

**FORD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 169**  
***MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD***  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President, Joe Louis Sherman  
– at **10:03 a.m.**

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

Upon roll call the following members were present:

Present: J. Sherman, E. Viverette, J. Gray, M. Mitchell, L. Cook, S. LaWrence  
Absent: J. Coleman  
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  
Mr. David J. Wright, Director of Technology  
Mrs. LaDonna Harris, Executive Assistant to the Supt.

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

None

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

President, Joe Louis Sherman, called for a motion to approve the agenda at **10:05 a.m.**

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

Roll Call: Ayes: J. Sherman, E. Viverette, J. Gray, M. Mitchell,  
L. Cook, S. LaWrence

Nays: None

Absent: J. Coleman

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 **July 9, 2024**.

Motioned *lGray*; Seconded/*Mitchell*- to approve the minutes of **July 9, 2024**.

Roll Call:	Ayes:	J. Sherman, E. Viverette, J. Gray, M. Mitchell, L. Cook S. LaWrence
	Nays:	None
	Absent:	J. Coleman
	Abstain:	None

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**None**

**PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** reminded members of the Board of Education that they were in advance receipt of his report, *inclusive of an addendum report*, and went on to discuss personnel matters, including the hiring of a new pre-k teacher, two non-concurrences of resignations for two certified employees and the awarding of contract for food service products.

**SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** spoke further regarding the non-concurrence of a resignation for both Kiera Holiday, Special Education teacher, as she resigned within 30 days of a new school start (*8 business days prior to*). Aaron Rice, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, resigned on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, two days prior to the start of school.

**SUPERINTENDENT JACKSON** went on to also remind the members of the Board that Teacher’s Institute Day would take place on Thursday, August 8, 2024 with professional developments and that Friday, August 9, 2024 would be our “*All White*” team building event in downtown Chicago.

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

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Motioned/*LaWrence*; Seconded/*Mitchell* - to approve **PART A - REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT REPORT, *inclusive of an addendum report***, as submitted:

Roll Call: Ayes: J. Sherman, E. Viverette, J. Gray, M. Mitchell, L. Cook,  
S. LaWrence  
Nays: None  
Absent: J. Coleman  
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. APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Authorization is sought to appoint **Ms. VALERIE GILL-TAYLOR**, as a full-time teacher pre-kindergarten (preschool for all), Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center, **effective, Thursday, August 8, 2024**, for the 2024-2025 School Year - **\$45,000 salary**

- 2. RESOLUTION OF NON-CONCURRENCE OF A RESIGNATION OF A CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER**  
**(SEE REFERENCE#1)**



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- a. Authorization is sought to *disapprove* a letter of resignation from Kiera Holiday, Special Education Teacher at Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center who has submitted this resignation effective July 29, 2024.
- b. **ADDENDUM ITEM:** Authorization is sought to *disapprove* a letter of resignation from Aaron Rice, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center who has submitted his resignation effective August 6, 2024.

**B. AWARDING OF CONTRACT FOR FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS**

- a. Authorization is sought to award a contract for food service products to the following vendors:

Cloverleaf Farms	White Lowfat Milk (1%)
13835 S. Kostner	Chocolate Lowfat Milk (1%)
Crestwood, IL 60445	Lactose Free Milk (1%)

Wilkins Food Service	Frozen Vegetables,
2601 Bond Street	Groceries & Staples,
University Park, IL 60484	Meat Fish & Poultry,
	Paper Goods (Specific Items)

**(SEE REFERENCE #2 FOR SPECIFIC PER ITEM AMOUNTS)**

**C. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN PROPERTY TAX PROCEEDINGS**

**(SEE REFERENCE #3)**

- a. Authorization is sought to approve the resolution authorizing participation in property tax proceedings.

**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.

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**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:           J. Sherman, E. Viverette, J. Gray, M. Mitchell, L. Cook  
  S. LaWrence  
              Nays:           None  
              Absent:        J. Coleman  
              Abstain:       None  
              **6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.**

**I. FOR YOUR AUTHORIZATION**

**A. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE (\$918,303.17)**

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

July 12, 2024	\$95,861.58
July 26, 2024	<u>\$96,360.56</u>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$192,222.14</b>

**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.**

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

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


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

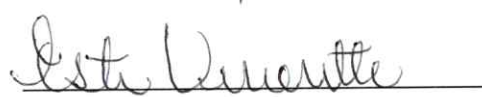
**ADJOURNMENT: 10:22 a.m.**

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

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



Mr. Joe Louis Sherman, President



Mrs. Ester Viverette, Secretary