

**FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023**  
**RE-ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President James Coleman—**10:20 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  
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

**BOARD PRESIDENT COLEMAN** called for a Reading of Abstract of Votes of the April 4, 2023 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:

- Ester Viverette 34.76% for a total of 277 votes
- James “JJ” Coleman 33.63% for a total of 268 votes
- Mark Mitchell 31.62% for a total of 252 votes

**MRS. CORETTA JACKSON** followed up with the Administering of Oath to re-elected Board of Education members: **ESTER VIVERETTE, JAMES “JJ” COLEMAN, AND MARK MITCHELL**

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

Board of Education members Board President, Mr. James Coleman, Board Vice President, Mr. Joe Louis Sherman and Board Secretary, Mrs. Lera Cook, were all presented with Plaques and the inscriptions were read by Dr. Gregory T. Jackson. Outgoing Board President Coleman was also presented with a Gavel.

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Outgoing Board President Coleman thanked Superintendent Jackson and Board of Education for the plaque and gavel, then thanked members for holding it down, when he could not be present and enjoyed his reign as Board President as well as working closely with other members.

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**BOARD PRESIDENT COLEMAN** called for a motion for **APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE – LERA COOK**

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Gray- to appoint **LERA COOK**, 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 – JESSICA GRAY**

Motioned/Sherman; Seconded/Viverette - to appoint **JESSICA GRAY** 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 – JOE LOUIS SHERMAN**

Motioned/Coleman; Seconded/Gray - to appoint **JOE LOUIS SHERMAN**, 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 – SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE, III**

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Gray - to appoint **SAMUEL J. LAWRENCE, III** as Board Vice President

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.

**THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS**

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

Motioned/Coleman; Seconded/Gray - to appoint **ESTER VIVERETTE**, as Board Secretary

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.

**THERE WERE NO OTHER NOMINATIONS**





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Motioned/LaWrence; Seconded/Mitchell – 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.

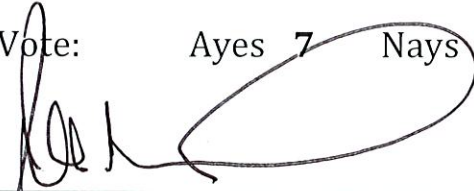
- June 6, 2023**
- July 11, 2023**
- August 8, 2023**
- September 5, 2023**
- October 10, 2023**
- November 7, 2023**
- December 5, 2023**
- January 9, 2024**
- February 6, 2024**
- March 5, 2024**
- April 9, 2024**
- May 7, 2024**
- June 11, 2024**

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.

**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 Present

  
Mr. Joe Louis Sherman, President

  
Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary