

**FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President James Coleman
-10:03 a.m.

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Coleman, Cook, Gray (via phone), LaWrence, Sherman,
Mitchell, Viverette

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Assistant Superintendent of
Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Vivian Carter, Administrative Assistant

Legal Counsel

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

None

AGENDA

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Gray (via phone), LaWrence, Sherman,
Mitchell, Viverette

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

MINUTES

President Coleman called for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve the minutes OF **DECEMBER
7, 2021**

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Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Gray (via phone), LaWrence, Sherman,
Mitchell, Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None
7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 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 informed members of the recent partnership with MED-ADVO-C, LLC, in partnership with InstaNurse, LLC & Quest Diagnostics. **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** thanked Board member Coleman, for the introduction to this group of individuals, then expounded on their responsibilities as individuals providing testing for students, staff, and faculty.

DR. JACKSON addressed the different types of tests such as Binax, and PNR and the differences between the two. **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** also stated that the tests were free to those tested.

DR. JACKSON inquired of Dr. Sharon Rivers the attendance percentage in lieu of the pandemic. **DR. RIVERS** responded that the district has a 70% attendance rate, which means 30% were out. **DR. JACKSON** expressed that we would not be closing schools as it had not been mandated by the Governor and stated that the Governor was the only one who could declare that schools close.

This evoked a myriad of questions, answers, and discussions about how the district was handling staff and/or students who needed to be sent home and coverage for those individuals etc.

Discussions ended with board member Sherman saying that Covid-19 is what it is, and everyone would just have to deal with to the best of their abilities.

At this juncture, as members were in receipt of the Annual Financial Reports packet at this sitting, **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** gave a brief synopsis of content.

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DR. JACKSON inquired if there were any questions? **THERE WERE NONE.**

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve **PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**, as submitted:

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

I. CLOSED SESSION

- A. THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, COMPENSATION OF SPECIFIC EMPLOYEES, STUDENT PERSONNEL, AND OR PROBABLE AND IMMINENT LITIGATION (POSSIBLE ACTION)**

II. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

- A. PERSONNEL (*Pending receipt of all personnel required documents and Illinois State Police and FBI criminal background clearance*)**

1. LETTER OF RESIGNATION

CARLA PRATHER, Substitute Teacher – Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center submitted a Letter of Resignation to be **effective** December 30, 2021.

2. POSITION CHANGE/SALARY ADJUSTMENT

A Position and Salary Adjustment for **JAKITA WARE** from Paraprofessional to Administrative Assistant for Pupil Personnel Services, **effective** Monday, December 13, 2021.

3. APPOINTMENT

JESSICA OUTLAND-THORNTON as Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year.

B. AUTHORIZE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION & OPERATIONS TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF THE 2022-2023 BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023.




Authorize Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration & Operations to begin preparation of the **2022-2023 Budget**, for fiscal year ending **June 30, 2023**.

C. AUTHORIZE INDEPENDENT CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH MED-ADV)-C, LLC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH INSTANURSE, LLC & QUEST DIAGNOSTICS (See reference #1)

Authorization is sought to enter into Independent Contract Agreement with MED-ADVO-C, LLC in partnership with InstaNurse, LLC & Quest Diagnostics ("Independent Contractor") for the purpose of COVID-19 Clinical Laboratory Testing Services for Students and Staff in the District.

D. ACCEPT FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS (AS FOLLOWS): (IN BOARD PACKETS)

Accept Ford Heights School District 169's Annual Financial Reports as submitted and listed below, for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021. Enclosed herewith for your acceptance are the following financial reports. They are:

-  **LETTERS FROM MILLER COOPER AND CO., LTD.**
-  **BOUND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT (AFR) FROM MILLER COOPER AND CO., LTD.**
-  **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS (AFR) TO ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FROM MILLER COOPER AND CP., LTD. (LOOSE BOUND)**

**BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL INVESTMENT
 REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.**

E. PROPOSED REVISED POLICY(S) (See reference #2)

Consistent with Ford Heights School District 169's normal practice to conduct periodic reviews of its policies, the following policy(s) is submitted for your consideration and adoption as listed below:

❖ **INSTRUCTION – SCHOOL WELLNESS – 6:50 (NEW)**

III. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2021)

MEDGAR EVERS SCHOOL

PRE-K	60	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	17	460

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICERS):

MEDGAR EVERS:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
7	555	9

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COTTAGE GROVE:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
5	265	4

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

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

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Authorization is requested to pay Accounts Payable bills for January 11, 2022 in the amount of **\$521,518.62.**

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY

The following is the payroll summary for the month of December 2021 as detailed below:

December 03, 2021	\$215,903.98
December 18, 2021	\$242,818.12
December 30, 2021	<u>\$198,998.44</u>
Total	\$657,720.54

C. PETTY CASH

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

Office of Superintendent	\$174.66
Medgar Evers	\$132.61
Building & Grounds	<u>\$150.00</u>
Total	\$457.27

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.

Board member Sherman asked about Spelling Bee changes, in which Dr. Rivers explained that Spelling Bee has been rescheduled.

Dr. Rivers ended by asking for favorable acceptance of her report as submitted:

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

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

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

INTRA-DISTRICT MEMO

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DATE: JANUARY 1, 2022

TO: DR. GREGORY T. JACKSON
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FROM: DR. SHARON P. RIVERS
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: JANUARY REPORT ON CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

- A. Weekly COVID-19 Testing
- B. District-wide Spelling Bee
- C. Illinois Assessment of Readiness Update
- D. American Rescue Plan McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant
- E. Programs on Schedule for January 2022
- F. Monthly Building Reports

Included herewith, are summaries which address each area listed above, as well as upcoming special events and activities.

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. WEEKLY COVID-19 TESTING

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with MED-ADVO-C Consulting Group for correlation of culturally competence-based healthcare. As part of our COVID-19 testing protocols, MED-ADVO-C facilitate testing all students with parent consent forms on file. Each week, regular testing will help protect our students and staff members against COVID-19. Through testing, we are able to identify cases and stop an outbreak. We continue our mitigation efforts that are in place and remind visitors of our mandatory safety protocols which includes wearing of masks at all times and in all areas, social distancing, and consistent cleaning and sanitizing high touch areas.

B. DISTRICT-WIDE SPELLING BEE

The district-wide Spelling Bee will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 7, 2022, in the Willie L. Davis Auditorium at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center. Students from both Medgar Evers and Cottage Grove will vie for the coveted title and move forward to the 12th Regional ISC Scripps Championship which scheduled for the 1st or 2nd week of March by Triton College in River Grove for our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finalists.

C. ILLINOIS ASSESSMENT OF READINESS UPDATE

As there are now forty-two (42) days before testing for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and the Illinois Science Assessment (5th and 8th grade) which is set to begin the week of March 7, 2022, we are now focusing instruction on Common Core Priority Learning Standards to ensure students are prepared.

With that understanding, there are several conversations at the State level surrounding the assessment. One of them being restructuring the assessment to eliminate the lengthy end-of-the-year exam and replace it with options to test throughout the school year.

However, thirty-seven (37) Illinois legislators are calling on the state board of education to hold off on an overhaul of the state's current assessment system. Under proposed changes, the state would transition from the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), which is currently given at the end of the year, and institute a different test three times a year that will cost \$228 million over the next decade.

In a letter released Tuesday, the legislators said that academics, testing experts, and educators have voiced concerns about the effectiveness of testing as a strategy for increasing student achievement and that a test given multiple times a year would be

an overreach, particularly for low-income students and students of color.

[Illinois lawmakers call on state board to pause assessment change - Chalkbeat Chicago](#)

D. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS GRANT

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal law that works to ensure educational stability for homeless youth. The McKinney-Vento act allows homeless students to enroll in school and receive transportation without delay. The district applied for and was awarded the American Rescue Plan (ARP) McKinney-Vento Homeless Grant. The purpose of this grant is to identify homeless children and youth, provide wraparound services in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, and provide assistance needed to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities, including in-person instruction and summer learning and enrichment programs. Additionally, it provides assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation to enable students to remain in their schools of origin.

E. PROGRAMS ON SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2022

The following programs scheduled for the month of January.

- January 5th – Professional Development
- January 6th – Problem Solving Cottage Grove
- January 7th – Districtwide Spelling Bee
- January 12 – 14th – Dental Exams
- January 14th – 2nd Quarter Ends
- January 14th – Parent Center Monthly Meeting
Topic: Child development- ages 3 to 5 years old
- January 15th – Saturday School Begins
- January 20th – Problem Solving Medgar Evers
- January 21st – Report Cards Mailed Home
- January 28th – Science Fair Cottage Grove

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

Building reports were submitted by the following personnel:

- Ms. Monique Johnson, Principal of Medgar Evers P.A.C.
- Ms. Chanel L. Jones, Principal of Cottage Grove U.G.C.
- Ms. Celestine Burrel, District-wide Attendance Office

At this juncture, Board President Coleman called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:21 a.m.

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Mitchell - to adjourn meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Cook, Gray (via phone), LaWrence, Sherman,
Mitchell, Viverette

Nays: None


Absent: None

Abstain: None

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



Mr. James Coleman, President



Mrs. Lera Cook, Secretary