# FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169 MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer Mrs. Lera Cook - 5:05 p.m.

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present:

Cook, Hayslett, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman, Viverette

Absent:

Coleman,

Also Present:

Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent Mrs. Coretta Jackson, Business Manager

Mrs. Tamara Young, Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mrs. Sharon Rivers, Principal, Cottage Grove U.G.C. Ms. Monique Johnson, Principal Medgar Evers P.A.C.

Legal Counsel:

None

## **QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC** (2 Minutes)

Board President Cook greeted and thanked all in attendance, then inquired if there were any comments from the audience.

Pastor John Rice and wife were in attendance and stood to address members of the Board regarding their **Annual Give Away** during the Christmas Holidays. Pastor Rice went on to say that this event was held in Ford Heights last year, as their ministry were graciously allowed to utilize the Tidye A. Phillips facility, and that they were once again requesting use of the same facility.

He went on to explain what activities would be taking place, such as give away's of toys, clothing, blankets, etc. He said that food would be served and they were hoping to reach out to 500 people. He also expressed that they had once again chosen residents of Ford Heights and surrounding neighborhoods to be the recipients of this Give Away.

In conclusion, Pastor Rice stated that he looked forward to this event and the smiles on the faces of children and adults in receipt of items.

Board President Cook, thanked Pastor Rice and his wife for once again choosing Ford Heights residents as the recipients of this event.

Superintendent Jackson expressed that the necessary paperwork had already been submitted and that the calendar date for this event was already in the works.

#### **AGENDA**

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Sherman - to approve the agenda.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Cook, Hayslett, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,

Viverette

Nays:

None

Absent:

Coleman

Abstain: None

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

#### **MINUTES**

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Viverette - to approve the minutes of *October 6*, **2015** 

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Cook, Hayslett, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,

Viverette

Nays:

None

Absent:

Coleman

Abstain:

None

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

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Tamara Young and the Barr Family

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Board President Cook called for a motion to enter into CLOSED SESSION.

Motioned/LaWrence; Seconded/Viverette - to enter into **CLOSED SESSION** - **5:09 p.m.** 

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Cook, Hayslett, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman

Viverette

Nays:

None

Absent:

Coleman

Abstain:

None

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

## RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION - 5:53 p.m.

Upon return of members of the Board, Board President Cook called for a motion to reconvene regular session.

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Cook - to RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION - 5:53 p.m.

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Cook, Hayslett, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,

Viverette

Navs:

None

Absent:

Coleman

Abstain:

None

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

## PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Superintendent Jackson reminded members that they were in advanced receipt of his report and asked for approval of items in his report, **inclusive of MATTERS OF PERSONNEL** and **IEA/NEA LABOR NEGOTIATIONS** as discussed in **CLOSED SESSION**, and **inclusive** of **ADDENDUM REPORT**. Superintendent Jackson took some time expound on various items in his report, then inquired if there were any questions. There were none.

Superintendent Jackson addressed the outstanding attendance for After School and gave Kudos to Assistant Principals **Chantel Jones**, and **John Wade** for the awesome job they were doing in keeping those numbers up. Superintendent Jackson also gave Kudos to Mrs. Marilyn Barnes, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, and Mrs. Stephanie Stephen, Director of Federal State Programs.

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve Part A - Administration Report inclusive of MATTERS OF PERSONNEL and IEA/NEA LABOR NEGOTIATIONS as discussed in Closed Session, and inclusive of Addendum Report as submitted:

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Cook, Hayslett, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,

Viverette

Nays:

None

Absent:

Coleman

Abstain:

None

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

#### I. CLOSED SESSION

- A. MATTERS OF PERSONNEL- (POSSIBLE ACTION)
  NON-CERTIFIED STAFF
- B. LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (POSSIBLE ACTION)

### II. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

- A. <u>Personnel</u> (Pending receipt of all personnel required documents)
  - 1. <u>AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIALS</u>

Authorization is being sought to hire the additional staff for After School Tutorials which began *Monday, September 28, 2015* and ending *Tuesday, December 8, 2015*.

**MEDGAR EVERS PAC:** 

DARYL ALLEN
IZELLA TOOKS

1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE
INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE

- B. <u>ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS</u> 2015 TAX LEVY (See reference #1)
  - 1. Certification of Compliance with Truth Intaxation Law (Exhibit 1)
  - 2. Certificate of Tax Levy (Exhibit II)
  - 3. Resolution to Levy 2015 Taxes for Certain Purposes (Exhibit III)
  - 4. Resolution to Instruct County Clerk How to Apportion 2015 Tax Levy Extension Reductions (Exhibit IV)
  - 5. Resolution to Request Application of Loss and Cost Factor to 2015 Levies (Exhibit V)
- C. <u>APPROVAL OF THE 2016-2017 OFFICIAL SCHOOL CALENDAR</u> (See reference #2)

Approval is sought to adopt the School Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. This school year will begin on *Wednesday, August 10, 2016* and will end on *Thursday, June 1, 2017*. The calendar represents 185 days, inclusive of *five (5) emergency days*. If no emergency days are used, school will end on *Wednesday, May 24, 2017*.

You will see by the attached copy of the Official School Calendar, that the following will be taking place on dates noted below. They are:

#### **TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS**

WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
AUGUST 10, 2016
AUGUST 11, 2016
FRIDAY
AUGUST 12, 2016
TUESDAY
MAY 23, 2017

#### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE

FRIDAY **OCTOBER 28,2016** FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2017

#### **EMERGENCY DAYS**

THURSDAY May 25, 2017 FRIDAY May 26, 2017 WEDNESDAY May 31, 2017 THURSDAY **JUNE 01, 2017** 

#### D. RESOLUTION FOR THE RATIFICATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE SPEED SPECIAL EDUCATION JOINT AGREEMENT 802 ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT (See reference #3

Authorization is sought to approve the following amendments made to the SPEED Articles of Agreement specifically Article III Section 6 and Article V Sections 4 and 5 as underlined below and as required by Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and recommended by the SPEED Superintendent.

#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION III.

#### MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (AS OF NOVEMBER 03, 2015) A. MEDGAR EVERS SCHOOL

PRE-K	60	KDG	42
GRADE 1	44	GRADE 2	47
GRADE 3 50	50	GRADE 4	44
		TOTAL	287

#### **COTTAGE GROVE UPPER GRADE CENTER**

Grade 5	41	Grade 6	39
Grade 7	36	Grade 8	49
		TOTAL	165

TOTAL DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
452	17	469

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICERS)

**MEDGAR EVERS:** 

**HOME VISITS** 

TELEPHONE CONTACTS

PARENT CONFERENCES

7

277

16

**COTTAGE GROVE:** 

HOME VISITS

TELEPHONE CONTACTS

PARENT CONFERENCES

0

188

3

ADDENDUM REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT #169 FORD HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60411 NOVEMBER 10, 2015

Madam President and Members of the Board, I submit and recommend my addendum report for your consideration and approval.

#### I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

- 1. PERSONNEL
  - A. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEE THEOPHILUS SAWYER AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION
- 2. RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169 TEACHERS UNION IEA/NEA FOR THE PERIOD 2015-2016 THROUGH 2018-2019 (See reference #1)

Approve and ratify contractual agreement between the Ford Heights School District 169 Teacher Union IEA/NEA Contract Agreement for the period 2015-2016 through 2018-2019 and salaries and stipends retroactive August 2015-2016 school year.

## PART B - CURRICULUM AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Marilyn Barnes expressed to members that they were in advanced receipt of her report. However, she stated she wanted to call their attention to **Item "E"** 

of her report (Illinois Center for School Improvement (CSI). Mrs. Barnes gave further details into what CSI encompassed.

Mrs. Barnes went on to state that CSI had identified schools in the State of Illinois into two (2) categories which would receive services: Focus Schools and Priority Schools, and while there were several schools in the surrounding neighborhoods on the list, Ford Heights School District 169 was not on either list. This statement ended with a round of applause from members of the Board and those in attendance.

Mrs. Barnes ended, by asking for acceptance of her report as submitted:

#### I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### A. <u>CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS</u>

As a school administrator, one of my responsibilities is to ensure that teachers are teaching, and that the curriculum is being presented. To this end, I have begun classroom observations of teacher personnel at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center, and Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center.

Classroom observation is a process by which an individual and/or consultant/administrator, sits in on one or more class sessions, records the instructor's teaching practices and student actions, and when necessary, meets with the instructor to discuss the observation.

After a classroom observation an instructor can: (1) Receive feedback from an objective of the observer and (2) Engage in content-specific discussions about teaching with the observer.

#### B. AFTER SCHOOL TUTORIALS

After school tutorials are going extremely well at both schools. We are especially excited about the consistent attendance. At Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center there are 143 students enrolled and at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center there are 133 students enrolled. Kudos goes out to Assistant Principals, Ms. Chantel Jones

and Mr. John Wade for their efforts in ensuring the After School enrollment stay consistent and students are present to receive additional support in English/Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

#### C. <u>EARLY DISMISSALS</u>

On Tuesday, November 17, 2015 Administrators, Teachers, and Support Staff will participate in a Writing Professional Development at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center, from 12:45 p.m. until 2:45 p.m. Dr. Kay Dugan will facilitate best practices in writing. She will work with staff on establishing effective writer's workshops in the classroom where students are writing daily in a structured manner during a block of time.

## **D.** MONTHLY BUILDING REPORTS (See references #1-3) Building reports were submitted by the following personnel:

Ms. Monique Johnson, Principal of Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center

Mrs. Sharon Rivers, Principal of Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center

## E. <u>ILLINOIS CENTER FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (CSI)</u> (See reference #4)

The mission of the Illinois Center for School Improvement (Illinois CSI) is to lead the delivery of high-quality; research based statewide system of support services designed to raise student performance by increasing district-level capacity for exceptional teaching and learning. The Illinois CSI resources and services will ensure that districts and schools receive expert, timely, and relevant assistance to increase district capacity, improve student performance, and close achievement gaps.

Illinois CSI has identified schools in the State of Illinois in two (2) categories that will receive services: **Focus Schools** and **Priority Schools**.

A Focus School receives services intended to build District capacity

for teaching and learning and to address low-performing student subgroups.

A Priority School receives services due to scoring in the lowest5 percent in the State based on reading and math scores or graduation rates during a three-year period (2011-2013). Illinois CSI is currently providing services to 30 Districts with more than 140 Priority Schools.

#### F. <u>UPCOMING DATES</u>

NOVEMBER 9, 2015 Observance of Veterans Day - DISTRICT CLOSED

NOVEMBER 10, 2015 School Board Meeting- 5:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 17, 2015 Early Dismissal for Students

NOVEMBER 25-27, 2015 Thanksgiving Break - DISTRICT CLOSED

## **PART C - FEDERAL STATE PROGRAMS**

Mrs. Stephanie Stephen thanked Mrs. Tamara Young, for addressing the GOLD Circle of Quality Award, at last Board meeting in lieu of her absence. Mrs. Stephen reiterated that the GOLD Circle of Quality Award is the highest achievement given to a Pre-Kindergarten Program monitored by Illinois State Board of Education, and stated that the Pre-Kindergarten Program had never received this award before in all the years that it has existed. Mrs. Stephen ended by stating that it was expressed to her that not many schools receive this award.

Mrs. Stephen gave kudos to the Pre-K teachers and Instructional Aides for a job well done!

Board Vice President LaWrence inquired of the requirements to receive this award, to which Mrs. Stephen responded with requirements. Mrs. Stephen then asked for acceptance of here report as submitted:

#### I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

#### A. MONTHLY PARENT MEETING

The Parent Center held the October Parent Meeting Friday, October 16, 2015 at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center from 11:00 am. until 1:00 p.m. in room #203. The month of October's parent meeting theme was "Keeping You Healthy".

Each month our parents will receive research-based programs designed to help equip our parents with real tools and strategies to raise emotionally and physically healthy children.

The meeting was well attended and parents received refreshments and door prices were given out. Our next meeting will be held Friday, November 20, 2015 at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Cook, Board of Education President for her attendance at our Family Workshop.

## B. 2015 CLASSROOM SPELLING BEES (See reference #1)

For the past four (4) years Ford Height School District 169 has participated in the Scripps National Spelling Bee and this year was no different. Friday, October 23, 2015 the Scripps Classroom Spelling Bees were held at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center and Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center. All students in first through eighth grade participated in the classroom Spelling Bees. Students were given spelling words for their grade level to study in preparation for the October Spelling Bee. Spelling words were hung throughout each building in classrooms, the hallways and lunchrooms. To determine the winners of the Spelling Bees, key personnel was needed, such as, Judges, Pronouncer, and Rounds Keeper.

AT MEDGAR EVERS PAC THE SPELLING BEE COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

LEAD JUDGE-Mr. Wade
JUDGES- Ms. Summers and Ms. Williams
PRONOUNCER- Ms. Johnson
ROUND KEEPER- Mrs. Sears

At Cottage Grove UGC the Spelling Bee Committee is as follows: at the  $5^{\text{th}}$  and  $6^{\text{th}}$  grades:

LEAD JUDGE – Mr. Pierce JUDGES – Mrs. Rodriquez and Mr. Juniel PRONOUNCER-Ms. O'Connor ROUND KEEPER – Ms. Richardson

At Cottage Grove UGC Spelling Committee is as follows at the  $7^{\text{th}}$  and  $8^{\text{th}}$  grades:

LEAD JUDGE – Mrs. Washington JUDGES – Mr. Wright, and Mr. James PRONOUNCER- Mrs. Novickas ROUND KEEPER – Mr. Chad Nelson

The Spelling Bees were exciting to watch and the students did a great job of spelling the words and knowing the definitions. Each classroom/homeroom that went the most rounds were given a pizza party and they are listed below.

FIRST GRADE - MRS. JONES
SECOND GRADE - MS. SHANNON
THIRD GRADE - MS. ALLEN
FOURTH GRADE - MS. FALCONER
FIFTH GRADE - MRS. MORRIS
SIXTH GRADE - MRS. SERGEANT
SEVENTH GRADE - MS. FRANKLIN
EIGHTH GRADE - MR. KINNAMAN

The next step will be participating in the School Wide Spelling Bees which will be held Friday, December 4, 2015 at Medgar Evers

Primary Academic Center @ 9:30 a.m. and Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center @ 1:30 p.m.

Congratulations to all of our winners. Please see attachment for the winners of the Classroom Spelling Bees.

## C. MONTHLY BUILDING REPORT (See reference #2)

A report was submitted by *Nicole Conway Fason*, Home School Coordinator.

## D. <u>TITLE I FAMILY READ NIGHT</u> (See reference #3)

Monday, November 23, 2015 Ford Heights School District 169 Parent Center will host our annual Title I District Wide Family Read Night at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center from 5: 00 p.m. till 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided and our staff members, teachers and community members will help develop reading themes for grades kindergarten through eighth grade.

Family Reading Night is an event held to encourage families to spend quality time reading together. This event allows parents

and kids a fun evening together while reminding them of the joys of reading. Hosting a Family Reading Night offers many benefits to our school community, including:

- Fostering a culture of reading
- Engaging families in their children's literacy development
- Helping families access literacy resources
- Building community while having fun

#### GOALS

To become a family of good readers. How?

 Good readers start out ahead (showing what to do with babies, toddlers, preschoolers, on up)

- Good readers have a strong vocabulary (and parents can build their vocabularies)
- Good readers look for detail (using examples from her books)
- Good readers summarize and predict (using examples from her books)
- Good readers make connections (using examples from her books)
- Good Readers become Good Authors (she shares where she get the ideas for her books and acts them out using props, puppets, and interactive skits with the students in attendance)

#### SCHEDULE

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Meet and greet

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Reading presentations

6:15-7:00 p.m. Rap-up (serve refreshments)

## PART D - PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

Before Mrs. Tamara Young began, Dr. Jackson shared with members of the Board the excellent job Mrs. Young had done in getting students up to par with their immunizations. He expressed that she did whatever was necessary to make this happen, and that students immunizations was at 100% compliance. He thanked Mrs. Young for her dedication and many hours of going, taking, students to various venues to obtain this accomplishment.

Board President Cook, also thanked Mrs. Young, and spoke to seeing her at the hospital with students on several occasions after hours.

Superintendent Jackson chimed in that this was true, but reminded Board President Cook that other Administrators had also have done after hours in hospitals and other venues with some of our students, however, kudos should be given all the way around for their dedication as well.

Mrs. Young ended by stating that she enjoys her students/her babies, and will go the extra mile for them. She then asked for acceptance of her report as submitted:

#### I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## A. PROBLEM SOLVING MEETINGS / RTI

The Pupil Personnel Services Team conducted a problem solving team meeting at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center and Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center. The Problem Solving meetings were conducted with grade level and special education teachers to discuss and offer assistance and support with student behavior and academic concerns.

A behavior intervention referral was sent out to address the needs of two fourth grade students who are having significant behaviors that has affected their performance in the classroom. Continued interventions are being conducted for students who need extra support.

The Director of Special Education talked Ms. Ross (behavior specialist) from SPEED to discuss the two fourth grade students.

Dates have been set up for Ms. Ross to come in and observe the fourth grade class and give the teacher strategies on work with the two students who are having difficulties in the classroom.

#### B. **HEALTH SERVICES**

The Cook County Health & Hospital System (CCHHS) provided physicals and immunizations for students at their facility. The Director of PPS took a total of 22 students to CCHHS to acquire medical compliance. Students were transported to CCHHS up to

October 5, 2015 with the supervision of the Director of PPS. The State of Illinois requires Pre-kindergarten students entering Illinois schools for the first time, kindergarten, sixth grade and new students to comply with physical examinations and immunizations by October 15, 2015 or they will be excluded from school until they comply with health regulations. There are extensions and exceptions to the rules for students who are considered homeless.

Home visits were conducted by the Directors, Nurse and Attendance Officers to those students who were out of compliance.

As of October 30, 2015 the following students remain in noncompliance for physical/immunizations status: Medgar Evers 1 student and Cottage Grove 2 students.

Monthly Automated External Defibrillator (AED) maintenance was conducted in October, 2015 in the District Office, Cottage Grove School, Medgar Evers Pac, and Tiyde A. Phillips.

Annual hearing and vision screening began the week of October 19, 2015 for Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center. Vision and hearing screening for cottage Grove Upper Grade Center will take place on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2015. Annual vision and hearing screening is mandated for the following population:

**Hearing Screening:** Pre-K, Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade, Third Grade, Special Education Students, Teacher referral and Transfer Students.

**Vision Screening:** Pre-K, Kindergarten, Second Grade, Eight Grade, Special Education Students, Teacher referral and Transfer Students.

#### C. COUNSELING PROGRAM

Individual counseling continues to be provided for students in accordance to the American School Counselors Standards (ASCA). Group counseling is being conducted to align with our PBIS theme for this month "Fairness".

The National Junior Honor Society are thinking about new ideas for a t service project.

Career Fair meetings continue to be held monthly at each building. Potential presenters have been added to our list from various fields of interest. A Career Fair Grant Application was submitted to Prairie State College to generate funds for the 2016 district Career Fair.

#### D. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The Director of PPS attended the Seventeenth Annual Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education on October 1 and 2, 2015. The theme of the conference was "Becoming Leaders in the day of Data and Instructional Change."

E. <u>Monthly Reports</u> - Departmental reports were submitted by the following: *(See reference #1)* 

Geraldine Parham-Health Coordinator

#### **PART E - BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

Mrs. Coretta Jackson reminded members that they were in advanced receipt of her report, and stated that the Tax Levy alluded to in her report, had been prepared in the proper manner and would be filed downtown on next week.

She then inquired if there were any questions. There were none. Mrs. Jackson then asked for favorable approval of her report as submitted.

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Sherman - to approve Part E- Business Affairs Report as submitted:

Roll Call:

Ayes:

Cook, Hayslett, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,

Viverette

Nays:

None

Absent:

Coleman

Abstain:

None

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

#### I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

## A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Authorization is requested to pay Accounts Payable bills for August 11, 2015 in the amount of **\$429,451.74**.

#### B. <u>PAYROLL SUMMARY</u>

The following is the payroll summary for the month of October 2015 as detailed below:

October 02, 2015,

\$225,932.64

October 16, 2015

\$216,386.27

October 30, 2015

\$195,093.69

**Grand Totals** 

\$637,412.60

#### C. <u>BUILDING RENTAL</u>

Authorization is requested for the use of the following facilities:

A. Date:

November 10, 2015 - December 8, 2015

Time:

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m./7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Place:

Tidye A. Phillips

Contact:

Pastor Shawn Aldridge

Purpose:

Religious Purposes

Cost:

\$75.00-Sunday/\$25.00-Thursday

B. Date:

Saturday, November 28, 2015

Time:

3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place:

Tidye A. Phillips

Contact:

Michelle Johnson

Purpose:

Child Birthday Party

Cost:

\$175.00-Building/\$150.00 Custodian

Reference #1

C. Date:

Saturday -November 21, 2015

Time:

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Place:

Medgar Evers

Contact:

Mark Mitchell

Purpose:

Family Gathering

Cost:

\$175.00-Sunday/\$125.00 Custodian

(Reference #2)

D. Date:

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Time:

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place:

Tidye A. Phillips

Contact:

Pastor John Rice, Sr.

Purpose:

Wonderful Word Ministries

Cost:

\$175.00-Building/\$150.00 Custodian

Reference #3

#### D. <u>PETTY CASH</u>

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

Total	\$959.40
Medgar Evers	<u>\$200.00</u>
Cottage Grove	\$200.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 30.00
Federal & State	\$280.00
District Office	\$249.40

#### E. IMPREST FUND

Authorization is requested to replenish Imprest Fund in the amount of **\$5,422.00**.

At this juncture, Board Vice President LaWrence spoke to the Gold Circle of Quality Award, and how awesome that was and expressed that it showed that teachers were doing what they are employed to do, and that it shows the District is moving in the right direction.

He then asked what was the District doing to let people know that the District is moving in the right direction, and that these sort of wonderful things are going on!

Superintendent Jackson explained that there is a Newsletter that goes out and includes these sort of accomplishments. He stated we may need to resort to two (2) Newsletters a year, as opposed to the one issue which goes out to all homes and businesses in the District during the Spring months.

Board Vice President LaWrence encouraged the Administration, the Board of Education, Teachers and Faculty to continue to push the students of Ford Heights

School District 169 academically. He ended by stating he was very proud of what's going on in the schools, and looked forward to continued growth.

Board President called on Principal's Rivers and Johnson to bring members up to date on the activities in their respective buildings.

**PRINCIPAL RIVERS:** Stated that the SOS (Supporting Other Students) Organization did come through as promised and distributed hoodies to every student at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center. She stated that the Boys Basketball season had begun, and that Monday of the upcoming week would be the last home game for the Lady Panthers, and they had a "special event" planned in honor to Breast Cancer month. She asked that attendees wear something pink for this event.

**PRINCIPAL JOHNSON:** Began by stating that there were presently 290 students enrolled at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center, and that two new students had enrolled today. She then addressed that for the Halloween season, the students at Medgar Evers went out everyday to enjoy the maze made of bales of hay, and were given rakes to enjoy hay and maze.

ADJOURNMENT - 6:20 p.m.

Motioned/LaWrence; Seconded/Viverette - to adjourn meeting - voice vote motion carried.

Lera Cook, Board President

Victoria Hayslett, Board Secretary