

**FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, Vice President Lera Cook
– **10:05 a.m.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (*recited by all in attendance*)

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: **Cook, Mitchell, Sherman (via phone), Viverette**

Absent: **Coleman, Hayslett, LaWrence**

Also Present: Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent
Mrs. Coretta Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Business
Administration & Operations
Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Assistant Superintendent of
Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Gloria Lymore, Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

NONE

AGENDA

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Viverette - to approve the agenda

Roll Call: Ayes: Cook, Mitchell, Sherman (via phone), Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, LaWrence
Abstain: None
4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

MINUTES

Board President called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Viverette- to approve the minutes of **November 10, 2020**

Roll Call: Ayes: Cook, Mitchell, Sherman (via phone), Viverette
Nays: None

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Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, LaWrence
Abstain: None
4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

Dr. Gregory Jackson reminded members of the Board that they were in advanced receipt of Part A (Superintendent), Part B (Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration and Operations) and Part C (Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction) of the Superintendent’s report.

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve **PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT** as submitted.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cook, Mitchell, Sherman (via phone), Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, LaWrence
Abstain: None
4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

A. Approve One Year Contract Extension For DLM School Bus Lines, Inc.

Authorization is sought for a motion to approve contract extension for DLM Bus Lines services for “**Regular Education, Special Education and Out of District Special Education** for one additional year (commencing **2022-2023 School Year**) at the current year’s rate.

II. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. Monthly Enrollment (As of December 2, 2020)

Medgar Evers School

Pre-k	60	Kdg	37
Grade 1	51	Grade 2	44
Grade 3	44	Grade 4	44
		TOTAL	280

Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center

Grade 5	43	Grade 6	36
Grade 7	35	Grade 8	44
		TOTAL	158

Total District	Out of District	Grand Total
438	11	449

Report of Contacts (attendance officers)

Medgar Evers:

Home Visits	Telephone Contacts	Parent Conferences
22	583	0

Cottage Grove:

Home Visits	Telephone Contacts	Parent Conferences
12	339	0

Dr. Jackson informed Members of the Board that the Jones Foundation has offered to purchase the Tidye A. Phillips facility in the amount of \$100,000. He stated that the facility had been appraised for \$275,000. The Board's attorney, Mr. Raymond Hauser (Hauser, Izzo, Petrarca, Gleason & Stillman Attorneys at Law LLC) has indicated that the District should not expect to sell the facility for the appraisal cost, however, we should make a counter offer.

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Dr. Jackson asked each individual Board Member if they were in agreement to proceed with the sale of the Tidye A. Phillips facility. It was the general consensus of the Board of Education to proceed with the sale and to make a counter offer to the Jones Foundation.

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Sherman- to approve PART B - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Authorization is requested to pay Accounts Payable bills for November 10, 2020 in the amount of **\$405,566.05**.

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY

The following is the payroll summary for the month of November 2020 as detailed below:

November 6, 2020	\$208,303.53
November 20, 2020	<u>\$194,543.86</u>
Grand Totals	\$402,847.39

C. PETTY CASH

Authorization is requested to replenish a Petty Cash for the following:

Administrative Center	\$117.24
Cottage Grove	\$ 36.95
Total	\$154.19

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Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Viverette - to approve **PART C- ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. PARENT REMOTE LEARNING SURVEY

The first semester of the 2020-2021 school year began with full remote instruction. With teachers working in their classrooms, students tuned in daily for learning activities. As we are now finalizing events for second quarter, we are also preparing for the second semester and taking into consideration the instructional needs of our students and ways to continue supporting families through the pandemic.

To gain more insight, parents were asked to visit the FHSD 169 website to complete the survey in both English and Spanish. Forty-three percent of our parents have responded to date, and we continue to encourage them to share their experiences with us. It was made clear that the responses are anonymous and will be considered in determining next steps for remote learning. The results are in:

- 60% responded students are emotionally managing remote well
- 55% responded students are successfully managing their work well
- 63% responded they learn about their child's remote learning experience by watching my child during remote learning
- 58% responded rarely or never do technical issues make attending classes and completing assignments difficult
- 38% responded that they are comfortable sending students to school for in-person instruction, 30% responded no they are not comfortable returning to in-person instruction, and 31% are undecided at the time the survey was available.

We are encouraged by the results and will continue working with our families to achieve student success.

B. WINTER CONCERT

In keeping with annual traditions, we will host our very first virtual winter concert. The theme this year is “*Reimagine a Virtual Holiday*” which will air on the district website Friday, December 18, 2020. As we prepare for winter concert this year, students are recording videos describing how they will spend the holiday during the pandemic, taping Tik Tok routines, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will read the holiday classic, “Twas the Night Before Christmas.” Staff from Medgar Evers and Cottage Grove will render popular holiday songs, and our Superintendent will share remarks that will spark the holiday spirit.

Taking into consideration our current state with regards to the pandemic and remote learning, the spirit of FHSD 169 is still grateful and willing to spread holiday cheer!

C. LELE FOUNDATION WINTERFEST GIFTS

LELE’S Foundation is a charitable organization which promotes social and emotional experiences for youth and young adults with special needs. “Love Enjoying Life's Extras (LELE), has selected 25 of our students to receive coats, shoes, a turkey and other items for the Winterfest Gift giveaway. Through the assistance of the Pupil Personnel Services department, students in most need were identified and parents were informed of the upcoming event. Families will receive gifts delivered to their homes.

D. XELLO COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PROGRAM

“Every student, future ready!” is the catchphrase for Xello, an internet based career exploration and planning tool program students can use to search career and college options and develop a career plan.

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We constantly seek to better equip our students for success not only during their time in Ford Heights School District 169, but in their high school and post-secondary endeavors as well. The program will serve as a support tool for our students as they consider options for their future. Students will begin with an Interest and Skills Assessment which will identify career options based on interests and skills. They will receive direct links between careers and related college programs and communicate with real people in each occupation. Students can keep track of their goals, interests, and experiences to build a plan for high school and help our student's format and print professional-looking resumes.

E. MONTHLY BUILDING REPORTS (See references #1-3)

Building reports were submitted by the following personnel:

- Ms. Monique Johnson, Principal of Medgar Evers P.A.C.
- Ms. Chanel L. Jones, Principal of Cottage Grove U.G.C.
- Ms. Celestine Burrel, District-wide Attendance Office

Dr. Rivers was excited to inform Members of the Board that keeping with annual traditions, we will host our very first virtual winter concert. The theme this year is "*Reimagine a Virtual Holiday*" which will air on the district website Friday, December 18, 2020. It will be exciting enough to watch over and over during the Holiday Season.

Vice President Cook called for an adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:06 a.m.

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Viverette - to adjourn meeting



Mrs. Lera Cook, Vice President



Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary