

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 9:00 o'clock A.M., on the **15th day of May, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer, President Ester Viverette – **9:05 a.m.**

The President (Ester Viverette) called the meeting to order and directed Lera Cook, *Secretary Pro-Tempore*, 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: Ester Viverette, Mark Mitchell, Jessica Gray (*enters at 9:10a.m.*), Lera Cook (*Secretary Pro-Tempore until 9:10a.m.*), 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. Lee Reid, Architect of Planera & Reid

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: **NONE**

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: **James Coleman, Joe Louis Sherman**

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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC (2 Minutes)

NONE

AGENDA

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, Cook, LaWrence
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Cook, Gray
Abstain: None
4 ayes, 0 nays, 3 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

PRESIDENT VIVERETTE informed the Board of Education that Dr. Gregory T. Jackson, Superintendent of Schools, would like to speak to action item 7A from the agenda.

DR. GREGORY T. JACKSON, Superintendent of Schools, went on to state that authorization was being sought to approve a contract award for entry modifications at Medgar Evers Primary Academic Center in the contractual amount of **\$116, 730 to J&J Contractors**, Incorporated of **Barrington, IL**.

DR. GREGORY T. JACKSON invited guest, Lee Reid, to speak to the work that will be required for entry modifications and an estimated timeline.

Motioned/*Mitchell*; Seconded/*Gray* - to approve – **AUTHORIZATION OF AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR ENTRY MODIFICATIONS AT MEDGAR EVERS PRIMARY ACADEMIC CENTER TO J&J CONTRACTORS**

Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, Cook, LaWrence, Gray (*enters at 10:10a.m.*)
Nays: None
Absent: Coleman, Cook
Abstain: None

5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

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President Viverette called for an adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:13 a.m.

Motioned/*Lawrence*; Seconded/*Gray*

Roll Call: Ayes: Viverette, Mitchell, Cook, LaWrence, Gray
 Nays: None
 Absent: Coleman, Cook
 Abstain: None

5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent, 0 abstain, 0 present – motion carried.

Mrs. Ester Viverette, President

Ms. Jessica Gray, Secretary