

FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer President LaWrence - **5:00 p.m.**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Cook, LaWrence, Mitchell, Viverette

Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, Sherman

Also Present: Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent

Mrs. Coretta Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration & Operations

Ms. Monique Johnson, Principal Medgar Evers PAC

Mrs. Latricia Walker, Assistant Principal Medgar Evers PAC

Dr. Sharon Rivers, Principal, Cottage Grove U.G.C.

Ms. Chantel Jones, Assistant Principal Cottage Grove U.G.C.

Legal Counsel:

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

NONE

AGENDA

Motioned/Cook: Seconded/Mitchell - to approve the agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, Sherman

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 **February 11, 2020 Regular**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON reminded members of the Board that they were in advanced receipt of his report, then informed members there was an **ADDENDUM REPORT**. **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** briefly addressed and expounded on various items in his report, as well as, those of the **ADDENDUM REPORT**, then inquired if there were any questions? **THERE WERE NONE**. **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** then asked for approval of his report as submitted.

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Viverette – to approve **PART A – REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT, inclusive of ADDENDUM REPORT**, as submitted:

Roll Call: Ayes: Cook, LaWrence, Mitchell, Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, Sherman
Abstain: None
4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 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)

1. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR DISMISSAL AND NON-RENEWAL OF CERTAIN FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHERS

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GRADE 1	44	GRADE 2	43
GRADE 3	41	GRADE 4	42
		TOTAL	281

COTTAGE GROVE UPPER GRADE CENTER

GRADE 5	38	GRADE 6	36
GRADE 7	40	GRADE 8	41
		TOTAL	155

TOTAL DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
436	11	447

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICER):

MEDGAR EVERS:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
4	399	0

COTTAGE GROVE:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
1	238	0

PART B - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS

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

Motioned/Cook;Seconded/Viverette - to approve **PART B - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS** as submitted.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cook, LaWrence, Mitchell, Viverette
 Nays: None
 Absent: Coleman, Hayslett, Sherman
 Abstain: None

4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

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I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Authorization is requested to pay Accounts Payable bills for March 10, 2020 in the amount of **\$369,865.82..**

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY

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

February 14, 2020	\$208,567.88
February 28, 2020	<u>\$199,391.30</u>
Total	\$407,959.18

C. BUILDING RENTAL

Authorization is requested for the use of the following facilities:

- A. Date: March 10, 2020 – April 7, 2020
Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Place: Tidye A. Phillips
Contact: Pastor Shawn Aldridge
Beyond The Veil Kingdom Ministries
Purpose: Religious Purposes
Cost: **\$75.00-Sunday/\$25.00-Thursday**
- B. Date: March 21, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Tidye A. Phillips
Contact: Erica Viverette
Purpose: Child's Birthday Party
Cost: **\$125.00 – Custodian
Reference #1**
- C. Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020

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Time: Sunday, March 29, 2020
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Place: Tidye A. Phillips
Contact: James Coleman
Purpose: Birthday Party/Basketball Celebration
Cost: **\$300.00 - Custodian
Reference #2**

D. Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Place: Tidye A. Phillips
Contact: Ford Heights Park District – Eloise
Robinson
Purpose: Annual Easter Event
Cost: **Request fees to be waived
(Reference #3)**

E. Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Place: Tidye A. Phillips
Contact: Damaus Viverette
Purpose: Birthday Party
Cost: **Request fees to be waived
(Reference #4)**

F. Date: Saturday, July 18, 2020
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Place: Tidye A. Phillips
Contact: Marquilla Moore
Purpose: Baby Shower
Cost: **\$175.00 – Gym/\$125.00 - Custodian
(Reference #5)**

D. PETTY CASH

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

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Superintendent Office	\$178.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 19.00
Cottage Grove	\$200.00
Medgar Evers	<u>\$151.78</u>
Total	\$549.66

E. IMPREST FUND

Authorization is requested to replenish Imprest Fund in the amount of \$3,675.00.

PART C – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Mrs. Marilyn Barnes, reminded members that they were in advanced receipt of her report, then inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.** Mrs. Barnes then asked for acceptance of Curriculum & Instruction report as submitted:

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS (IAR)

Beginning on **Wednesday, March 11, 2020** through **Wednesday, April 8, 2020** students in grades **third** through **eighth** will be administered the **Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)**. This is the assessment that was formerly known as the **Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)**. The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) is the State assessment and accountability measure for Illinois students enrolled in a public school District. IAR assesses the New Illinois Learning Standards Incorporating the Common Core State Standards. Students will be assessed in both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

Again on this year, the times allocated to both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics have been decreased. Students will still be assessed on all of the content in each area; however, the

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adjustment in time is an effort of the State to not over burden students while testing.

Both schools have schedules of when students will be testing during the testing window. All students will be administered the IAR on the computer in the Media Center at each respective school.

This year, the fourth grade students at Medgar Evers will participate in Field Testing in English Language Arts (ELA).

B. ILLINOIS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT (ISA)

Students in fifth and eighth grade began the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**. The ISA will culminate on **Monday, March 9, 2020**. The assessment will be administered in an online format and is aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards for Science incorporating the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

This is the fifth year our students in grades fifth and eighth have been administered the ISA. Unlike the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, the ISA is not a timed test. The State increased the sections from one (1) to three (3) in an effort to assess additional items in the three areas of Science (life, physical, and earth). This will give the State more information on how the students are performing across the State.

On average it is estimated that a student should be able to complete each section within 40 minutes; however, if additional time is needed, students are allowed to have as much time as it takes for them to complete the test.

C. MONTHLY DISTRICT WIDE PARENT MEETING

On **Friday, March 13, 2020** our monthly Parent Meeting will be held at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center from **11:00 a.m.** until **12:30 p.m.** The theme for the Parent Meeting will be **“Child**

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Development (Birth - 5 years). All topics for the Parent Meetings were chosen by the parents when they completed a survey during the District Registration back in August.

Members from the Cottage Grove Clinic will be at the Parent Meeting to speak with parents about resources that are provided at the clinic, and to answer any questions parents might have about their insurance.

Door prizes and refreshments will be available to all in attendance.

D. 2020 EARLY REGISTRATION

The 2020 Parent Early Registration Packets will be mailed home on **Friday, March 6, 2020**. All current enrolled students in pre-kindergarten through seventh grade will receive a registration packet.

Parents are to return the completed packets on or before Parent/Teacher Conference on **Thursday, April 9, 2020**. Parents can also go to the website www.fordheights169.org to get a copy of the Registration Form. We are encouraging parents to return the packets, as soon as possible, as this will give us a projected number of students who plan to return to District for the 2020 - 2021 school year.

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

Building reports were submitted by the following personnel:

Ms. Monique Johnson, Principal Medgar Evers P.A.C.

Dr. Sharon Rivers, Principal of Cottage Grove U.G.C.

Ms. Celestine Burrel, District Wide Attendance Officer

BOARD PRESIDENT called on **PRINCIPAL JOHNSON**, and **PRINCIPAL RIVERS**, to give a status update on the activities/ happenings in their respective buildings.

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PRINCIPAL RIVERS informed and invited members to the 8th grade girls volleyball regional tournament being held tonight. If the girls win, they would advance to the next level of competition. She also gave an updated status of students who participated in the Science Fair and the ribbons won at this event. Principal Rivers also addressed events/activities had for Black History Month, and ended by giving kudos to her entire staff for a job well done.

Principal Johnson shared dates and details of the upcoming Book Fair and dates and times for the Annual Family Fun Night to be held at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center.


PRINCIPAL JOHNSON gave details of the Ice Cream Social and Pajama Party had by students of Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center. Principal Johnson, gave a shout out to **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL WALKER** for her helping to make event a success.

Board President and Vice President expressed their complete and utter joy of the decorated doors at both schools decorated in honor of Black History Month.

BOARD PRESIDENT called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:16 p.m.

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Mitchell - to adjourn meeting


Mr. Samuel J. LaWrence, III,
Board President


Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary