

**FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169**  
**MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, Vice-President Joe Louis Sherman - **10:00 a.m.**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: Cook, Gray, LaWrence, Sherman  
Also Present: Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools  
Mrs. Coretta Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration & Operations  
Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction  
Mrs. Vivian Carter, Administrative Assistant  
Legal Counsel – Attorney Eric Bernard

**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)**

None

**AGENDA**

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Sherman, Cook, LaWrence,

Nays: None

Absent: Coleman, Mitchell, Viverette

Abstain: None

**4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.**

**SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** expressed to members that there were two (2) items on his report that he was recommending for favorable approval. Superintendent Jackson stated that the first item was that of Awarding of Contract for Managed Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure. He then called on Mrs. Coretta Jackson, to announce the chosen vendor and explain the

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process of how bids are handled, and reasons for selecting chosen vendor.

### **BOARD MEMBER VIVERETTE ARRIVED AT 10:08 A.M.**

**MRS. JACKSON** began by announcing that there were two (2) official bidders, and one (1) bidder who did not submit their bid in the appropriate format, and therefore, could not be considered.

**MRS. JACKSON** went on to say that Sentinel Technologies, Inc. of Downers Grove, IL was the selected vendor. Mrs. Jackson went on to explain how bids are posted, how they are made public, and the established process for submitting bids that all vendors must adhere to.

**MRS. JACKSON** stated that Sentinel Technologies, Inc. was chosen because number one, they were a local company, and number two, the number of years that they have been in business was impressive. Also based on her research, review, and the use of the Bid Evaluation Matrix, they were the firm with the highest point total, the most cost effective, and in the best interest of the district. Their bid total was **\$30,070.00** for a one-year contract.

**MRS. JACKSON** went on to explain to members that eighty-five percent of that cost (**\$25,559.50**) would be picked up by a USAC E-Rate Grant Program.

**SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** inquired why only one-year contract as opposed to a three-year contract, because after securing the one-year contract, there was the possibility of their increasing their prices.

**MRS. JACKSON'S** response was that it was safer in her opinion to do the one-year contract to see how they performed and if district was satisfied at the end of the one-year contract. If you locked in at the three-year contract and we did not like their services, you would be stuck in a manner of speaking until the end of the contract.

**MRS. JACKSON** told members there was another bidder from out of State with

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only two (2) employees and they did not attend the bidders walk thru and are unaware of the network in our district facilities, and she did not think it wise to secure a company that was out of town and would not be able to be on the premises in a timely manner if needed.

Mrs. Jackson and that one (1) bidder did not submit their bid in the appropriate format, and therefore, could not be considered.

At this juncture Vice President Sherman called for a **CLOSED SESSION - 10:10 a.m.**

Motioned/Gray; Seconded/Cook- to enter **CLOSED SESSION**

Roll Call:   Ayes:           Coleman, Sherman, Cook, LaWrence, Viverette  
              Nays:           None  
              Absent:        Coleman, Mitchell  
              Abstain:       None  
              **5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.**

Upon return from **CLOSED SESSION – 11:08 a.m.** Vice President Sherman called for a motion to **RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION**

Motioned/Gray; Seconded/Cook - to reconvene Regular Session

Roll Call:   Ayes:           Coleman, Sherman, Cook, LaWrence, Viverette  
              Nays:           None  
              Absent:        Coleman, Mitchell  
              Abstain:       None  
              **5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.**

**BOARD VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN** called for a motion to approve **SUPERINTENDENT’S BOARD REPORT**

Motioned/Gray; Seconded/Viverette – to approve **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** as submitted: **inclusive** of Consensus of Agreement in **CLOSED SESSION.**

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Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Sherman, Cook, LaWrence, Viverette  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coleman, Mitchell  
Abstain: None  
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 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. AWARD CONTRACT FOR MANAGED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) INFRASTRUCTURE *(See reference #1)*

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

#### 1. MATTERS OF STUDENT PERSONNEL

At this juncture, Vice President Sherman called for a motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT: 11:08 a.m.**


Motioned/Gray; Seconded/LaWrence – to adjourn meeting

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Sherman, Cook, LaWrence, Viverette  
Nays: None  
Absent: Coleman, Mitchell  
Abstain: None  
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

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Mr. Joe Louis Sherman, Vice President



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Mrs. Lera Cook, Board Secretary