

FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

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

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: J. Sherman, S. LaWrence, E. Viverette, J. Coleman, J. Gray, M. Mitchell
Absent: L. Cook
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. Gloria Lymore (via phone)
Mrs. LaDonna Harris, Executive Assistant to the Supt.
Mr. William Gleason, Legal Counsel

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

NONE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President, Joe Louis Sherman, called for a motion to approve the agenda at 10:12 a.m.

Motioned/Viverette; Seconded/Gray - to approve the agenda.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Cook

Abstain: None

6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President, Joe Louis Sherman, called for a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing and regularly scheduled board meeting of **November 7, 2023.**

Motioned/Gray; Seconded/Viverette - to approve the minutes of **November 7, 2023**

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you cards were received from the Boyett family to the Board of Education and to the Board President Joe Sherman for the overall support and flower easel received during their moment of bereavement of their mother, Mary Boyett.

PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON reminded members that they were in advanced receipt of his report and informed members that the district has received money back from the state, totaling one million (\$1MM) that is permanent to the District's general state aide revenue stream. **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** went on further to reference that the 2024-2025 public school calendar is enclosed in their board books and will be sent to the state for final approval.

Other agenda items mentioned to the board to reference were the abatement for property tax relief, the general obligation limited school bonds and the resolution abating the working cash fund of the district.

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON then asked Ms. Coretta Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations and Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction to speak to the winter concert and the upcoming holiday social. Dr. Rivers provided the details, time and the theme of "A Colorful Christmas" for the winter concert scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2023. Ms. Jackson informed the board that we will have an "Aloha Holiday" social affair on Friday, December 15, 2023 at the Glenwoodie Golf course.

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON ended by asking for favorable approval of his report as submitted.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Coleman, Gray, LaWrence, Mitchell, Sherman,
Viverette
Nays: None
Absent: Cook
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 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 the 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. **SATURDAY SCHOOL STAFF**

Authorization is being sought to hire the following staff for Saturday School. Saturday School begins **SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2024**, and ends **SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024**.

MEDGAR EVERS PAC:

WINDELL PARKER

RACHAEL RANSOM

KRISTY KEMPER

ANTOINA McMICHAELS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

OLLIE GILL COORDINATOR

MONIQUE JOHNSON PRINCIPAL

COTTAGE GROVE UGC :

JASON KINNAMAN

RYAN JAMES

TANIA RICHEY

JESSICA THORNTON

ELIZABETH MICHALSKI (SUBSTITUTE)

DIANE RICHARDSON

ROBIN NORRIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

CHANTEL JONES COORDINATOR

DR. SHARON RIVERS PRINCIPAL

B. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ABATEMENT OF 2023 AND 2024 TAXES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FISCAL YEAR 2024 PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANT (See reference #1)

Authorization is sought to approve the resolution providing for abatement of 2023 and 2024 taxes in order to obtain fiscal year 2024 property tax relief grant.

C. APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2024-2025 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR (See reference #2)

Approval is sought to approve the **2024-2025 ISBE** School Calendar for the **2024-2025** School Year.

The School Year will begin on **Thursday, August 8, 2024**, and will end on **Monday, June 2, 2025**. The calendar represents **185 days**, inclusive of **five (5) emergency days**. If no emergency days are used, school will end **Friday, May 23, 2025**.

You will see by the attached copy of the official School Calendar; the following will take place on dates noted below:

TEACHER INSTITUTE DAYS

Thursday, August 8, 2024
 Friday, August 9, 2024
 Friday, October 11, 2024
 Monday, May 19, 2025

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Friday, October 25, 2024
 Monday, March 31, 2025

EMERGENCY DAYS

Tuesday, May 27, 2025
 Wednesday, May 28, 2025
 Thursday, May 29, 2025
 Friday, May 30, 2025
 Monday, June 2, 2025

D. GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED SCHOOL BONDS (REFERENCE #3)

Authorization is sought to approve the general obligation limited school bonds, series 2023A. Taxable general obligation limited school bonds, series 2023B. Taxable general obligation school bonds, series 2023C.

E. SY 23-24 PUBLIC SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATES (REFERENCE #4)

Authorization is sought to approve the revisions that were made to the public-school calendar for the current school year 2023 – 2024. Changes were made to the following:

Veteran’s Day	Originally: 11/10/23	Revised: 11/13/23
Winter Break	Originally: 12/25-01/05/24	Revised: 12/18 – 01/01/24
April	Originally: Off on 04/01/24	Revised: Att. On 04/01/24

F. RESOLUTION ABATING THE WORKING CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT (REFERENCE #5)

Authorization is sought to approve the resolution abating the working cash fund of the district.

III. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (AS OF NOVEMBER 27, 2023)

MEDGAR EVERS SCHOOL

PRE-K	58	KDG	52
GRADE 1	45	GRADE 2	44
GRADE 3	32	GRADE 4	42
		TOTAL	273

COTTAGE GROVE UPPER GRADE CENTER

GRADE 5	41	GRADE 6	34
GRADE 7	31	GRADE 8	34
		TOTAL	140

TOTAL DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
413	12	425

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICERS):

MEDGAR EVERS:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
0	145	4

COTTAGE GROVE:

HOME VISITS	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
0	127	2

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

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

I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (\$467,347.09)

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY (for the month of November 2023) as detailed below:

November 03, 2023	\$241,682.35
November 17, 2023	<u>\$267,829.63</u>
TOTAL	\$509,511.98

PART C - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

DR. SHARON P. RIVERS expressed to members that they were in advance receipt of her report and she briefly reminded board members of the upcoming holiday tournament that is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023 at the Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center. She then inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.**

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

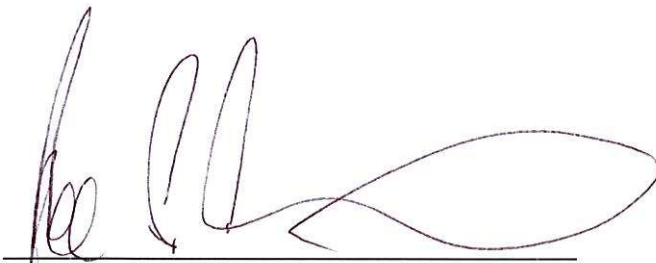
Roll Call: Ayes: LaWrence, Gray, Viverette, Sherman, Mitchell,
Coleman
Nays: None
Absent: Cook
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

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


ADJOURNMENT: 10:26 a.m.

Motioned/Gray; Seconded/Viverette - to adjourn meeting.

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



Mr. Joe Louis Sherman, President



Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary