

FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Pro-Tempore –
ESTER VIVERETTE 10:04 a.m.

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Coleman (via phone), Cook, Gray LaWrence, Mitchell,
Viverette
Absent: Sherman
Also Present: Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Coretta D. Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of
Business Administration & Operations
Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
& Instruction
Mrs. Vivian Carter, Administrative Assistant
Legal Counsel William Gleason

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

None

AGENDA

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Mitchell- to approve the agenda

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman (via phone),Cook,Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Sherman
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

MINUTES

President Pro Tempore Viverette called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motioned/Cook; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve the minutes **OF JANUARY 11, 2022**

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Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman (via phone),Cook,Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Sherman
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

DR. GREGORY T. JACKSON reminded members of the Board that they were in advanced receipt of his report and asked for favorable approval of his report.

DR. JACKSON called members attention to the flyer handed out regarding the re-scheduling of the vaccination clinic to **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022** from **12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** at **MEDGAR EVERS PRIMARY ACADEMIC CENTER GYMNASIUM.**

Superintendent Jackson, then requested a quick **CLOSED SESSION – 10:12 a.m.**

Upon return from **CLOSED SESSION – 10:24 a.m.** President Pro Tempore Viverette, called for a motion to **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

Motioned/Mitchell; Seconded/Cook - to reconvene regular session

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman (via phone),Cook,Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Sherman
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

At this juncture, President Pro Tempore, called on Superintendent Gregory Jackson to resume his report.

DR. JACKSON addressed other items in his report regarding HVAC, Roofing, Temperature Control etc., and explained that bids would be going out for these items during the 2nd week of February. Superintendent Jackson gave an

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to be effective at the **end of the 2021-2022** School Year.

2. SATURDAY SCHOOL STAFF

Authorization is being sought to hire the following staff for Saturday School. Saturday School began **SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022**, and ends **SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022**.

MR. WINDELL PARKER - SUBSTITUTE

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF 2021 AND 2022 TAXES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND 2023 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANTS (See reference #1)

II. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (AS OF JANUARY 27, 2022)

MEDGAR EVERS PRIMARY ACADEMIC CENTER

PRE-K60		KDG	50
GRADE 1	40	GRADE 2	54
GRADE 3	48	GRADE 4	41
		TOTAL	293

COTTAGE GROVE UPPER GRADE CENTER

GRADE 5	41	GRADE 6	44
GRADE 7	31	GRADE 8	34
		TOTAL	150

TOTAL DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
443	11	454

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICER)

MEDGAR EVERS:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
7	779	6

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COTTAGE GROVE:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
5	466	2

B. BIDS – ROOF/TEMPERATURE CONTROL

Members of the Board as you may recall during winter season at rooms in the cafeteria section of the building.

Our Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration & Operations, Mrs. Coretta Jackson, along with our architectural team (Planera Architects) is preparing to call for bids for the previously mentioned work.

We anticipate bids will be received from qualified bidders on Friday, February 18, 2022. We anticipate providing you a recommendation for awarding of contract at our regularly scheduled Board meeting set for March 8, 2022.

PART B – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

MRS. CORETTA JACKSON reminded members that they were in advanced receipt of her report, then inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.**

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman (via phone), Cook, Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Sherman
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Authorization is requested to pay Accounts Payable bills for February 8, 2022 in the amount of **\$557,359.28.**

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY

The following is the payroll summary for the month of January 2022 as detailed below:

January 14, 2022	\$200,944.52
January 28, 2022	<u>\$198,461.22</u>
Total	\$399,405.74

C. PETTY CASH

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

Office of Superintendent	\$274.66
Business Office	\$180.00
Medgar Evers	\$ 81.99
Building & Grounds	<u>\$169.11</u>
Total	\$705.76

D. IMPREST FUND

Authorization is requested to replenish Imprest Fund in the amount of **\$165.46.**

**PART C - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
- Dr. Sharon P. Rivers**

DR. SHARON P. RIVERS expressed to members that they were in advanced receipt of her report. Dr. Rivers ended by asking for favorable acceptance of her report as submitted:

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Motioned/Mithcell; Seconded/Cook- to approve **PART C - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION** as submitted.

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman (via phone), Cook, Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Sherman
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHOOL DISTRICT #169
910 WOODLAWN AVENUE
FORD HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60411**

INTRA-DISTRICT MEMO

DATE: JANUARY 28, 2022
TO: DR. GREGORY T. JACKSON
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FROM: DR. SHARON P. RIVERS
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION
SUBJECT: FEBRUARY REPORT ON CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

I recommend that you approve the following items. They are as follows:

- A. Districtwide Spelling Bee
- B. Daily Attendance
- C. COVID-19 Weekly Testing
- D. COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic
- E. Programs on Schedule for February 2022
- F. Monthly Building Reports

Included herewith, are summaries which address each area listed above.

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. DISTRICTWIDE SPELLING BEE

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Congratulations to 5th grader, Nyah Eddings who won the districtwide Spelling Bee, out-spelling thirteen contestants from Medgar Evers and Cottage Grove! The 17-round competition was intense as she and her brother, 6th grader Larry Eddings battled head-to-head for 5 rounds. She will now compete in the 12th Annual South Cook Intermediate Service Center (ISC) Scripps Spelling Bee will be held Southland College Charter Preparatory High School on March 2, 2022 with the snow date on March 3. Southland College Charter Preparatory located at 4601 Sauk Trail in Richton Park.

The winner will compete in the 12th Regional ISC Scripps Spelling Bee Championship at Triton College on March 29th for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finalists from South Cook and West 40. Triton College is located at 2000 Fifth Avenue in River Grove.

Registration is from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. with the bee to begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. This year 's competition is funded by Pepper Construction and Wight & Company along with an all-expense paid trip to Washington DC for the regional champion and one parent to compete at the National Scripps Spelling Bee competition during the Memorial Day Week. LeVar Burton, accomplished actor, director, educator, and lifelong children's literacy advocate will serve to as the host of the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee live on ION and Bounce television networks on June 1, 2022, for the Semifinals and on June 2, 2022, for the Final Competition.

B. DAILY ATTENDANCE

As we returned from winter break, attendance proved to be a challenge as many of our students tested positive for COVID-19 and could not return. However, through weekly testing, contact tracing, daily phone calls and home visits, attendance is back on track with ninety eight percent (98%) of our students in attendance each week.

C. COVID-19 WEEKLY TESTING

Weekly COVID-19 testing with our partners, MED-ADVO-C Consulting Group, is well underway. With ninety-eight percent (98%) of our

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parents having signed consent forms, weekly testing takes place three (3) day each week and began on Monday, January 3rd. Week one, 378 students and staff were tested. Week two starting January 10th, 177 were tested. Week three, 378 students and staff were tested, 290 were tested the week of January 24th. Results are checked daily throughout the day. Parents are notified immediately when a positive case is identified and the internal team begins contact tracing. Students and staff are able to return after 5 days of isolation and a negative test result.

D. COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

Wednesday, February 2nd marked the district's third COVID-19 vaccination clinic. The district partnered with the Cook County

Public Health Department and the Family Christian Health Center to offer COVID-19 vaccines to all students 5 years of age and older. Free Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations were made available on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. First and second doses, as well as boosters were provided. Parents and guardians were encouraged to accompany all children to receive the vaccine. Parent proxies were an option and had to be completed before the vaccine were administered.

E. PROGRAMS ON SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2022

- February 2nd – Professional Development
- February 3rd – Problem Solving Cottage Grove
- February 4th – **Parent Meeting**
- February 16th - Problem Solving Medgar Evers
- February 17th – Dental Exams Medgar Evers
- February 18th – Dental Exams Cottage Grove
- **February 25th – Black History Programs**
 - **Medgar Evers 9:30 a.m.**
 - **Cottage Grove 1:00 p.m.**
- February 25th – Progress Reports Mailed Home

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

Building reports were submitted by the following personnel:

