

FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Pro Tempore – Sherman – at **10:05 a.m.**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present:	Coleman, Cook, Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman, Viverette
Absent:	None
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	Mr. William Gleason

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

Mr. Shagmond Lowery stood and introduced himself and gave a brief background of who he was, his education etc. Mr. Lowery thanked members of the Board for allowing him to time to explain the software and its intent to members.

Mr. Lowery has developed a software program titled MyPal Schools. The software is his attempt to try and combat bullying, cyberbullying, fighting and school and community threats. Mr. Lowery spoke about how the software works and the time span it would take to inform the necessary parties/law enforcement, administration etc., of any potential danger and/or critical situation that needs to be addressed immediately. He went on to say that students/teachers/or whomever could report situations anonymously, which he believes would motivate more students, to alert someone if they perceive they are in danger of being bullied, yet at the same time not wanting to be identified as the caller.

Mr. Lowery then inquired if there were any questions. Board member Gray asked about what kind of data Mr. Lowery had to back up claims. Mr. Lowery expressed that he could get that information to her.

Mr. Lowery ended by thanking members of the board for their time, and by requesting that the Board of Education give the program a try for the upcoming school year as he truly believes it would be a great tool and a great benefit.

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Board President Coleman thanked Mr. Lowery for his presentation, then called for a motion to adopt the Agenda.

AGENDA

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

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.

MINUTES

President Coleman called for a motion to approve the minutes of **April 11, 2023**

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Mitchell - to approve the minutes of April 11, 2023.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON reminded members that they were in advanced receipt of his report, then briefly addressed items in his report and ended by asking for favorable approval of his report as submitted.

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

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

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Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

I. CLOSED SESSION

- A. That pursuant to the Open Meetings Act Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(10) and Section 2(c)(11) the Ford Heights School District 169 (FHSD 169) Board of Education goes into Closed Session to discuss the employment, compensation, and/performance of a specific employee of FHSD 169 and or matters regarding students. Any items needing approval will be voted on during open session.
(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. **APPOINTMENT**

Authorization is sought to appoint **MR. AUSTIN IVES**, as Special Education Teacher – Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center, effective the **2023-2024 School Year**, as **BA Step 10- \$49,394**

- B. **AUTHORIZE CONTRACTS WITH SENTINEL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION PROVIDER OF DOWNERS GROVE, IL**

Authorize contract for services with Sentinel Information Technology Solution Provider of Downers Grove, IL for Extreme Network Renewal Services @ a 3-year contract - **\$52,609.00**

and

Authorize the purchase of 22 additional cameras, cabling and Associated Services of installation, and configuration from Sentinel Information Technology Solution Provider of Downers Grove, IL - **\$58,580**

This contract with Sentinel Information Technology Solution Provider of Downers Grove, IL, includes licensing of Network,

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monitoring of systems, Ability to receive required updates needed to stay current and analyzes network configuration, equipment and software to keep systems up do date and functioning properly.

B. APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Approval is sought to amend the **2022-2023** School Calendar to abate (remove) **five (5)** emergency days, resulting in school closing Thursday, **May 25**. The calendar represents **180 days**, with **174 days** as student attendance days for the **2022-2023** School Year.

C. AUTHORIZE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH DIVERSIFIED THERAPEUTICS' INCORPORATED

Authorization is sought to enter into agreement with Diversified Therapeutics Incorporated Center for Speech, to provide speech pathology related services for the **2023-2024** School Year. Speech Services **(\$43,000)**.

D. RE-AUTHORIZE LETTERS OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE FIRMS AS LISTED BELOW THEY ARE:

1. **MATTHEW O'SHEA AND SARA KUHN, M/O CONSULTING**
JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024
2. **JOHN C. CORRIGAN & ASSOCIATES**
JULY 1, 2023- JUNE 30, 2024
3. **DEJUAN A. KEA, CSC FIRM, LLC**
JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

III. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (AS OF APRIL 25, 2023)

MEDGAR EVERS PRIMARY ACADEMIC CENTER

PRE-K	60	KDG	50
GRADE 1	50	GRADE 2	41
GRADE 3	46	GRADE 4	42
		TOTAL	289

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COTTAGE GROVE UPPER GRADE CENTER			
GRADE 5	36	GRADE 6	33
GRADE 7	39	GRADE 8	38
		TOTAL	146

TOTAL DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
435	14	449

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICER)

MEDGAR EVERS:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
4	473	8

COTTAGE GROVE:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
3	247	4

PART B - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

MRS. CORETTA JACKSON reminded members that they were in advanced receipt of her report. Mrs. Jackson inquired if there were any questions. There were none. She ended by asking for favorable approval of her report as submitted:

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

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.

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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Authorization is requested to pay Accounts Payable bills for March 7, 2023, in the amount of **\$608,583.70**

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY

The following is the payroll summary for the month February 2023 as detailed below:

April 07, 2023	\$204,943.67
April 21, 2023	<u>\$206,165.13</u>
Total	\$411,108.80

C. PETTY CASH

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

Superintendent	\$250.00
Building & Grounds	\$ 55.00
Medgar Evers	<u>\$ 92.46</u>
Total	\$397.46

D. BUILDING RENTAL

Authorization is requested for use of the following facility:

1. Authorization is requested for the use of the following:

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – Friday, June 2, 2023
Time: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Place: Cottage Grove UGC (Kitchen, Gym, Cafeteria)
Contact: Sheriff Marlon L. Parks
Cook County Sheriff's Department
Purpose: Leadership Academy Camp
Cost: **Fee Waived**

II. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. 2023-2024 FOOD SERVICE PRODUCT BIDS

The District will advertise for Sealed Bids for the Foodservice

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Department, the following items that we are requesting bids for are as follows, they are: Milk, Bread, Groceries & Staples, paper goods, frozen vegetables, meat, fish and poultry. Bids will be opened on Friday, June 2, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office.

PART C - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

DR. SHARON P. RIVERS expressed to members that they were in advanced receipt of her report, then inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.** She then asked for acceptance of report as submitted:

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

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.

PART C-CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

I. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. EARLY REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Early registration continues with a push towards our goal of securing 80% of students registered for the 2023-2024 school year. There are 3 options to register: PowerSchool online portal, by telephone, or in person. Second mailing will take place on Friday, May 5, 2023.

B. SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The 2023 Summer Enrichment Academy is designed to serve children who are gifted, talented, and/or creative in a supportive academic and social setting. The four-week Summer Enrichment

Academy will allow children in grades 3rd through 7th to select from a variety of sessions that are available which offer high interest, hands-on, brains-on activities. This will include STEAM activities and Story Maker. The summer program will run for four weeks, four days each week at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center.

C. FEDERAL and STATE PROGRAM GRANTS

Grant management is the processes and methods the district employs to write and oversee grants. It encompasses every part of a grant's lifecycle, from pre-award research through post-award grant closeout. Prior to the start of the writing cycle, the Consolidated Plan is completed serving as the organizational structure to coordinate our work. Authorization is requested to submit Federal Consolidated District Plan for 2023-2024 and is inclusive of the following Grants:

- Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, Part A School Improvement Part 1003(a)
- Title II, Part A Preparing, Training and Recruiting
High Quality Teachers, Principals, &
Other School Leaders
- Title IV, Part B Rural and Low-Income Schools
- IDEA, Part B Flow-Through
- IDEA, Part B Preschool

D. GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Grand Canyon University is an accredited, Division I school which offers an online, personalized degree program which offers flexible scheduling.

District 169 has partnered with GCU in a workforce development grow from within program titled Participants in Learning, Leading and Serving (PLLS) program. Online grow from within program starts classes every week. The cohort design required ten (10) participants to begin the program. Below is a snapshot of the program:

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- Onsite and Online, personalized degree program
 - Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorial
- Flexible schedules
- Scholarship opportunities
- Access to GCU's Canyon Professional Development services and applicable discounts
- Complimentary, certification and licensure test preparation workshops
- College visitation program

E. PROGRAMS ON SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2023

- May 1st – 5th – Spirt Week at Cottage Grove
- May 4th – District Honors Celebration
- May 5th – Progress Reports Mailed Home
- May 5th – Early Registration Packets Mailed Home
- May 8th – 12th – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 10th – Nurse Appreciation Day
- May 11th – Prekindergarten Transition
- May 12th – Prekindergarten Luncheon
- May 12th – Parent Meeting
- May 15th – 19th Spirit Week at Medgar Evers
- May 17th – Cottage Grove Commencement Ceremony
- May 24th – Halfway There Ceremony Medgar Evers

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.
-  Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Principal of Cottage Grove U.G.C.
-  Ms. Celestine Burrel, District-wide Attendance Office

If you have any questions or require additional information, please ask. Thank you.

At this juncture, President Pro-Tempore Sherman called for a motion to adjourn.

