BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2009
6:00 p.m.

Western International High School
1500 Scotten
Detroit, Michigan 48209

PROPOSED MINUTES

Call to Order
The Regular Board Meeting of the Detroit Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by the President, the Honorable Carla D. Scott, M.D.

Roll Call
The Secretary of the Board, Joyce Zarrieff, called the roll.

Present: Members Betts, Carter, Catchings, Cofield, Mathis, Murray, Short, Thornton, Winfrey, Vice President Hayes-Giles and President Scott – 11

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared to be in session.

Moment of Silence
President Scott requested a moment of silence.

President Scott acknowledged that Ms. Renee Taylor, Vocal Instructor for Western International High School, would perform the “Star Spangled Banner” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”.

President Scott acknowledged that the Interpreter for the meeting was Mr. Rodolpho Diaz, Assistant Principal at Western International High School.

President Scott asked the audience to stand for the “Star Spangled Banner” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”.
Welcome from Rebeca Luna, Principal, Western International High School

Ms. Luna welcomed the Board Members, the Acting General Superintendent, Central Office staff, alumni, community members and guests to Western International High School, home of the Cowboys. She stated that the successes at Western International are achieved through a team effort and she acknowledged the team members: Western PTSA, administrative staff, instructional and support staff, alumni, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Daveda Colbert, her principal colleagues. Ms. Luna concluded that it was an honor to host the March Regular Board Meeting at Western International High School and that they were proud to share their home.

5. Approval of Agenda

President Scott requested that Board Members review the agenda dated as Revised March 12, 2009. She indicated that she had two additional agenda items:

- Under the Committee on Facilities, Action Items: Approval of Policies, 15.A.1.a. Competitive Food Policy that item would be pulled; and

- Under the Committee on Human Resources, Promotions and New Hires, that the only promotions and new hires to be acted upon were those that come out of Funds 14, 22 and 25 which are grant funds.

Member Carter requested that in the future the Committee on Human Resources meeting materials be provided to the Board Members in a timely manner prior to the meeting and not be presented to them at the table the day of the meeting. President Scott responded that Member Carter’s request was so noted.

President Scott noted that all Committee Information Items would be accepted as such but that there would be discussion allowed for the following Information Items:

- Under the Committee on Academic Achievement 11.C.1.a.-b.

- Under the Committee on Facilities 15.A.2.c.

Vice President Giles moved, supported by Member Catchings, to accept the Revised Agenda for March 12, 2009 with the noted changes.

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried.

6. Approval of Minutes

President Scott requested approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes:

Regular Board Meeting, February 12, 2009
Special Board Meeting, February 26, 2009

Member Carter moved, supported by Vice President Hayes-Giles, to accept the following Minutes with any necessary corrections:

Regular Board Meeting, February 12, 2009
Special Board Meeting, February 26, 2009

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried.

7. Report from the President

A. Reports/Updates

1. Recognition of Elected Officials and Guests – Member Tyrone Winfrey

Member Winfrey requested to stand all elected officials present in the audience. He acknowledged and welcomed Emergency Financial Manager, Mr. Robert C. Bobb, and requested that Mr. Bobb stand. He concluded by acknowledging the community’s presence at the meeting.

Member Winfrey acknowledged the Homegoing of Pamela Jo Criss that was held on Saturday, February 28, 2009. He shared the contents of Ms. Criss’ Obituary. He concluded by stating that Ms. Criss was an advocate for Detroit Public Schools children and that she left a legacy in this District.

Member Winfrey acknowledged and thanked Mrs. Helen Moore, a close and dear friend to Ms. Criss, for all of her efforts to comfort Ms. Criss in her last days.

Member Winfrey read the Proclamation in behalf of the late Pamela Jo Criss and President Scott requested that Mrs. Moore accept the Proclamation in Ms. Criss’ behalf.

Mrs. Moore gave brief remarks on behalf of Pamela Jo Criss. She stated that Ms. Criss was a fighter all the way to the end. She noted that Ms. Criss had lung cancer for 4-1/2 years but she continued to attend Board meetings. She noted that Ms. Criss’ last thoughts were of the school system and that Ms. Criss asked Mrs. Moore to keep on fighting, that the struggle continues, and for God’s sake to keep pushing for a real African Centered education. Ms. Criss’ further request that Mrs. Moore stay on the Board, though nothing has changed, and she gave Mrs. Moore instructions on what needed to be done for the children to get better educated.

Mrs. Moore stated that she traveled to Selma, Alabama where she and Ms. Criss were members of the Board of the National Voting Rights Museum and that the Museum honored Ms. Criss. She noted that the National Voting Rights Museum’s theme for 2009 is “Education, the Next Bridge to Cross.” She concluded that in honor and in memory of Pamela Jo Criss, they would continue her struggle, and as long as she is remembered and they call her name, she will never
die. She acknowledged and thanked all of the Board Members who came to the hospital and those that attended her memorial service. She noted that cash contributions received in Ms. Criss’ memory were used to pay off debt and the balance given to her son. She concluded that on behalf of Ms. Criss and her family, she stated God Bless everyone and thank you to all for being so good and loving toward her.

Member Winfrey acknowledged the Homegoing of Emeral Crosby, Ed.D. that was held on Friday, March 6, 2009. Dr. Crosby was a former principal at Northern and Pershing High Schools and he too left a legacy in the Detroit Public Schools.

Member Winfrey highlighted the Detroit Public Schools athletic competitions, such as Renaissance High School and M.L. King High School Girls’ Basketball Teams played on February 20, 2009 and Renaissance was triumphant in that endeavor. He noted that Pershing High School played Southeastern High School in the Boys’ Basketball Championship on February 20, 2009 at University of Detroit Mercy Callahan Hall. He indicated that he and the Acting Superintendent attended those events and witnessed a true competitive athletic spirit of Detroit Public Schools students.

2. Update on Library Commission – Member Otis Mathis

Member Mathis thanked President Scott for allowing him to be her designee on the Library Commission. He stated that he distributed a handout to all Board Members and that next month he would provide a power point presentation of his report. He provided a brief summary of the handout that listed the activities at the Library:

1. The Detroit Public Library has a reciprocal borrow agreement with West Bloomfield Township Public Library for a period of three years where all Detroit Public Library cardholders will be able to borrow from with West Bloomfield Township Public Library and all West Bloomfield Township Public Library cardholders will have borrowing privilege at Detroit Public Library. He noted that the Baldwin Public Library in Birmingham, MI withdrew from the reciprocal borrow agreement last July 2008 and the reason was undisclosed.

2. Grants--The Children’s Library was awarded the Picturing America Grant, a free educational resource of the National Endowment for the Humanities that is distributed in cooperation with the American Library Association. He noted that the material included 40 images mounted on 20 double-sided laminated posters to be displayed and used with the Summer Reading Program.

3. The Chaney Branch Library is a recipient of the Great Story Club Branch of the American Library Association in cooperation with the Young Adults Library Service Association. He noted that three book titles would be provided for teens participating in the Great Story Club Program and a copy of each title would be added to the Library’s permanent collection.

4. The Detroit Public Library documents are now available in Spanish in order to better serve Detroit’s diverse communities. He named the six Detroit Public Library policies that were translated:
   a. Library Bond Policies
b. How Do You Get A Library Card

c. Fee Finding Schedules

d. Internet Use Policy

e. Rules and Regulations for Customers

f. Mission Statement

g. Library Card Application

Member Mathis stated that the goal is to have the aforementioned documents translated into Arabic as well.

5. Special Events—The Accounting Aid Society is providing free tax preparation by volunteers at the Detroit Public Library.


7. The Douglass Branch Library has some special programs being held.

B. Public Comment – Request for Public Speakers

President Scott stated that there were seven requests to speak and that each speaker would be given five minutes:

Ms. Diane Angelosante of Select Graphics

Ms. Angelosante was not present to speak.

Mr. Stephen Rubin

Mr. Rubin stated that he is a parent, taxpayer and advocate for parents and students’ rights. He indicated that his request to speak was for the purpose of elaborating his concerns to the Board as it relates to a determination of loss of education to students of Detroit Public Schools, non-certified teachers in the classrooms, overcrowded classrooms, and matters of non-compliance with many aspects of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. He noted that his work began in 2003 with a letter of complaint that he wrote to Federal, state and local politicians and that the only response he received was from Senator Carl Levin who forwarded his complaint to the U.S. Department of Education, Director of Special Education Programs for whatever assistance that Department could provide. He noted that the Director of Special Education responded to Senator Levin and requested an investigation by the Michigan Department of Education who in turn referred the complaint to Wayne RESA. He continued that Wayne RESA returned the complaint to the Michigan Department of Education and that Department did launch three investigations over a six-year period and that the findings of the investigations include the following:

- This District was non-compliant with many aspects of the law including non-compliance with regulations of the Individuals With Disabilities Act;

- This District’s failure to implement Individual Educational Plans (IEP’s) in a timely manner;
○ This District’s failure to provide services to Individual Educational Plans (IEP’s) in areas of speech, non-certified teachers in the classrooms, inadequate progress reports, number of students exceeding number of teachers in the classrooms; refunding of salaries and fringe benefits of non-certified teachers to the special education fund plus penalties.

Mr. Rubin continued that the investigation led to a favorable determination of the loss of education in his case and the Michigan Department of Education granted a corrective action plan as well as an award of thousands of dollars; he brought copies of the investigation/determination to share with the Board.

Mr. Rubin requested that there be a forensic audit conducted regarding all expenditures for Detroit Public Schools Special Education Department as well as other departments. He provided the following information: Case No. 526403, Case No. 536104, Case No. 554204 and Case No. 583506. He continued that the investigation/determination only addressed part of the corrective action plan and that based on the findings from the aforementioned cases on February 25, 2009 monies were paid to him in the amount of thousands of dollars and that in light of the current deficit he questioned where did these funds come from.

He concluded that he would count on Emergency Financial Manage, Robert C. Bobb, to resolve these issues as well as the Board. He stated that this District continues to exemplify a total lack of responsibility and accountability. He noted that now is the time for change.

Mr. Jason Lee of 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit, Inc.

Member Winfrey indicated that in the absence of Mr. Jason Lee that he would provide a brief summary on the annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit, Inc. He stated that the contest would be held Saturday, March 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Federal Reserve Building.

Member Winfrey indicated that another dynamic opportunity for Detroit Public Schools high school students is the college symposium hosted by the following universities: Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, University of Detroit Mercy and Western University. He noted that the event also would be held Saturday, March 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Federal Reserve Building.

Member Winfrey noted that handouts on these events were available at the table as well as the information was available on the District’s website. He encouraged everyone to come out to witness the students participate in these academic achievement events.

Ms. Aminah Steger

Ms. Steger stated that she is Bates Academy’s Vice President of the LSCO. She indicated that her request to speak was for the purpose of elaborating her concerns to the Board as it relates to their new school building which she cited as not safe for the students and not conducive to learning. She cited that there are no substitute custodians for those on vacation; the restrooms are filthy and unsanitary; there is a lot of trash around the school that attracts rodents. She noted that the computer lab is currently non-operational because Dell is not honoring Detroit Public
Schools contracts; that a Bates parent donated 20 brand new computers to the school but the students are unable to be using them. She continued that currently mushrooms are growing in the ceiling tiles of the pipes from water leakage. The pipes are bursting in the classrooms causing major water damage; that this is a safety concern as well as a learning distraction to the students. She informed that the parking lot is unsafe and is hostile during the drop off and pick up times, there is one way in, and one way out; that parents park illegally and children run around in the parking lot unescorted. She concluded that there are parents that own construction companies that are willing to help but that the school does not have funding available.

Ms. Steger noted that Bates is working hard academically; they work hard to deliver the count on Count Day; they work hard to maintain high test scores and standards. She continued that Bates is asking to be acknowledged and awarded financially so that Bates can continue to be motivated. She noted that the students do not have a playscape in which to enjoy free time. She implored Dr. Scott and Mr. Bobb to help Bates address its concerns. She concluded that Bates has the parental support but needs proper funding to bring about resolution to its concerns.

Ms. Linda Jones

Ms. Jones stated that she had been honored to be a part of the Western International High School community for the past 12 years as a swimming teacher and swim coach. She indicated that her request to speak was for the purpose of elaborating the concerns of staff, students, and community to the Board as it relates to their school pool being inoperable for the past year. She noted that at Western and the surrounding community they are a family and they are more involved than most schools. She noted that the pool is a part of the original building dating back to 1898. She stated that Western’s swim program has always been strong and a strong part of the community and that Dennis Enrique, who swam at Western as a nationally ranked swimmer in the 1960’s, returned to Detroit a few years ago to volunteer to help her coach one of the boys’ swim teams; that the people from this community stay in this community and give back to this community. She cited another former student and swimmer, Gloria Salinas, is now a Detroit Public Schools teacher and teaches swimming. She stated that in the past 12 years the successes of the Swim Program at Western have been numerous and are evidenced on many levels. She noted that mostly all of their competitive swimmers began at Western’s Beginner Swim Program. She stated that during her tenure at Western they were able to bring home the first city swim championship in 30 years. She continued that she personally certified over 100 students as life guards who went out to work in the community and who are using that skill to put themselves through college. She concluded that sports are an integral part of students and their families’ lives and she requested the assistance from the Board to provide a new pool.

Mr. Phillip Schloop

Mr. Schloop stated that he had a good news report; that the Detroit Public Schools have been on self-operation for the last 60 days and he highlighted some of the accomplishments during that period. He stated that the concerns of stakeholders with the contracted services were that it was unnecessarily expensive, had little or no accountability, little or no professional development, and rebates and discounts were being held by the contractors. He noted that staff is working to
have the exit audit that is part of the contract with Aramark. He highlighted the
c uncomplications of the transition team’s efforts toward returning to self operation, such as
specifications governing contracts and products, prime vendor approach to streamlining
purchasing, recommendation of a new organizational structure and drafted job descriptions to
work with the District, all of this accomplished prior to January 1, 2009. He continued that in
the last 60 days, they approved a commodity storage vendor, approved a commercial vendor for
distribution, approved commodity processing contracts, leased trucks, further the streamline
order guide to manage cost, developed a District-wide inventory tool to manage product and
costs, and personnel has assisted in the development of job descriptions with 14 displaced
clerical staff to work with the Department. He indicated that they rebuilt an organizational
structure and decentralized the reporting responsibilities to insure greater accountability and
service throughout the District. He stated that training had been provided to the clerical staff at
the ten site based offices; one of the secretaries came in and gave an exemplary model for how
to learn the new technologies and rules in the Food Service Department. He indicated that
online training was conducted using the Michigan Department of Education training for all of
the food service managers; that certifications have been earned by 44 managers; that financial
management training was provided to all the area managers, with two staff development days
planned for March 2009.

Mr. Schloop indicated that one of the key initiatives engaged in is the Best Meals; reducing the
number of guest meals from 5,911 to 419 in a six-week period of time; this reduced the
financial drive on the District by $97,000.00 per month. He continued that they have increased
the percentage of free and reduced lunches through activities of all the staff in the Department
from 76.2 percent to 79.6 percent; that they have increased Federal revenue for free meals by an
estimated $7,700.00 per day; that they have developed a performance review team for meals to
insure operational effectiveness and fiscal integrity. He noted that they have converted after-
school snacks to hot supper; that they have improved quiet cash sales in all of the schools; that
they have committed to convert schools from cold to hot breakfast where feasible. He noted
that in the area of Information Technology, a supervisor and two technicians were hired; that
beginning in January 16 schools were not on the point of sale computer system, in the last 60
days that had been reduced by 6, by moving equipment, training staff, cleaning up the database
to help achieve a timely submission of a State claim. He stated that in the area of Finance, the
claims are now going in at the tenth of the month, they did it the 10th of January, the 10th of
February and they are committed from March on to continue that success. He indicated that
they are working with the E-Rate Department to collaborate to insure that there is greater
eligibility for funds in the E-Rate Program and are working for the first time on the budget for
this month with that Department’s staff.

Mr. Schloop stated that in the community they participated in providing meals to the District’s
students who took the educational field trip to the Barack Obama Inauguration; that they would
participate in the Title I Conference on March 17, 2009 with bag stuffers, conducting a
workshop on hungry children cannot learn seminar; that they provide nutrition workshops to the
requesting schools as needed. He indicated that a transition team meeting is scheduled for next
week to look at current needs to complete some of the activities; that there would be piloting
activities, such as aides in the cafeterias prior to the start of school for the breakfast program.
He concluded that staff had worked very hard to do an exemplary job, that they are proud of
everyone involved in the process, and that they thanked the Board for its confidence demonstrated to the staff.

Mr. Schloop was presented questions from Board Members; President Scott requested that Mr. Schloop provide that information at the next Facilities meeting.

Ms. Lenora Ashford

Ms. Ashford stated that despite the comments from the U.S. Secretary of Education regarding Detroit Public Schools, she welcomed the opportunity to show that despite the challenges faced by this District, education does go on in this District. She requested that students would elaborate on a wonderful event to take place at Cass Tech High School.

One of the members of the Cass Tech Robotics team, Team No. 2673, the Tenacious Technicians, introduced her, Paulina Zarate, and she is the team safety captain. Ms. Zarate noted that First Robotics was founded in 1989 in Manchester, New Hampshire by Dean Caymen. She cited that First Robotics is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. She stated that First Robotics is a varsity sport of the mind; it involves programming, electronics and building.

Another student to speak about First Robotics was Brandy Watts who works with the Logistics Division of the Robotics team. During the 1994-1995 School Year, Cass Tech in collaboration with Textron Automotive became the first Detroit Public Schools high school to participate in the first competition, that year Cass Tech took home Rookie of the Year Award. In 1998, after the partnership with Textron ended, Cass Tech developed Detroit Schools United, that program was very successful in creating robotics teams for the other 14 Detroit Public Schools high schools involved that it was dissolved in 2000, and in 2006 they participated in the Facts Competition and relative to the 2009 Competition encouragement is given to students in and outside Cass Tech to participate by having students to enter the first competition of the poster contest and several elementary schools have been invited to come to Cass Tech to take a tour of the pit, take a tour of the robotics lab, opportunity to play robotics jeopardy, and someone will be afforded the opportunity to spend one-on-one time with the keynote speaker, Dr. Catherine Clark, a Chief Scientist at NASA.

Another student to speak about First Robotics was Vincent Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald stated that FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) created a game for Cass Tech students entitled “Legacy” He noted that the real name of Legacy is learner which refers to the lower which has no gravity. He continued that the game makers for FIRST tried to incorporate the atmosphere and the conditions of the lower to their game by making the Cass Tech students put on a slick surface that which is called robo which has friction mixed with snow. He noted that the object of the Legacy Game is to these mill rocks into the unpublished trailer and there are 6 robotics on the field, 2 teams and 3 alliances. The students have to make sure that they get those balls onto the other parts of the trailer to score and to try to win.

Ms. Ashford stated that the District continues to move forward with students, they presented a platform for any disciplinary learning, and she invited everyone to come by Cass Tech and to
view the 30 teams from around southeastern Michigan are unlearning their robots and getting ready for a wonderful game.

Member Winfrey informed everyone that the weekend of March 14-15, 2009 at Cass Tech will be the First Robotics District Competition with 42 from southeastern Michigan, approximately 15 from Detroit Public Schools high schools, Cass Tech, Finney, Southeastern etc. He noted that Ms. Ashford and Cass Tech were first in this event and the event begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13 and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 14. He indicated that this event is an academic achievement mega and everyone should turn out to support Detroit Public Schools students that will compete with students around this District to go to the regionals as well as to go to the nationals for robotics.

C. President’s Remarks

President Scott asked that Board Members, the audience and the community to join her in welcoming the Emergency Financial Manager, Mr. Robert C. Bobb, to the Detroit Public Schools. She provided a brief summary of Mr. Bobb’s executive and administrative record.

President Scott afforded Mr. Bobb an opportunity to address the Board, the staff, the parents and children of the Detroit Public Schools.

Mr. Bobb stated that this was his 8th day on the job as Emergency Financial Manager for the Detroit Public Schools and that the District has tremendous challenges in front of it and that he looked forward to working with the Board and the community to address not just the issues of the finances of the District but also how collectively do they improve and heighten student achievement across the entire District; how collectively do they create an opportunity where every school in Detroit Public Schools are centers of excellence. He continued that it is his belief that over the next several months they can put our financial house on the road to recovery and working with the Board create an educational plan that will launch this school district into the 21st Century. He concluded by thanking the Board for the opportunity to be a part of tonight’s meeting and he looked forward to working with all Board Members as well as the community at large.

Member Thornton requested to go on record that even though she did not support the Consent Agreement she did support the fact that the majority of the Board did vote for it and that she looked at this as a marriage and she did not mind Mr. Bobb being the husband and the Board being the wife and that Mr. Bobb is supporting his family in the Detroit Public Schools and that she reminded Mr. Bobb to remember that this is a marriage and that sometimes the wife ask the husband for the money and that he would take care of the finances of the house and he supports the family and that is how she looks at the relationship between Mr. Bobb and the Board.

President Scott stated that in light of the comments by Mr. Bobb’s and Member Thornton’s and in the spirit of cooperation she hereby formally requests that her fellow Board Members and Mr. Bobb to work collaboratively and aggressively to re-structure and reform the Detroit Public Schools into a school district of first class and first choice. She continued that it is the intent of this Board to provide a first rate rigorous and monitored curriculum for our students and to
support that with responsible financial and debt management. She stated to Mr. Bobb that the Board would like to establish a written protocol with him to insure that they are undertaking their public and professional responsibilities and to insure that the parents and students of the Detroit Public Schools are provided with an aided understanding of ongoing progress of the District.

8. Report from the Acting Superintendent

Ms. Gueyser stated that there was a report provided to the Board that sets forth an Executive Summary as to some activities that are ongoing in the District at this time. She acknowledged that in addition to the First Robotics Program and the School Improvement Programming Development and Planning Process that were addressed in the President’s Report, she would highlight other activities.

Ms. Gueyser noted that on March 17-20, 2009 a Title I Conference would be held and hosted at the Detroit Marriott Hotel in downtown Detroit. She continued that the City of Detroit would host representatives from regions including the States of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. She stated that the conference will feature a variety of workshops providing professional development opportunities in understanding the many facets in which parental involvement may assist in improving your social community and academic achievement. She stated that she looked forward to all people participating and the community participating in parental involvement because parents as we all know are the first teachers of our students and continuing parental involvement is a project that does not fail our students.


Ms. Gueyser indicated that the Detroit Public Schools is planning a Law Enforcement Summit designed to address the needs of our students in both the schools and in the community. She noted that the summit is proposed to take place on April 27, 2009 and there will be representation from community organizations, law enforcement agencies, educational institutions, social service organizations and other civic and political subdivisions. She emphasized that the summit is still in its planning stages and phases and the location and participants are yet to be determined.

Ms. Gueyser stated that in the spirit of community and community service the District would like also to plan a city-wide cleanup that would be addressed later in the Committee on Facilities report. She noted that the cleanup would coincide with the City of Detroit Clean Sweep and Makeover Project that typically occurs in May. She encouraged all Detroit Public Schools students, parents, volunteers and residents to participate in this cleanup effort and community service effort to beautify our community and to show pride in our District.

Ms. Gueyser stated that the School Improvement Programming Development and Planning Process is currently underway and for the past month the Office of School Leadership Curriculum and Professional Development and the Office of the Superintendent have been working and laboring tirelessly to develop a comprehensive needs assessment that will evolve into a school improvement program for the local schools as well as a district-wide school
improvement program. She indicated that the participation by members of the Board, principals, administrators, teachers and parents will be requested some time in April to finalize and participate in this program. She concluded that it is the intent to accept the data, use the data to design a school improvement plan based on the data and then to monitor a rigorous curriculum for the matriculation of our students to improve the outcome of that data.

Member Short requested that meeting items be brought under the right Committee for discussion and/or action so that committee members are kept abreast of the information.

Member Cofield stated that as a point of information as well as clarification in response to Member Short’s request that meeting items be brought under the right Committee for discussion that Members Short and Murray are committee members of the Sub-Committee on African Centered Education and that sometimes committee members cannot make meetings but in wanting to do something as the Village and that the proper protocol was followed, letters were sent out, needing everyone to work together and thus the information was not out of order but just a point of information.

Member Thornton stated that in the discussion concerning the School Improvement Plan she would like to know the allocation of the Federal Stimulus Package and clarification as to whether or not some of the stimulus funds would be allocated to the School Improvement Plan or would the funds be tripled to the Title I Program. She indicated that she received some information from someone in the community regarding a meeting that took place at Michigan First relating to some of the stimulus funds being put into Title I and noting the unspent Title I funds how the tripled funds would be spent in a timely manner.

Ms. Gueyser replied to Member Thornton that she did not have that information specifically and that she was not familiar with the Michigan First meeting but that there was a School Improvement Plan meeting that took place at Michigan First but was hosted by the Office of School Leadership and Curriculum along with participants from various other Detroit Public Schools departments and that the meeting did not deal directly with the stimulus but dealt with school improvement.

Ms. Gueyser continued that school improvement runs the gamut and has to have budgetary support. She noted that if the District can support some of its school improvement activities obviously with the stimulus funds in accordance with the legislation that is drafted in association with the stimulus package then the District certainly would intend to do that. She continued that for District purposes the District had responded and had indicated in the report that she submitted to the Board that Administration is still reviewing the stimulus legislation; that there are 5 phases that relate specifically to education and that there had not been a specific determination of how the District’s funds would be spent; that Administration is in the preliminary stages of review, and it is the hope of Administration to be able to supplement all of the school improvement activities with the grant fund.
10. Request for Closed Session and take action during the March 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting

President Scott stated that there was a Request for Closed Session to be held during the March 12, 2009 Regular Board Meeting for the following:

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with attorneys regarding trial or settlement strategies and/or to consult in connection with the following cases:
   1. Camper v Detroit Board of Education et al U.S. District Court, Case No. 2:08-CV-12259
   2. Renault Fair V Detroit Public Schools et al Wayne County Circuit Court, Case No. 07-722675-CZ
   3. James Brown Building v DABO, Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County Circuit Court, Case No. 07-732804-CK

B. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(8)(h), Attorney/Client (to Consult with Attorney)

C. Pursuant to MCL 38.202 and MSA 15.2001 for Tenured Teachers (Just Cause)

President Scott so moved, supported by Member Mathis, to enter into Closed Session.

President Scott requested a roll call vote.

The Secretary of the Board, Joyce Zarrieff, called the roll.

Yes: Members Betts, Carter, Catchings, Cofield, Mathis, Murray, Short, Thornton, Winfrey, Vice President Hayes-Giles and President Scott – 11

No: 0

The motion carried.

Reconvene of Meeting

President Scott reconvened the meeting.

11. Committee on Academic Achievement, Curriculum Development and Information Technology (Related to Curriculum), Parent Involvement and Community Involvement, Title I and Safety, Student Code of Conduct and Expulsion

A. Action Items
   1. Proposal: DPS Health Department Proposal to Replace Nurses-Transportation Nurses Current and Proposed Needs
   2. Contracts
   3. Contract Modifications
   4. Contract Renewal
   5. Contract Ratification – Michigan High School Athletic Association

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MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION
For the year August 1, 2008 — through July 31, 2009

LIST ON BACK the Secondary School(s) which are under the direction of the Board of Education/Governing Body

(Junior high/middle and senior high schools of your school system which are to be listed as MHSAA members and whose MHSAA mailings during 2008-09 must be listed on the back of this form)

Detroit Public Schools
City of Detroit

County of Wayne of State of Michigan, are hereby:
(A) enrolled as members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, Inc., a nonprofit association, and
(B) are further enrolled to participate in the approved interschool athletic activities sponsored by said association.

The Board of Education/Governing Body hereby delegates to the Superintendent or his/her designee(s) the responsibility, for the supervision and control of said activities, and hereby accepts the Constitution and By Laws of said association and adhere to the rules, regulations and interpretations of said association, as published in the parent HANDBOOK and interpretations as published in the BULLETIN as the governing code under which the said schools shall conduct its program of interscholastic athletics and agrees to primary enforcement of said rules, regulations, interpretations and qualifications. In addition, it is hereby agreed that schools which host or participate in the association’s meets and tournaments shall follow and enforce all tournament policies, procedures and schedules.

This authorization shall be effective from August 1, 2008 and shall remain effective until July 31, 2009, during which the authorization may not be revoked.

RECORD OF ADOPTION

The above resolution was adopted by the Board of Education/Governing Body of the Detroit Public Schools on the 12 day of March, 2009.

Board of Education

[Signature]

[Address]

Detroit, MI 48202

[City]
### Schools Which Are To Be MHSAA Members During 2008-09

**NOTE:** Pursuant to the MHSAA Constitution, "All high schools, junior high/middle schools, or other schools of Michigan doing a grade of work corresponding to such schools, may become members of this organization provided (a) the school building has an enrollment and on-site attendance of at least 15 students, whether for grades 7 and 8, or 7 through 9, or 10 through 12, or 9 through 12; and (b) if a nonpublic school, the school qualifies for federal income tax exemption as a not-for-profit organization." If enrollment falls below the minimum, the school must notify the MHSAA and its membership will be suspended.

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6. Student Readmissions/Reinstatements held on February 18, 2009 and March 6, 2009

President Scott stated that the next item on the agenda was the report from the Committee on Academic Achievement. She requested that Member Short proceed with her report from this Committee.

Member Short requested to have all of the Committee on Academic Achievement Action Items 11.A.1., 11.A.2.a.-e., 11.A.3.a.-u., 11.A.4., 11.A.5. and 11.A.6. tie barred. She so moved, supported by Member Murray.

President Scott requested a roll call vote.

The Secretary of the Board, Joyce Zarrieff, called the roll.

Yes: Members Betts, Carter, Catchings, Cofield, Mathis, Murray, Short, Thornton, Winfrey, Vice President Hayes-Giles and President Scott – 11

No: 0

The motion carried.

B. Information Items

The items listed below were for information only. No action was required.

1. Update – Safety Report
2. Minutes of February 5, 2009

C. Sub-Committee on African-Centered Education

President Scott asked for the report from the Sub-Committee on African-Centered Education.

1. Information Items

a. African-Centered Education Update

Ms. Sheryl Jones provided a brief update regarding African-Centered Education for the month of March 2009. She noted the African American World History Month Pacesetter’s Contest; the contest had been underway since February 2, 2009 and continues through April 5, 2009. She indicated that Detroit Public Schools students have read 4,771 books as their participation in this contest.

Ms. Sheryl Jones noted that the African Centered Education Schools meeting was held February 19, 2009 at Marcus Garvey Academy; the keynote speaker was Dr. Ray Johnson and the topic was “Creating the Village Concept”. 
Ms. Sheryl Jones noted that the African Centered Education Department will participate in the Title I Parent Conference the week of March 23-27, 2009. The Department is sponsoring two workshops: (1) Aiding Darfur in terms of community involvement and (2) discussion the modern influence of ancient Africa.

Ms. Sheryl Jones noted that March 24, 2009 is Professional Development Day; that this is a school improvement professional development day. She stated that an activity entitled “Creating Momentum Toward Success” is a mandatory meeting for all Detroit Public Schools principals and the staff of African Centered Education; however, the community is invited. She noted that the keynote speaker is Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu and that Cody High School is the host school for this event.

Ms. Sheryl Jones indicated that on Thursday, March 5, 2009 she attended a meeting with the South African Consulate General, Ambassador Nomvume Magaqa that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss investment in education opportunities as it relates to South Africa and Wayne County, Michigan.

Ms. Sheryl Jones concluded her report by noting that at the last meeting of the Sub-Committee on African-Centered Education the vision for the Greater Detroit Law Enforcement Summit was developed from discussions about students’ safety. She advised that the tentative date for the summit is April 27, 2009.

Member Short offered some updated information on the March 17-20, 2009 Title I Conference that there would three additional States Alabama, New York and California sending parents to participate in the conference. She noted that there is staff from the Detroit Public Schools presenting at this conference and that she would encourage all staff and the public to attend the Parent Involvement Title I Conference.

b. Law Enforcement Summit – April 27, 2009

President Scott emphasized that the Greater Detroit Law Enforcement Summit is an unique opportunity for all stakeholders—Detroit Police Department, Wayne County Sheriff Department, State Board of Education, U.S. Department of Education and the local universities involved because the safety in the Detroit Public Schools reflects what is going on in our communities, that everyone has a role to play, and that everyone needs to be at the table trying to come up with solutions.

Member Short advised that she had sent a communication to the Acting Superintendent with the recommendation that all staff be trained as Yellow Jackets and to volunteer maybe an hour a week going into Detroit Public Schools.

Member Short stated that would complete her report.
12. Finance, Budget, Title I and Legislative Affairs

A. Action Item

1. January 31, 2009 DEP (Month to Actual)

President Scott stated that next was the Report from the Committee on Finance, Budget, Title I and Legislative Affairs. She requested that Member Winfrey present his Committee report.

Member Winfrey acknowledged his meeting with the Emergency Financial Manager, Mr. Robert C. Bobb, and their continued discussion regarding the protocol for the Committee on Finance, Budget, Title I and Legislative Affairs.

Member Winfrey moved, supported by Member Short, to approve Action Item 12.A.1., January 31, 2009 DEP (Month to Actual).

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried. Opposition from Member Thornton.

Member Winfrey indicated that an additional Action Item for Board approval was the Contract with Floyd E. Allen and Associates.

President Scott offered clarity that the Contract with Floyd E. Allen and Associates was pulled because the Board is not allowed to oversee contracts and that Member Winfrey could forward that item to the Emergency Financial Manager. Member Winfrey stated that the Committee would forward this item to Mr. Bobb.

Member Winfrey stated that would complete his report.

B. Information Items

The items listed below were for information only. No action was required.

1. Minutes of February 5, 2009
2. DPS Compact Coordinators

13. Committee on Human Resources and Policy

A. Action Items

1. Resignations, Retirements and Transfers

President Scott asked for the report from the Committee on Human Resources and Policy.
Member Mathis moved, supported by President Scott, to approve Action Item 13.A.1. that did not come out of Committee.

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Ines de Jesus, indicated that there was a request to rescind a retirement, No. 36 on page 2.

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried.

2. **Released Terminations – HR Operation Recommendation**

3. **Termination (Just Cause) – Closed Session**

Member Mathis moved, supported by Vice President Hayes-Giles, to tie bar Action Items 13.A.2. and 13.A.3. that came out of committee.

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried. Opposition from Member Thornton.

4. **Employment of Dr. Connie K. Calloway with Detroit Public Schools**

Member Mathis moved, supported by Vice President Hayes-Giles, to accept the Resolution of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit Affirming the December 15TH, 2008 Resolution to Terminate, for Good Cause, the General Superintendent, Dr. Connie L. Calloway.

President Scott requested that Interim General Counsel, Phyllis Hurks-Hill, read the Resolution.
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SCHOOL
DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF DETROIT AFFIRMING THE DECEMBER 15TH, 2008
RESOLUTION TO TERMINATE, FOR GOOD CAUSE, THE GENERAL
SUPERINTENDENT, DR. CONNIE L. KENNEDY CALLOWAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit (the “Board”),
is the duly elected governing body of the School District of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 451 of 1999 was passed to remove the previously elected Detroit school
board and takeover the District for academic and fiscal problems; and

WHEREAS, from April 1999 to October 2004, the District was controlled by a Chief Executive
Officer which was governed by an appointed seven-member Reform Board; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 10, 2004, the citizens of the City of Detroit voted to restore an
elected school board fully vested with all rights, powers, and duties by the Michigan Revised
School Code, Public Act 451 of 1976, as amended, (the “RSC”); and

WHEREAS, since the Board took office in January 1, 2006, it has been the Board’s mission to
provide a quality education to District students, improve fiscal stability and efficient, transparent
financial processes, restore public confidence within the Detroit education system, and to do all
things in the Board’s judgment necessary for the proper establishment, maintenance,
management, and conduct of public schools within the City of Detroit as prescribed within its
Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the RSC provides that the Board may hire employees and others to carry out school
district powers; and

WHEREAS, the RSC authorizes a Board to appoint a superintendent of schools; and

WHEREAS, the RSC provides that the Board shall have full power over employees and may
specify the duties to be performed by them and fix the qualifications necessary for a position;
and

WHEREAS, the Board notified the General Superintendent, in writing, on December 15th, 2008
of her termination for good cause, and provided a complete and detailed statement of the reasons
for the proposed termination for good cause; and

WHEREAS, the General Superintendent was immediately placed on administrative leave with
pay; and

WHEREAS, the General Superintendent timely notified the Board of her intent to contest her
termination for good cause, and the parties set a date for hearing of February 26th, 2009; and
WHEREAS, the Board timely provided the General Superintendent with (i) a copy of the documents intended used to support the alleged reason for the discharge and (ii) a list witnesses called to testify at the hearing; and

WHEREAS, the General Superintendent was provided an opportunity to provide the Board with information in support of her position, the General Superintendent did in fact provide information, and the Board did in fact consider the information provided by the General Superintendent in making its decision; and

WHEREAS, the Board conducted a hearing on February 26, 2009 pursuant to Section 5.2 of the employment agreement to give the Superintendent an opportunity to persuade the Board to reverse its decision to terminate her for cause; and

WHEREAS, the General Superintendent and the Board both had an opportunity to provide rebuttal documents within 7 days of the hearing and no rebuttal documents were provided by either the Board or Dr. Calloway;

WHEREAS, Board Member, Dr. Margaret Betts did not participate in the December 15, 2008 and abstains from voting on this resolution; and

WHEREAS, after consideration of the matter, the remaining Board members are not persuaded to alter their previous votes as reflected in the December 15, 2008 Resolution to terminate the General Superintendent for good cause;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board having given due consideration to this matter hereby declines to reverse its decision to terminate the General Superintendent for good cause as stated in the Resolution adopted December 15th, 2008 and this decision is made within the time period required, that is, within thirty days after the conclusion of the February 26, 2009 hearing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Superintendent shall immediately be removed from administrative leave with pay; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Superintendent shall immediately be terminated, for good cause, in conformity with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board or its designee shall take all remaining action necessary for implementation of this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board and District Staff shall immediately adhere to the actions within this Resolution; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the President of the Detroit Board of Education and the Board Secretary to sign and execute this Resolution and all necessary documents to carry out the spirit and intent of this Resolution.

Approved by the Detroit Board of Education this 12th day of March, 2009.

Carla D. Scott, M.D.
President, Detroit Board of Education

Joyce D. Zanneff, MPA
Secretary of the Board
Member Thornton stated for the record that the whereas clause “that the General Superintendent and the Board both had an opportunity to provide rebuttal documents within 7 days and no rebuttal documents were in fact provided” that that statement is incorrect and in fact a lie. Member Thornton stated that she did in fact provide Attorney Evelyn with her rebuttal documents, she also faxed the documents to him and she provided those documents to Interim General Counsel, Phyllis Hurks-Hill.

President Scott offered a point of clarity that the Resolution speaks to the fact that no rebuttal documents were sent on behalf of the Board; that Attorney Evelyn did receive her documents and that he made a decision on behalf of the Board that it would not be appropriate to forward the documents to Dr. Calloway’s attorney.

Member Winfrey moved, supported by President Scott, to adopt the Resolution of the Board of Education of the School District of the City of Detroit Affirming the December 15th, 2008 Resolution to Terminate, for Good Cause, the General Superintendent, Dr. Connie L. Calloway.

President Scott requested a roll call vote.

The Secretary of the Board, Joyce Zarrieff, called the roll.

Yes: Members Carter, Catchings, Cofield, Mathis, Murray, Short, Winfrey, Vice President Hayes-Giles and President Scott – 9

No: Member Thornton -- 1

Abstain: Member Betts -- 1

The motion carried.

5. Fund 14, Fund 22 and Fund 25

Member Mathis moved, supported by Carter, to accept the Personnel Actions relating to Fund 14, Fund 22 and Fund 25.

President Scott requested a roll call vote.

The Secretary of the Board, Joyce Zarrieff, called the roll.

Yes: Members Betts, Carter, Catchings, Cofield, Mathis, Murray, Short, Winfrey and Vice President Hayes-Giles -- 9

No: Member Thornton – 1

Abstain: President Scott -- 1
The motion carried.

**B. Action Items -- Current Board Policies**

Member Mathis indicated that Action Items 13.B.1.-17. were tie barred out of committee and he so moved their approval.

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried. Opposition from Member Thornton.

**C. Action Item Proposed for Deletion -- Current Board Policy**

Member Mathis indicated that Action Item 13.C.1. came out of committee and he so moved its approval.

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried.

**D. Information Items**

The items listed below were for information only. No action was required.

1. Settlement Strategies:
   a. Camper v Detroit Board of Education et al U.S. District Court, Case No. 2:08-CV-12259
   b. Renault Fair v Detroit Public Schools et al Wayne County Circuit Court, Case No. 07-722675-CZ
   c. James Brown Building v DABO, Detroit Public Schools, Wayne County Circuit Court, Case No. 07-732804-CK
2. Non-Renewal Process
3. Minutes of February 6, 2009

Member Mathis stated that would complete his report.

**14. Committee on Audit**

Member Catchings indicated that he did not have an update for the Committee on Audit and that there were only Information Items.

**A. Information Items**

The items listed below were for information only. No action was required.

1. Update – Plante & Moran, P.L.L.C.
Member Catchings stated that would complete his report.

15. Committee on Facilities, Equipment, Real Property and IT as it relates to infrastructure (material under separate cover)

President Scott noted that Member Catchings would present the Committee on Facilities report.

A. Facilities Management and Auxiliary Services

1. Action Items – Approval of Policies

Member Catchings stated that Action Items 15.A.1.b.-l. came out of committee and he so moved to tie bar them, supported by Vice President Hayes-Giles.

Discussion ensued.

Member Short stated that in terms of consistency that the finalization of any policy has to be Board-approved. Member Cofield accepted Member Short’s friendly amendment.

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried. Opposition from Member Thornton.

2. Information Items

The items listed below were for information only. No action was required.

a. Food Service Transition Update (Discussion Only)
b. Summary of Monthly Real Estate Report
c. May-Day (District-Wide Clean-Up Day)
d. Minutes of February 6, 2009

c. May-Day (District-Wide Clean-Up Day)

Member Cofield stated that the Facilities Department can only do so much and that he would encourage everyone—parents, staff, community, anyone and everyone, from every Detroit community—north, south, east and west, to participate in the May-Day (District-Wide Clean-Up Day) by designating a day specifically to come out and help clean up our city and our schools.
B. Information Technology

1. Action Items – Current Board Policies

Member Catchings stated that Action Items 15.B.1.a.-b. came out of committee and he so moved to tie bar them, supported by Vice President Hayes-Giles.

Christopher Nelson of the District IT Department provided clarification on 15.B.1.a.-b.

a. Cellular Phone Policy

Mr. Nelson explained that the Cellular Phone Policy relates to cell phones being distributed without any type of encompassing Board or District policy for the distribution and/or acceptable use of cell phones as well as the policy packages and the plans that the cell phones would be engaged in.

b. Acceptable Usage Policy for Students and Staff

He continued that the Acceptable Usage Policy for Students and Staff is a policy relating to all technology in the District whether it is computer use, email, what you should or should not be doing while engaged in technology and that this policy is mandatory based on No Child Left Behind Act and the Internet Children Protection Act regulations.

A verbal vote was taken.

The motion carried. Opposition from Member Thornton.

Member Catchings stated that would complete his report.

16. By-Laws (Detroit Board of Education)

A. Information Item

1. First Reading - Revision

President Scott requested that Vice President Hayes-Giles proceed with the By-Laws report.

Vice President Hayes-Giles noted that all Board Members should have a copy of the adopted By-Laws that were adopted at the June 19, 2008 Regular Board Meeting.

President Scott recommended adding a sixth committee in the By-Laws. She requested that the Committee on Academic Achievement, Curriculum Development and Information Technology (Related to Curriculum), Parent Involvement and Community Involvement, Title 1 and Safety, Student Code of Conduct and Expulsion as listed on page 5 be changed by removing Safety,
Student Code of Conduct and Expulsion and to add a sixth committee entitled Health, Safety, Student Code of Conduct and Expulsion on page 6.

Vice President Hayes-Giles reminded Board Members to keep in mind that there would be no discussion on By-Laws recommended changes and at the Second Reading which would be at the April 9, 2009 Regular Board Meeting there would be an opportunity for discussion.

Member Thornton stated for the record that for the first reading of the By-Laws she had the following changes to the By-Laws in light of the fact that the District has an Emergency Financial Manager:

- Page 1 under the General Powers, where it states, “The Board may take, use, hold, sell etc.” She stated that since it is now the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager and it is in his contract that should be part of the first reading.

- Page 1 where it states, “The Board shall accept gifts on behalf of the District etc.” She stated that should also reflect the Emergency Financial Manager because the District is under a Consent Agreement.

- Page 2 where it states, “The Board shall receive accounts for invest, expend school district money, borrow money etc.” that is now the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager and that should be stricken.

- Page 3 where it states, “The Board shall select, hire the General Superintendent etc.” that is now the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager and that should be removed.

- Page 3 where it states, “Only the Board may enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with employees etc.” that is now the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager.

- Page 3 where it states, “The annual budget meetings will be held by the Board etc.” that is now the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager, that language is in his contract.

- Page 4 where it states, “The Board shall appoint a Treasurer and duties etc.” that she believed that to be under the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager.

- Page 5 where it states, “The Independent Auditor as prescribed by law etc.” that the Board knows that Emergency Financial Manager is now responsible for that area.

- Page 7 where it states, “The Treasurer shall have custody of all money belonging to the school district etc.” that is the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager and that language should be stricken.
Page 10 under the separate account for separate funds, where it states, “The funds of the District shall be kept by a separate account etc.” that is the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager.

Page 10 under Article VII, Section 2, “The impress cash account etc.” that is the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager.

Page 12 under all matters affecting the control and the direction and the affairs of the school district etc.” that is no longer the responsibility of the Board it is the responsibility of the Emergency Financial Manager.

Page 14 under “The Committee on Finance, Budget and Title I, it states, ‘All financial matters related to the District budget etc. would be handled by this Committee’” that item should be handled by the Emergency Financial Manager.

Any contracts that the Board needs to begin to revisit our By-Laws so that they can reflect that the District does have an Emergency Financial Manager in place for the year.

Member Short recommended a By-Laws change on page 7, under D. “The Treasurer” that the Treasurer is one person and where it reflects “their” it should read “his or her.”

Vice President Hayes-Giles stated that would complete her report.

Miscellaneous
(Grievance – Board Member Marie L. Thornton)

President Scott stated that an additional item that came out of the Closed Session is the grievance that was lodged against a Board Member by all of the clerical staff assigned to the Board Office and that the Board Members had received a recommended sanction and she asked what was their pleasure.

Member Betts moved, supported by Member Winfrey, to accept the recommendations of the resolution and sanction as written.

Member Thornton stated that her concern was that the item was not on the Agenda; that she was not given her procedural due process to ask if the process would be open or closed, that this is the same type of thing that the Board has a Federal lawsuit by Joan McCray indicating a hostile environment, that maybe she should share with Stefani and Stefani, when other Board Members, like the allegations brought against me, have done allegedly the same thing and the Board took no action. She stated that she believed she would be an excellent person to help Joan McCray’s case to sue the Board based on what the Board does. She stated that the Board did not sanction former Board Member Jimmy Womack. She stated that the Board is selective in what it does to Board Members. She inquired if the sanction meant that her cell phone number would go bad, that she would not have a secretary, if she needed paper for her computer, if her computer broke down, if I need a stipend, if I need to travel; that it is her understanding that the Board is telling her that she cannot have the resources that she needs in order to perform her statutory duties.
President Scott responded to Member Thornton that she would have to contact the Board President for any required assistance Member Thornton would need. President Scott assured Member Thornton that she would still receive her mail as well as Board and Committee materials but that she would not have one-to-one direct contact and conversation with the secretaries.

Member Betts called for the question, supported by Vice President Hayes-Giles.

President Scott requested a roll call vote.

The Secretary of the Board, Joyce Zarrieff, called the roll.

Yes: Members Betts, Catchings, Cofield, Mathis, Murray, Winfrey, Vice President Hayes-Giles and President Scott -- 8

No: Member Short and Thornton – 2

Abstain: Member Carter -- 1

The motion carried.

17. Public Comments – Open Forum

During this portion of the meeting, President Scott allowed time for members of the audience to address the Board regarding any issue about the school district.

18. Adjournment

Member Scott moved, supported by Member Carter, to adjourn the meeting. President Scott adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:55 p.m.