

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 **24th of September, 2009.**

ROLL CALL

After the Pledge of Allegiance the President, Joyce Jackson, called the meeting to order at 7:04 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. Superintendent Jayne Purcell, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Moore, Comptroller Carolyn Keith, Director of Support Programs Candace Dunleavy, Acting Director of Technology Tobin Mitchell, Principals Joy Chase, Kathy Conroy, Lisa Davis-Smith, Dell McFarlane, Kathie McHenry, Shalonda Randle, Dot Weathersby, 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

Cynthia Marks, Carrie Brown, Sharron Spearman, Julie Nootbaar, Cathy Bendell, Darlene McMillian, Fred Shaub, Deborah Josway, Michelle Taylor, Katrina Oliver, Norine Leyden, David Lopez, Nahreisha Tate, Colleen Luszak, Amber Williams, Anne Stole, Mike Hurst, Shatara Sequra, Bosedada Bada, Joan Carreon, Erica Sims, Maurice Byles, Kim Adkins, Cleo Downing, Rochelle Cross, Monique Cromwell, Cathy McKinley, Pris Koza

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING

Member Williams moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 beginning at 7:01 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 Collins seconded the motion that the Minutes of the Closed Session held during the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 beginning at 8:24 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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Ms. Cleo Downing asked to make information available to our schools concerning The Bright Start® College Savings Program administered by the State Treasurer of the State of Illinois.

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

ADMINISTRATION-INFORMATION REPORTS

Dr. Moore reported that District Choir Auditions have been held under the direction of Mrs. Dubose and Mrs. Fitzpatrick who have said that the students have already shown talent. Dr. Moore asked for the Boards support of the District Choir.

Dr. Moore reported that the "Success for All" website shows Park, Lincoln, Washington and Franklin as schools that made outstanding gains from 2005 to 2008.

Dr. Moore reported that Roosevelt and Washington Schools have applied for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) Field Trip Grant Program. They are in hopes of receiving funding to visit the ALPLM in Springfield at no or greatly reduced cost.

Dr. Dunleavy reported that Special Education staff has been attending in-district workshops. Five workshops have been offered, Fostering Literacy Independence in the Classroom, Engaging all Students in Daily Literacy and Instruction, Turning on the Tuned Out Child, Working with Parapros and Texthelp.

Dr. Dunleavy reported that in preparation for the much publicized flu season Support Programs along with the Nurses of District 148 have developed a tracking system to collect data. Our nurses are going into classrooms instructing students on procedures to eliminate spreading germs.

Ms. Mitchell reported that Enrollment stands at 2,469 students which is a drop of 375 students from the June report. Ms. Mitchell added that since these numbers were tallied there have been additions especially at ECC where screenings are still taking place.

Dr. Purcell reported that a new law took effect on August 13, 2009 requiring every school district in Illinois to create a current itemized salary compensation report for every employee holding an administrative certificate and working in that capacity. The law requires each school district to post its Administrators' Salary Compensation Report on its website, be presented at a Board meeting and submitted to the Regional Superintendent. Additionally the new law requires school districts to post all collective bargaining agreements on their websites.

Dr. Purcell also reported that Dr. McFarlane, Ms. Weathersby and Ms. Randle will participate in the beta test of Newly Defined Principal Preparation Programs at Governors State University.

PRESIDENT'S CALL

One Committee met since the last Regular Board Meeting. The summary of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 10, 2009 was presented. The summary of the Policy Committee held on Thursday, August 20, 2009 was also presented.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Board of Education has set 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at the Administrative Office 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 Annual Budget for the 2009-10 School Year.

IASB FALL DINNER MEETING

The South Cook Division presents its Fall Dinner Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at Glenwood Oaks Rib & Chop Shop in Glenwood, IL at 6:00 p.m. Rae Niles, National Manager, Apple Professional Development will present "What will schools look like in 2015?" What are the challenges, trends and best practices in our schools today? As you think ahead to what education will look like in 2015, consider how we can meet those challenges, leverage the trends and learn from innovative educators to make our students successful.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

The first District Leadership Team Meeting of the 2009-2010 school year will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at District Office.

PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Parent Advisory Committee will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2009 at Park School.

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

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

NSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE April 10th -12th 2010

The National School Boards Association Annual Conference will be held April 10th through 12th, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois.

MOTION FOR CORRESPONDENCE

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Everyone stood and gave a round of applause to Mrs. Ruth Lenz who has requested retirement effective September 25, 2009 after 44 + years of service to School District 148.

DISTRICT ITEMS OF INTEREST

District 148's Mentor/Induction Coordinator, Mr. Michael Hurst, invited all new members of District 148's fantastic faculty to voluntarily attend the September Board Meeting. Each, in attendance, stood, stated their name and school. We are very proud of all of our new District 148 staff members.

Women Only Self Defense Network awarded School District 148 a plaque for our support of their Back to School event.

APPROVE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES

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

- a. 10 – 77” Smart Boards at \$1,249.00 plus \$329.00 each shipping from Chicago Office Technology Group = \$15,996.00,
- b. 1 – Site License – TextHelp - Washington Junior high = \$5,815.00 and 47 Mobile Read & Write Gold 9 at \$195.00 plus \$30.00 software = \$10,575.00 from TextHelp Systems, Inc.,
- c. District-wide one year subscription = \$2,600.00 from I-Safe, Inc.,
- d. 200 Concurrent Users to Network at \$56.25 each = \$11,250.00 from Citrix Systems, Inc.,
- e. Hosting Fee \$6,400.00, Teacher Portal \$9,600.00, Parent Portal \$3,990 = \$19,990.00 from Software Technology, Inc.,
- f. On Line access use of Accelerated Reader Franklin, \$1,351.00, Harriet Tubman \$1, 687.00, Lincoln \$2,399.00, Park \$1,575.00, Roosevelt Elementary \$2,727.00, Washington Elementary \$2, 379.00 = \$12,118.00 from Renaissance Learning, Inc.
Total Technology Request for District Wide Usage = \$78,254.00

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH PRIME TIME COMPUTER SERVICES, INC.

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148 approve the contract agreement with Prime Time Computer Services, Inc. to provide Supplemental Educational Services based on a maximum of 40 hours of tutoring per child at a maximum cost of \$27.50 per hour or \$1,100.00

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

RATIFY CURRICULUM PURCHASES

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, ratify the following Curriculum purchases:

- a. 132 TeacherMate Handheld Systems from Innovations for Learning, = \$13,870.00
- b. 7 Classroom Math Interactive Family Fun Packs from Frog Publications, Inc. = \$4,324.75,
- c. 350 Reading Packs = \$3,038.00
- d. 325 Whiteboards from Houghton Mifflin = \$5,018.00
- e. Software and training from Scholastic Reading Inventory to improve reading skills = \$14,455.00
Total Curricular Request = \$40,705.75

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 TIMEFORCE TIMEKEEPING

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Williams moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148, approve the purchase of a timekeeping system from Timeforce in the amount of \$48,425.75.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH PEPPER DECORATING

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, approve the Contract with Pepper Decorating for the repair of the Lincoln Motorized Wall. The repair includes the materials and labor to replace the vinyl wall covering for a cost of \$5,200.00.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH FRANK COONEY

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Williams moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148, approve the Contract with Frank Cooney to replace bulletin boards \$3,612.66 and replace chalk boards with white boards, \$2,943.16 at the Early Childhood Center for a total cost of \$6,555.82.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE 2009-10 FUND RAISER PROJECTS

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148, approve the fund raiser projects as listed by each Administrator for the 2009-10 school year.

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 RECORDING

That in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, 18 months have passed, and therefore Member Faith Gunter moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the destruction of the verbatim record of the Closed Session made on March 19, 2008.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE RETIREMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the request for retirement from Ruth Lenz, Secretary, Assistant Superintendent's Office, effective September 25, 2009, complying with the current DSA Agreement, Article 10 Section 10.5.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS

Member Williams moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Michelle Prince-Taylor, Special Education Paraprofessional, Washington Jr. High, effective September 1, 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 Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following certified employees, for the 2009-10 school year at the following positions and at the salaries based upon the following steps and lanes 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:

Deborah Josway, Special Education Teacher, Lincoln Jr. High, MA+20, Step 5, effective September 10, 2009,

Norine Leyden, K-3 Special Education Resource Teacher, Washington Elementary, BA, Step 1, effective August 21, 2009,

Michelle Prince-Taylor, Fifth Grade Teacher, Park School, BA, Step 1, effective September 2, 2009 and

Fred Schaub, Special Education Teacher, Roosevelt Jr. High BA, Step 1, effective September 10, 2009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**EMPLOY/RECLASSIFY
NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

Member Williams moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ/reclassify 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:

Nathan Collins, Part time Custodian, Park School, effective September 15, 2009,
Jason Cooley, Full time Custodian, Franklin School, effective September 11, 2009,
Tommy Spence, Part time Custodian, all schools Groundskeeper, effective September 11, 2009
and reclassify
Carrie Williams, from Full time Special Education Paraprofessional to Part time Special Education Paraprofessional, effective September 2, 2009.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**APPROVE EMPLOYMENTS
GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY
ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION PARTNERSHIP
ONE YEAR CONTRACT**

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education employ the following employees as Alternative Certification Teachers who have been accepted into the Alternative Certification Program of Governors State University, in Partnership with School District 148, for the 2009-10 School Year, contingent upon satisfactory receipt of all employment mandates. This is a one year non-precedent setting contract.

Patricia Aguilar, Fourth Grade, Washington School,
Tanya Alexander, Third Grade, Riverdale School,
Suzanne Arnold, Third Grade, Riverdale School,
S. Leonard Brown, Third Grade, Washington School,
Michele Claeson, Fifth Grade, Washington School,
James Freidag, Fourth Grade, Washington School,
George Haas, Fifth Grade, Washington School,
Mattie Miller, Sixth Grade, Washington School,
Bernadette Reddy, Fourth Grade, Riverdale School,
Stephanie Sandford, Fourth Grade, Riverdale School,
John Stewart, Fifth Grade Washington School,
Vincent Vitale, Sixth Grade, Washington School,
Quinn Walsh, Sixth Grade, Washington School,
Shimara Walton, Fifth Grade, Washington School and
Sharmetta Wilson-Wynn, Third Grade, Washington School.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

APPROVE BILLS AND ACCOMPANYING FINANCIAL REPORTS

Member Jackson moved and Member Bendell seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bills presented for payment for the month of September 2009 as printed under the Administration- Action Reports, Agenda Items I-2-a - I-2-n totaling \$4,328,895.29 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	\$4,052,582.00		
b. ECC 3-5 Years	3,461.13		
c. E2T2	50.00		
d. IDEA Grant	7,438.53		
e. Mentor Grant	1,048.60		
f. Safety Grant	2,157.00		
g. Supp GSA	102,094.83		
h. Title I - IAAD	148,395.48		
i. Title II – Teacher Quality	3,500.00		
j. Title IV – Drug Free	2,799.50		
k. 21 st Century	740.86		
Subtotal		\$4,324,267.93	
l. Total Custodians Extratime	68.64		
m. Total Secretaries Over Time	948.72		
n. Total Substitute Payroll	3,610.00		
TOTAL Overtime/Substitutes		\$4,627.36	
GRAND TOTAL			\$4,328,895.29

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ACCEPT BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT

Following a recommendation from the Finance Committee Member Faith Gunter 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

Ms. Jackson reported that during the Board Conference Chevron will take the Board to Dinner on Friday and Ancel Glink on Saturday.

Ms. Jackson also announced that Lincoln Teacher Erin Moore was selected to take part in a weightlessness program. Ms. Moore will be invited to the October Board Meeting to report on her adventure.

Ms. Jackson reported that Riverdale Library is issuing new picture ID Library Cards. These cards will enable users' to access many services.

Ms. Jackson reported that SCOPE has set their meeting schedule and checked that Mr. Bendell had that schedule as the Board's SCOPE representative.

Ms. Jackson reported that she will be attending the Dolton Bears Youth Football and Cheerleading 2009 Homecoming Parade on Saturday September 26, 2009. Line up for the Parade will start at Dolton Park District Parking Lot on Ingalls Street. Ms. Jackson asked for volunteers to join her.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Bendell moved and Member Faith Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session at 8:00 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 Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education return to Open Session at 10:00 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

DSA SALARY INCREASE

Member William Gunter moved and Member Jackson seconded the motion that the Board of Education, Dolton West School District 148, approve a 3.5% salary increase for DSA employees following the budget from the DSA Finance Committee presentation per the provisions of Section 12.8 of the most current Board/DSA Agreement.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT MENTORING

Member Bendell moved and Member William Gunter seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the second year of the Superintendent Mentoring program not to exceed the amount of \$3,000.00 payable to Governor's State University for the mentoring of Superintendent Purcell.

On individual roll call, the following vote was taken:

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved and Member Collins seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn the Meeting held on September 24, 2009 at 10:01 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