

MINUTES of a special public meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number 169, Cook County, Illinois, held at the Cottage Grove Upper Grade Center, 800 East 14th Street, Ford Heights, Illinois, in said School District at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on the **14th day of January, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Ester Viverette – **10:01 a.m.**

The President (Ester Viverette) called the meeting to order and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

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

Upon the roll being called, Ester Viverette, President, and the following members were physically present at said location:

Present: Mark Mitchell, Jessica Gray, Joe Louis Sherman

Also Present: Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Coretta Jackson, Assistant Superintendent of Business Administration & Operations
Dr. Sharon P. Rivers, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. LaDonna Harris, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Mr. David Wright, Director of Technology

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference:

Via Mobile: **James Coleman**

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: **Lera Cook, Samuel J. LaWrence**

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

NONE

AGENDA

Motioned/*Sherman*; Seconded/*Mitchell* - to approve the agenda

Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, Gray, Sherman, Coleman (Phone)
 Nays: None
 Absent: Cook, LaWrence
 Abstain: None
 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

The President announced that the first item up for consideration was a **resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds of School District Number 169.**

Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools, added that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the **Working Cash Fund Bonds** were to replace boilers, classroom unit ventilators and piping, contractor general conditions, interior and exterior building modifications (beautification projects), media center renovations, replace exhaust fans and other capital improvements.

Afterwards, President Ester Viverette presented and Secretary Jessica Gray read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy.

Motioned/*Sherman*; Seconded/*Mitchell* - to approve - **RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,000,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds of School District Number 169.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, Gray, Sherman, Coleman (Phone)
 Nays: None
 Absent: Cook, LaWrence
 Abstain: None
 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

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The President announced that the next item up for consideration was a **resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,500,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds of School District Number 169.**

Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools, reminded the Board of Education that the proposed issuance of the **Funding Bonds** would refinance old bonds and help to accelerate repayment of debt.

Afterwards, President Ester Viverette presented and Secretary Jessica Gray read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy.

Motioned/*Sherman*; Seconded/*Mitchell* - to approve - **RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$6,500,000 Taxable General Obligation School Bonds of School District Number 169.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, Gray, Sherman, Coleman (Phone)
Nays: None
Absent: Cook, LaWrence
Abstain: None
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

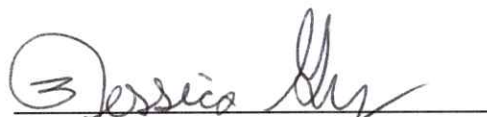
President Viverette called for an adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 a.m.

Motioned/*Sherman*; Seconded/*Mitchell*

Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, Gray, Sherman, Coleman (Phone)
Nays: None
Absent: Cook, LaWrence
Abstain: None
5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.


Mrs. Ester Viverette, President


Ms. Jessica Gray, Secretary