

FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer Mr. James Coleman, 5:02 p.m.

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Coleman, Cook, Griffin, Sherman, Patterson-Thompson,
Viverette
Absent: Jones
Also Present: Dr. Gregory Jackson, Superintendent
Mrs. Joyce McEwen, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. Sheila Pickens, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Mrs. Coretta Jackson, Coordinator of Business Affairs
Mrs. Marilyn Barnes, Principal, Medgar Evers P.A.C.
Mrs. Stephanie Stephen, Principal, Cottage Grove U.G.C.

Legal Counsel:

AGENDA

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Patterson-Thompson - to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Griffin, Patterson-Thompson,
Sherman, Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Jones
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present - motion carried.

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC (3 Minutes)

NONE

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE COOK COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE SUBURBAN
COOK COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS - APRIL 05, 2011**

Mrs. Coretta Jackson, Coordinator of Business Affairs read the results of the canvassing of the April 5, 2011 school board elections.

After having completed results, a motion was made to Sine Die (Adjourn).

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Patterson-Thompson - to Sine Die.

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Griffin, Patterson-Thompson,
 Sherman, Viverette
 Nays: None
 Absent: Jones
 Abstain: None

6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present - motion carried.

At this juncture, Mrs. Gloria Lymore did the *Administering of Oath* to newly elected and re-elected board members. After having done this, a roll call of board members was administered by board member Ester Viverette.

ROLL CALL

<u>Board of Education</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
J. Sherman	_____	_____
A. Patterson-Thompson	_____	_____
L. Cook	_____	_____
J. Coleman	_____	_____
J. Griffin	_____	_____
M. Mitchell	_____	_____
E. Viverette	_____	_____

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BOARD PRESENTATION

Superintendent Gregory T. Jackson informed members of the Board and those in attendance in the audience, the nature of the Board presentations, who would be receiving them and why. Superintendent Jackson then made statements as to the enjoyment and pleasure he has had in working with members of the Board, and hopes/expects that the relationship established, will continue as newly elected members come aboard.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was asked for by outgoing Board President, James Coleman to nominate a newly appointed Board President.

Motioned/Griffin; Seconded/Cook - to elect Joe Sherman, as Board President.

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Griffin, Mitchell, Patterson-Thompson, Sherman, Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present - motion carried.

Another motion was asked for by outgoing Board President to nominate a newly appointed Vice President.

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Viverette - to elect April Patterson-Thompson, as newly appointed Vice President.

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Griffin, Mitchell, Patterson-Thompson, Sherman, Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present - motion carried.

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A motion was then asked for once again by outgoing Board President Coleman, to nominate a newly appointed Secretary.

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Patterson-Thompson, to elect Lera Cook as newly appointed Secretary.

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Griffin, Mitchell, Patterson-Thompson, Sherman, Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present - motion carried.

Board President Coleman, at this time, announced the "Passing of the Gavel" from he as outgoing Board President, to the newly elected Board President Joe Sherman.

Board President Sherman thanked all members of the Board for electing him Board President and then articulated that he absolutely takes the responsibilities of such a position very serious. Mr. Sherman stated to outgoing Board President Coleman, that he had done an admirable job while holding this position, and he hoped he, as the new Board President, would continue to do the same. Board President Sherman shared that he was looking forward to working with members of the Board as a cohesive group. Mr. Sherman closed by asking all members to remember that ***"It's all about the kids."***

Board President, then called for a motion to establish board meeting dates, times and location(s).

Motioned/Coleman; Seconded/Viverette - to hold Board of Education meetings on the 1st Tuesday, on or after the 5th of each month. The location will be between Medgar Evers Academic Primary Center - Room 218, and Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center - Cafeteria, to be determined monthly.

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Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Griffin, Mitchell, Patterson-Thompson,
Sherman, Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present - motion carried.


Superintendent Jackson then asked Mrs. Sheila Pickens, Director of Pupil Personnel Service & Special Education, to inform members of the Board about the reception that was being held for students participating in the Spelling Bee, and their parents. Mrs. Pickens presented activities planned for this event, and in turn invited members of the Board to attend if their schedules permitted.

Outgoing Board member Jones arrived and was called up to receive his plaque recognizing his service as a board of education member. Mr. Jones thanked Superintendent Jackson, and shook hands with Superintendent and all members of the board, before his departure.

Board President Sherman announced that the next regularly scheduled board meeting would be Tuesday, May 10, 2011, and then called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT - 5:25 p.m.

Motioned/Patterson-Thompson; Seconded/Cook - to adjourn meeting - voice vote motion carried.



Joe Sherman, Board President



Lera Cook, Secretary