

**FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021**  
**RE-ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Samuel J. LaWrence, III – **10:21 a.m.**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Coleman, Cook, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman, Viverette

Absent: Hayslett

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. Vivian Carter, Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Gloria Lymore, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

**BOARD PRESIDENT LAWRENCE** called for a Reading of Abstract of Votes of the April 6, 2021 School Board Election.

**MRS. CORETTA JACKSON** read the Abstract of Votes of the School Board Election and included the names of candidates as well as the number of votes garnered. The results were as follows:

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| • Lera Cook               | 22.58% for a total of 383 votes |
| • Joe Louis Sherman       | 20.28% for a total of 344 votes |
| • Samuel J. LaWrence, III | 23.53% for a total of 399 votes |
| • Jessica Gray            | 21.52% for a total of 365 votes |
| • Derrick J. Smith        | 12.09% for a total of 205 votes |

**MRS. GLORIA LYMORE** followed up with the Administering of Oath to newly and re-elected Board of Education members: **LEA COOK, JESSICA GRAY, SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE, III AND JOE LOUIS SHERMAN.**

**BOARD PRESENTATION – Superintendent Dr. Gregory T. Jackson**

The previous Board President, Mr. Samuel J. LaWrence, III, Board Vice President, Mrs. Lera Cook, and Board Secretary, Mrs. Ester Viverette, Board of

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Education members all were presented with Plaques and inscription was read by Dr. Jackson. Outgoing Board President Samuel J. LaWrence, III was also presented with a Gavel.

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**BOARD PRESIDENT LAWRENCE** called for a motion for **APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE – SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE, III**

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Mitchell- to appoint **SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE, III** as President Pro Tempore

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE** called for a motion for **APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE – ESTER VIVERETTE**

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Mitchell- to appoint **ESTER VIVERETTE** as Secretary Pro Tempore

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE** called for **NOMINATION(S) FOR BOARD PRESIDENT – JAMES COLEMAN**

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Viverette - to appoint **JAMES COLEMAN**, as Board President

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Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,  
Viverette

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

**BOARD PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE called for NOMINATION(S) FOR BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Coleman - to appoint **JOE LOUIS SHERMAN**, as Board Vice President

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,  
Viverette

Nays: None

Absent: Hayslett

Abstain: None

7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

**THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS**

**BOARD PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE called for NOMINATION(S) FOR BOARD SECRETARY**

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Mitchell - to appoint **LERA COOK**, as Board Secretary

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,  
Viverette

Nays: None

Absent: Hayslett

Abstain: None

7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

**THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS**

**GAVEL PASSED - 10:37 a.m.**

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At this juncture the **Gavel was passed to newly elected Board President Coleman**, who then called for a motion **FOR HONORARIUM FOR BOARD SECRETARY** in the amount of **\$500.00**.

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Mitchell – **FOR HONORARIUM** for Board Secretary in the amount of **\$500.00**.

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

**BOARD PRESIDENT COLEMAN** called for a motion to **ESTABLISH BOARD MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATION(S)** – (On the first Tuesday on/or after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of each month @ 10:00 a.m.), with the understanding that the majority of Board meetings would be held at the Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center – Cafeteria, unless otherwise dictated.

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Cook – to **ESTABLISH BOARD MEETING DATES, TIME AND LOCATIONS** – (On the first Tuesday on/or after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) of each month @ 10:00 a.m.), with the understanding that the majority of Board meetings would be held at the Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center – Cafeteria, unless otherwise dictated.

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

Before dismissal, outgoing Board President LaWrence, thanked members for their support during his reign as Board President, and he prays that the incoming Board President, would be as good as he was. This led to a room full of laughter.

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Board members Cook and Viverette, also expressed their gratitude for members support during their reign as Board Vice President and Board Secretary as well.

**SINE DIE (FOR THE LAST TIME) - 10:42 a.m.**

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Mitchell to - **SINE DIE** (FOR THE LAST TIME)

Vote:       Ayes **7**   Nays   **0**   Abstain   **0**   Absent   **0**

  
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Mr. James Coleman, President

  
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Mrs. Lera Cook, Secretary