

**FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION 169 EMERGENCY (E-LEARNING)
PROGRAM VERIFICATION FORM**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Samuel J. LaWrence, III – **10:05 a.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
Mrs. Marilyn Barnes, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Monique Johnson, Principal, Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center
Ms. Chantel Jones, Principal, Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center
Mrs. Latricia Walker, Assistant Principal, Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center
Mrs. Gloria Lymore, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

President called the Public Hearing for the Board of Education 169 Emergency (E-learning) Program Verification Form to order. He stated that members of the public were invited to make comments or ask questions about the Ford Heights School District 169 E-Learning Plan. Dr. Jackson in turn asked Mrs. Marilyn Barnes to share how the E-Learning Plan would be implemented in Ford Heights School District 169.

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Mrs. Barnes shared that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to allow public comments in accordance with Ford Heights School District 169 Board of Education Policy 4.180 Pandemic Preparedness, and Illinois 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05, E-Learning Days 9 Illinois General Assembly – Illinois – E-Learning days.

Mrs. Barnes stated the Ford Heights School District 169 had developed a plan for E-Learning to be implemented in case of an emergency closure of schools.

As required in *Section 10-20.56 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.56)* as a part of the E-Learning Program Verification, Ford Heights School District 169 is required to run a publication in a newspaper of general circulation at least 10 days prior to a School Board Hearing. **Please be advised that the publication appeared on August 1, 2020 in the Chicago Sun-Times in the classified.**

The State Board of Education shall establish and maintain, for implementation in Illinois school districts, a program for the use of electronic –learning (e-learning) days, as described in *Section 10-20, 56, E-Learning days*.

Prior to the regularly scheduled school board meeting, the District must hold a public hearing on a school district’s initial proposal for an e-learning program.

Mrs. Barnes continued by stating that during the regular school year (students are in attendance for in person learning) when school is closed due to an emergency, an E-Learning day may be called. An e-learning day allows for student instruction to be received electronically, while students are not physically present in school. Districts are allowed to use up to five (5) e-Learning days during the school year, and the days do not need to be made up due to the students being engaged in learning.

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At the conclusion of the presentation, Dr. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools asked if there were any questions from the public, there were none. In turn he asked Members of the Board if they had any questions, hearing none,

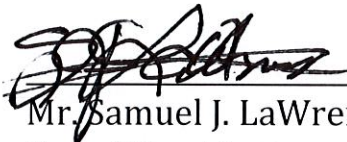
Superintendent Jackson stated that the E-Learning Program Verification would be presented for approval in the Report of the Superintendent.

Mr. LaWrence, Board President stated that this concluded the Public Hearing on E-Learning.

President LaWrence called for an Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:05 a.m.

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Mitchell - to adjourn meeting



Mr. Samuel J. LaWrence III,
Board President



Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary