopsis of her exciting experience. A power point presentation showed highlights of her flight.

Riverdale Fire-Rescue Department has again this year conducted the Breakfast with the Firefighters contest. School District 148 has several winners: Kindergarten – Kourtney Burrell/Park School, 1st Grade – Amari Fletcher/Washington School, 3rd Grade – Kamia Wallace/Park School and 5th Grade – Trevon Bennett/Park School. Deputy Chief Chris Van Dyke thanked School District 148 Principals and Teachers for their participation. Certificates were presented.

Ms. Chase presented a video that Washington School Students created to "Say No To Drugs". The video showed originality, direction and talent, just to name some of its fine qualities.

RECESS BOARD MEETING

The Board of Education took a recess from 7:51 to 7:55 p.m.

APPROVE PILOT BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL ASPIRE PROGRAM

Following a recommendation from the District Leadership Team, Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the pilot before/after school Aspire program at Roosevelt Elementary for the 2009-2010 school year subject to attorney approved contract between parties.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE VENDOR CONTRACTS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the following contracts:

- a. Appreciation Events – Roosevelt Elementary
- b. Best Friend Fundraising – Roosevelt Elementary
- c. Straight A School & Office Supplies, Inc. – Riverdale School
- d. Affy Tapple, LLC – Riverdale School
- e. Sally Foster – Washington School
- f. Affy Tapple, LLC – Roosevelt Jr. High
- g. Sally Foster – Park Elementary

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SOFTWARE RENEWALS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Williams moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the following software renewals:

- a. License for School Messenger at a cost of \$7,930 from Reliance Communications for the automated application that alerts parents, staff and community of district wide messages.
- b. 1 annual site fee for A+nywhere Learning System from American Education Corporation at a cost of \$3,500.

Total software renewals total \$11,430.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION SERVICES (SES) CONTRACTS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the contracts for SES services to the following providers:

- a. retain CLUBZ for a minimum of 25 hours and a maximum of 40 hours per student at an hourly rate of \$45.00
- b. retain Sylvan Learning Center for 30 hours per student at an hourly rate of \$35.00
- c. retain Academic Advantage for 20.5 hours at an hourly rate of \$52.00 and
- d. retain Babbage Net School for 40 hours per student at an hourly rate of \$26.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RENEWAL OF THE STUDY ISLAND PROGRAM

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Williams moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the renewal of the Study Island Program at a cost of \$19,368 covering a 16 month subscription period.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PURCHASE FROM PARTSTOCK COMPUTERS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Williams moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the purchase of 10 laptops needed for the 10 portable Smartboards from PartStock Computers at a total cost of \$8,590.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the following Professional Development Days:

- a. 16.5 Professional Development Days to implement Reading Plus and A+nyWhere Learning at a cost of \$1,200 per day for a total of \$19,800 and
- b. 4.5 Professional Development days to implement My Reading Coach at a cost of \$1,500 per day or \$6,750.

The total Professional Development cost is \$26,550.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RETENTION OF IT'S ELEMENTARY INC.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member William Gunter moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the retention of It's Elementary Inc. for \$45,000 to provide services as an External Instructional Coach at Washington School.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REJECT BIDS FOR LAWN MOWING SERVICES

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee, Member Williams moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 reject all bids for lawn mowing services.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

REVIEW MINUTES OF VERBATIM RECORDINGS

That in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 18 months have passed, and therefore Member Faith Gunter moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the destruction of the verbatim records of the Closed Sessions made on April 8, 2008, April 9, 2008 and April 23, 2008.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

DISCHARGE NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the discharge of Christopher Aifuwa, Maintenance, District Wide, effective September 22, 2009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

EMPLOYMENTS CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Bendell moved and Member Williams seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following certified employee, for the 2009-10 school year at the following position and at the salary based upon the following step and lane 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:

Josh Hopps, Special Education Teacher, Washington Elementary, MA+20, Step 1, effective September 23, 2009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

EMPLOY NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education table the motion to employ non-certified employees.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Tabled

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 October 2009 as printed under the Administration-Action Reports, Agenda Items I-2a - I-2o totaling **\$1,571,877.78** 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	\$1,433,992.26		
b. District Band	100.00		
c. ECC 3-5 Years	13,662.31		
d. IDEA Grant	5,956.82		
e. Mentor Grant	903.91		
f. Safety Grant	2,609.00		
g. School Improvement	10,255.00		
h. Supp GSA	49,693.79		
i. Title I – IAAD	24,128.07		
j. Title II – Teacher Quality	10,182.85		
k. Title IV – Drug Free	865.66		
l. 21 st Century	5,309.04		
Subtotal		\$1,557,658.71	
m. Total Custodians Extra Time	33.00		
n. Total Secretaries Over Time	1,503.57		
o. Total Substitute Payroll	12,682.50		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$14,219.07	
GRAND TOTAL			\$1,571,877.78

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Mrs. Jackson noted the overtime/substitute total of \$14,219.07 and asked Dr. Purcell to set up a meeting with the appropriate parties for discussion.

ACCEPT STUDENT ACTIVITY ACCOUNT REPORT

Member Williams moved and Member Bendell 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, Williams, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Williams moved and Member Jackson 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: Collins, Williams, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

MISCELLANEOUS

President Jackson reminded the Board Members that they have been registered for the Pre-Conference workshops on November 20, 2009 that they chose.

President Jackson asked Dr. Purcell to contact Board Members concerning Board Governance Review.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session at 8:20 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, Williams, Bendell, Faith Gunter, William Gunter, Jackson

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 9:34 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACTIONS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

TAKE FROM THE TABLE

Member Bendell moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education take from the table the motion to employ non-certified employees.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

EMPLOY NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following non-certified employees effective the following dates, at the following probationary positions, and at salaries as determined by the most current Board/DSA Agreement in effect contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all employment mandates:

Felisha Walker, Part-Time Custodian, Lincoln School, effective September 18, 2009 and Harold Williams, Part-Time Floater Custodian, District Wide, effective September 23, 2009,

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

SURVEY

The Board held discussion concerning the Chicago Education and Behavior Survey of Adolescents, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago (NORC) would like to conduct the study in School District.148. The Board will take more time to review the survey.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on October 22, 2009 at 9:48 p.m.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: none

Motion Carried

Joyce Jackson, President

James Bendell, Secretary Pro Tem