

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 **25th day of March, 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, Samuel J. LaWrence, III.

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
Mr. Damaus Viverette, Director of Grounds and Facilities

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: **Lera Cook**

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

The following member(s) was/were absent: **James Coleman**

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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, LaWrence, Gray, Sherman,
Cook (Phone)
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

The President announced that the item up for consideration was an authorization request from Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools, for an award of contract regarding the pre-purchase of equipment. Madam President asked Dr. Jackson to speak to his request for today's special meeting.

Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools, went on to state that authorization is sought to approve contract award for boilers and uni-vent equipment pre-purchase for Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center to Quality Control Systems, Inc. of Crete, IL for a contract amount of **\$452,000.00**.

Motioned/*Sherman*; Seconded/*Mitchell* - to approve an authorization request to award a contract for boilers and uni-vent equipment pre-purchase for the Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center to Quality Control Systems, Inc. of Crete, IL.

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

President Viverette called for an adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:10 a.m.

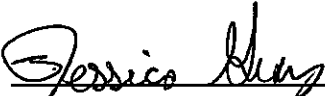
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Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, LaWrence, Gray, Sherman,
Cook (Phone)
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman
Abstain: None
6 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present - motion carried.


Mrs. Ester Viverette, President


Ms. Jessica Gray, Secretary