

FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Samuel J. LaWrence, III – **10:01 a.m.**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: LaWrence, Cook, Mitchell, Viverette

Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, Sherman

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/Cook - to approve the agenda

Roll Call: Ayes: LaWrence, Cook, Mitchell, Viverette

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, Sherman

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/Cook; Seconded/Mitchell- to approve the minutes of **January 12, 2021**

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

BOARD MEMBER SHERMAN SIGNED IN VIA PHONE AT 10:03 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

Dr. Gregory Jackson reminded members of the Board that they were in advanced receipt of his report. He also informed members that there was an **ADDENDUM** to his report and spoke briefly to the Addendum item.

Superintendent Jackson then called members attention to **Item 1B** of his report and expounded on the need for this item.

Superintendent Jackson also reminded members that they were in receipt of the District's Annual Financial Reports, and inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.** Superintendent Jackson expressed to members they could reach out to him or auditors if questions arose at a later date.

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve **PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT, inclusive of ADDENDUM REPORT** as submitted.

Roll Call: Ayes: LaWrence, Cook, Mitchell, Sherman (via phone),
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Hayslett
Abstain: None
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

- A. PERSONNEL *(Pending receipt of all personnel required documents and Illinois State Police and FBI criminal background clearance)***

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1. **APPOINTMENT**

- a. Authorization is sought to appoint **JENIFER REICHARDT**, as **Teacher**, MA Step 14 - Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center, effective the **2021-2022 School Year**.

B. RESOLUTION TO REQUEST APPLICATION OF LOSS AND COST FACTOR TO 2020 TAX LEVIES (See reference #1)

Ford Heights School District 169 - Resolution to request Application of Loss and Cost Factor to **2020** Tax Levies.

C. ACCEPT FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS (AS FOLLOWS): (In Board Packets)

Accept Ford Heights School District 169's Annual Financial Reports as submitted and listed below, for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. Enclosed herewith for your acceptance are the following Financial reports. They are:




- **LETTERS FROM MILLER COOPER AND CO., LTD.**
- **BOUND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR) FROM MILLER COOPER AND CO., LTD.**
- **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS (AFR) TO ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM MILLER COOPER AND CO., LTD. (LOOSE BOUND)**
- **BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

D. AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL HYBRID PROGRAM

Authorize and approve the below individuals and those to be determined (T.B.D.) for After School Tutorial Hybrid Program:
They are:

 CHARITY ADAMS	Medgar Evers	Pre-K	
 KRISTY KEMPER	Medgar Evers	Kdg.	
 JASON KINNAMAN	Cottage Grove	8 th	LA
 ROBERT POTTER	Cottage Grove	8 th	Math
 RACHAEL RANSOM	Medgar Evers	All	
 SHANNON ZENOS	Cottage Grove	2 nd	LA/Math

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-  TBD
-  TBD
-  TBD

E. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO USE FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY FUNDS
(See reference #2)

Request Authorization to use Life Safety Funds to replace Mass Evacuation and Communication Systems (Intercom) for Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center and Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center.

II. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (AS OF FEBRUARY 4, 2021)

MEDGAR EVERS PRIMARY ACADEMIC CENTER

PRE-K	60	KDG	38
GRADE 1	51	GRADE 2	45
GRADE 3	44	GRADE 4	44
		TOTAL	282

COTTAGE GROVE UPPER GRADE CENTER

GRADE 5	43	GRADE 6	37
GRADE 7	36	GRADE 8	45
		TOTAL	161

TOTAL DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
443	10	453

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICER)

MEDGAR EVERS:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
3	799	3

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COTTAGE GROVE:

HOME VISITS

2

TELEPHONE CONTACTS

405

PARENT CONFERENCES

2

B. HEALTH/LIFE SAFETY VISIT (See reference #3)

Ford Heights School District #169 had a visit from the Regional Office of Education on Thursday, February 4, 2021. A verbal seal of approval was received and a comment that our buildings are well maintained. Kudos goes to Mr. Franklin and the custodial staff for a job well done!

ADDENDUM REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

A. AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL HYBRID PROGRAM

Authorize and approve the below individuals for After School Tutorial Hybrid Program: They are:

	EDWARD JONES	Cottage Grove
	MARIO FORD	Cottage Grove

PART B - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

MRS. CORETTA JACKSON expressed to members that they were in advanced receipt of her report. **MRS. JACKSON** then inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.** **MRS. JACKSON** then asked for approval of report as submitted.

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve **PART B - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS**

Roll Call: Ayes: LaWrence, Cook, Mitchell, Sherman (via phone),
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Hayslett

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Abstain: None
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried

I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Authorization is requested to pay Accounts Payable bills for December 2020 in the amount of **\$369,107.82**

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY

The following is the payroll summary for the month of January 2021 as detailed below:

January 1, 2021	\$ 40,747.91
January 15, 2021	\$197,027.65
January 29, 2021	<u>\$173,959.42</u>
Grand Totals	\$411,734.98

C. PETTY CASH

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

Superintendent Office	\$ 63.98
Building and Grounds	\$ 32.65
Medgar Evers PAC	<u>\$ 98.98</u>
Total	\$195.61

PART C- ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

DR. SHARON RIVERS expressed to members that they were in advanced receipt of her report. **DR. RIVERS** then inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.** **DR. RIVERS** then asked for approval of report as submitted.

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve **PART B - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS**

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Roll Call: Ayes: LaWrence, Cook, Mitchell, Sherman (via phone),
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Hayslett
Abstain: None
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT #169
910 WOODLAWN AVENUE
FORD HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60411

INTRA-DISTRICT MEMO

DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2021

TO: DR. GREGORY T. JACKSON
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: DR. SHARON P. RIVERS
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY REPORT ON CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

I recommend that you approve the following items. They are as follows:

- A. Parent Center Monthly Virtual Meetings
- B. Reimagine Black History Month
- C. Unfinished Learning Goals
- D. Reimagine Civics Education
- E. Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Coat Donation
- F. After School Tutorial Hybrid Program and Staff
- G. Monthly Building Reports

Included herewith, are summaries which address each area listed above. Additionally, staff for After School Tutorial Hybrid Program requires approval to prepare for the start of the program.

PART C-CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. PARENT CENTER MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Monthly newsletters are sent each month sharing critical information to parents with ways to manage online learning through the Coronavirus pandemic. The newsletter is a means of keeping us connected. The month of February will bring a new connection through monthly Zoom meetings with parents. Each month parents will be able to sign on through the District website for the monthly virtual meeting.

February 16th at 1:30 p.m.

Continuing the Journey: Virtual Learning

March 12th at 1:30 p.m.

Keep the Motivation Going

April 23rd at 1:30 p.m.

Staying Healthy

May 21st at 1:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead and Summer Fun

B. REIMAGINE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Traditionally, Black History Month is celebrated with month long activities and building wide culminating activities to close out the month. This year is no different. Both Medgar Evers P.A.C. and Cottage Grove U.G.C. will move forward with celebrations by sharing trivia questions, videos, and a virtual Who's Who in Black History with students through Google Classroom. This is just another creative way we have "reimagined" what we do!

C. UNFINISHED LEARNING GOALS

March 16, 2021 will mark one year of remote learning. The educational impact and trauma of the pandemic will have far reaching effects that will likely intensify learning gaps. While it is difficult to speculate on what missing months of school may mean for student achievement, it is understood that it will be significant. To address this extended pause to in-person classroom learning, the curriculum will focus on introducing next grade level content to prepare students for the 2021-2022 along with grade level content.

D. REIMAGINE CIVICS EDUCATION

Though Illinois has adopted new learning standards in most subject areas over the last few years, mandated units of study detailed in the Illinois School Code and Illinois Administrative Code are still required to be addressed in public schools. The Illinois Mandated Units of Study Guidance document serves as a guide in interpreting the current mandated units of study in Illinois and a separate document addresses the civics mandate which includes the Illinois State Board of Education's interpretation of the law and common misconceptions. In summary, the State no longer requires as a condition of graduation that students in eighth grade pass the State and Federal Constitution exam.

Mandate Clarification:

Students must pass a satisfactory examination upon the Declaration of Independence, Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the proper use and display of the American flag in order to graduate high school. Students may be evaluated on their knowledge during middle school or high school but must pass a satisfactory examination at least one time between 7th grade and graduation of high school.

Official language on laws comes from Illinois General Assembly Compiled Statutes

E. RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION COAT DONATION

The Rainbow/PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity) was founded by Rev. Jesse Jackson in 1971 to improve the economic status of African Americans in Chicago, Illinois. Their continuous outreach program has gifted FHSD 169 with winter clothing for our students. We received over 200 coats with matching hats, gloves, and scarves. During the visit we met briefly with Civil Rights Activist and Founder Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. and the National Director of PUSH Excel, Rev. Dr. Janette C. Wilson, Esq. who shared that she once taught science in the District many years ago, and accepted an offer to visit again as a guest teacher in science.

F. AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIAL HYBRID PROGRAM AND STAFF

The After School Tutorial Hybrid Program will be offered online through Google Classroom in February and March, 2 days a week for direct instruction beyond regular school hours for those

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students identified as needing additional support in ELA and mathematics. Applications for the following have been submitted for review and approval. They are:

- Charity Adams
- Kristy Kemper
- Jason Kinnaman
- Robert Potter
- Rachel Ransom
- Shannon Zenos

G. 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

At this juncture **BOARD PRESIDENT LAWRENCE** thanked Board members for their prayers and phone calls during his absence. He expressed that he was greatly appreciative of the prayers and thoughtfulness of members of the Board.

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON also expressed thanks to members of the Board for the floral arrangement sent and for the prayers that had gone forth on his behalf as well.

BOARD MEMBER COOK inquired of the Superintendent how were students fairing during this remote learning period. Board member Cook followed this inquiry up with other questions, in this vain and questions as to if, and/or when we might possibly look into returning to in person learning.

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON addressed those questions, and others, as well as, gave pertinent information regarding things in the works in an effort to keep staff and students safe as possible, if and when they return to in person learning.

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON during comments advised members of the Board that Ford Heights School District 169 had been pre-selected to participate in the

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Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Test 1 Pilot Program. He explained briefly that the test was a quick way of possibly detecting a viral infection in an individual. **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** went on to list the requirements for participation in this program. They are:

1. Consult with the district's local health department to discuss the district's planned testing program.
2. Consult with the district's legal counsel about the district's planned testing program, including potential liability and consent forms/waivers.
3. Consult with the district's board of education regarding the planned testing program.

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON ended by expressing that the administration would continue to take steps for participation in this program, as well as, consultations with the Board's school attorney, the Illinois State Board of Education, and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

BOARD MEMBER COOK ended by thanking staff for their "COVID-19 Coverage, as she recognizes that they have been on duty from the beginning of the Pandemic and she wanted them to know she was appreciative of their commitment.

Board President LaWrence, called for an adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:14 a.m.

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Viverette - to adjourn meeting



Mr. Samuel LaWrence, III President



Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary