

FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2024

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Pro Tempore, Samuel J. LaWrence – at **10:02 a.m.**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: S. LaWrence, E. Viverette, J. Gray, M. Mitchell, J. Sherman
(Phone), J. Coleman (Phone), L. Cook (Phone)
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. Gloria Lymore (via phone)
Mrs. LaDonna Harris, Executive Assistant to the Supt.
Mrs. Martrina Eno, Science Teacher (Guest)

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

Mrs. Martrina Eno, 7th grade science teacher, thanked the district and the school board for their support of students who were able to participate in the science fair. She went on further to discuss the winning experiment of removing gum from human hair, her role as both a teacher supporter and a judge and the final state science fair results.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

President Pro Tempore, Samuel LaWrence, called for a motion to approve the agenda at **10:03 a.m.**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Pro Tempore, Samuel LaWrence, called for a motion to approve the minutes of the public hearing and regularly scheduled board meeting of **April 10, 2024**.

Motioned/*Gray*; Seconded/*Mitchell*- to approve the minutes of **April 10, 2024**.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you cards read from Dr. Robinson and family to Board President Joe Louis Sherman, the Board of Education and to Superintendent Dr. Gregory T. Jackson for the love and support received during the untimely death of a close relative to Dr. Robinson.

PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON reminded members of the Board that they were in advance receipt of his report and went on to discuss the approval to amend the 2023-2024 school calendar to abate the 5 emergency days which now lists the last day of school to end on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. **SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** also requested to authorize the consulting agreement with Diversified Therapeutics' Incorporated and to reauthorize letters of engagement with Matthew O'Shea, John C. Corrigan and DeJuan A. Kea.

SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON ended by asking for favorable approval of his report, as submitted and if there were any further questions. **There were none.**

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

Roll Call: Ayes: LaWrence, Gray, Viverette, Sherman (Phone), Coleman
(Phone), Mitchell, Cook (Phone)
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 the open session.
(POSSIBLE ACTION)

II. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

- A. **APPROVAL TO AMEND THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR**
(Reference #1)

Approval is sought to amend the **2023-2024** School Calendar to abate (remove) **five (5)** emergency days, resulting in school closing Wednesday, **May 22, 2024**. The calendar represents **180 days**, with **174 days** as student attendance days for the **2023-2024** School Year.

- B. **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 **2024-2025** School Year. Speech Services **(\$43,000)**.

- C. **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, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025
2. **JOHN C. CORRIGAN & ASSOCIATES**
JULY 1, 2024- JUNE 30, 2025
3. **DEJUAN A. KEA, CSC FIRM, LLC**
JULY 1, 2024 – JUNE 30, 2025

III. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. MONTHLY ENROLLMENT (AS OF APRIL 29, 2024)

MEDGAR EVERS SCHOOL

PRE-K	60	KDG	52
GRADE 1	50	GRADE 2	43
GRADE 3	36	GRADE 4	44
		TOTAL	285

COTTAGE GROVE UPPER GRADE CENTER

GRADE 5	42	GRADE 6	34
GRADE 7	34	GRADE 8	35
		TOTAL	145

TOTAL DISTRICT	OUT OF DISTRICT	GRAND TOTAL
430	12	442

REPORT OF CONTACTS (ATTENDANCE OFFICERS):

MEDGAR EVERS:

HOME VISITS	LETTERS SENT HOME	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
2	2	426	1

COTTAGE GROVE:

HOME VISITS	LETTERS SENT HOME	TELEPHONE CONTACTS	PARENT CONFERENCES
4	2	242	2

PART B – ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS

MRS. CORETTA JACKSON, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATIONS reminded members of the Board that they were in advanced receipt of her report.

MRS. CORETTA JACKSON ended by asking for favorable approval of this report, as submitted. **There were none.**

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

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

I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION

A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (\$659,475.68)

B. PAYROLL SUMMARY (for the month of April 2024) as detailed below:

April 5, 2024	\$230,918.24
April 19, 2024	\$227,397.65
Total	\$458,315.89

C. PETTY CASH (\$74.07)

PART C - ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

DR. SHARON P. RIVERS reminded members of the board that they were in advance receipt of her report and inquired if there were any questions. **THERE WERE NONE.**

DR. SHARON P. RIVERS went on to inform board members that Javion Hatton competed in the state's 400 meter track and field competition the previous Friday and did well. **DR. SHARON P. RIVERS** also reminded board members of the Commencement ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024 and the distribution of teacher appreciation gifts given out on the previous evening.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: LaWrence, Gray, Viverette, Sherman (Phone), Coleman (Phone), Mitchell, Cook (Phone)
Nays: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

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

At this juncture, President Pro Tempore, Samuel LaWrence, called for a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:20 a.m.

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

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



Mr. Joe Louis Sherman, President



Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary