

**MINUTES OF THE RE- ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS, TOWNSHIP 36 N, RANGE 15 E**

HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2024

**AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 16800 CHICAGO AVE SUITE B,
LANSING, ILLINOIS 60438**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.

Treasurer Wheaton called the meeting to Order at 6:15 p.m.

Upon a roll call by the Clerk, the following members were:

Present: Stephen Geraci, Adam Jordan, Deborah Clayton, Ivone DeJesus, Mark Crotty, and Teresa Bishop.

Also, Present: Scott Wheaton, School Treasurer

Absent: Gloria White

REORGANIZATION

The Treasurer presented the six resolutions passed by each member school district of the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools; each resolution appointing a new member to the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools Board. The Treasurer explained that these appointments were made in accordance with Public Act 103-0790 that amended Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2). Those resolutions appointed the following to serve on our newly organized Board:

154.5 Burnham	Stephen Geraci
155 Calumet City	Adam Jordan
156 Lincoln Elementary	Ivone DeJesus

157 Hoover-Schrum Deborah Clayton
158 Lansing Mark Crotty
215 Thornton Fractional Teresa Bishop

The Treasurer provided the board with President Joseph Sitarski's and Secretary Angelo Vitiritti's resignation letters which were effective immediately. The Treasurer expressed his sincere appreciation for Trustee's years of service and their display of integrity and compassion while being board members of the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools.

Being there were no other questions it was moved by Stephen Geraci and seconded by Mark Crotty, to approve the resignations of Trustees Joseph Sitarski and Angelo Vitiritti.

Roll Call

Ayes: -6-
Nays: -0-

Gloria White will remain a board member until her elected term expires in 2029. The new Board is therefore comprised of 7 Trustees.

The Treasurer asked the trustees to appoint a President, Vice President and Secretary in accordance with Public Act 103-0790.

It was moved by Ivone DeJesus and seconded by Mark Crotty, to appoint Stephen Geraci as the President of the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools. That motion passed.

Roll Call

Ayes: -5-
Nays: -0-

It was then moved by Adam Jordan and seconded by Teresa Bishop, to appoint Mark Crotty as Vice-President of the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools. That motion passed.

Roll Call

Ayes: -5-
Nays: -0-

It was then moved by Teresa Bishop and seconded by Adam Jordan, to appoint Ivone DeJesus as Secretary of the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools. That motion passed.

Roll Call

Ayes: -5-
Nays: -0-

It was then moved by Mark Crotty and seconded by Teresa Bishop, to appoint Scott Wheaton to serve as Clerk of the Board of the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools. That motion passed.

Roll Call

Ayes: -6-
Nays: -0-

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer provided the September 30 2024, Quarterly Financial Statement to the Trustees. The Treasurer described what the Treasurer's office does for the Districts and how the office is run on a day to day basis. The Trustees were asked if any immediate changes were requested and none were requested.

Being there were no other questions, it was moved by Adam Jordan, seconded by Teresa Bishop to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call

Ayes: -6-
Nays: -0-

The Treasurer provided an update to the board that the FY2024 audit is still not complete and that he will continue to follow up with Kasperek & Company as all information has been provided to the auditors and hopes they will provide the audit soon.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ECHO

The board chose to table the decision to accept ECHO into the Treasurer's office.

FUTURE MEETING DATES


The board discussed future meeting dates and times for the four quarters of FY2025. The board agreed to schedule the meetings at 2:00PM on January 7, April 7, July 7, and October 6, 2025.

ADJOURMENT

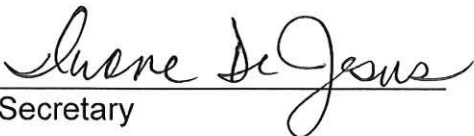
Being there was no other new business it was moved by Stephen Geraci and Seconded by Mark Crotty to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call

Ayes: -6-
Nays: -0-



President



Secretary

CALUMET CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 155

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2), as amended by Public Act 103-0790, effective August 9, 2024, this Board shall, no later than 60 days after the effective date of that amendatory act, appoint one of the trustees of schools for Township 35 North, Range 15 East (“Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools”);

WHEREAS, the trustee of schools so appointed by this Board shall be either a member of the Board or an employee of the School District, and shall serve at the pleasure of this Board, but may not serve longer than 2 years unless reappointed by this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Calumet City School District Number 155, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Board.

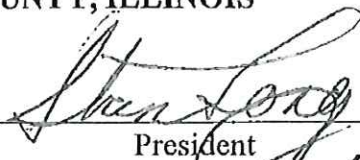
Section 2. Adam Jordan (“Appointee”), presently serving as an employee of this Board assigned to the position of Chief School Business Official, is hereby appointed as Trustee of Schools for Calumet City School District Number 155, to serve with the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools. This appointment shall continue in effect until the first of the following to occur: (1) the termination of the Appointee’s service on this Board or employment by this Board; (2) the affirmative act of this Board to terminate Appointee’s appointment as Trustee of Schools; (3) the passage of 2 years from the date of this Resolution; or (4) the death, permanent disability, or legal disqualification of the Appointee.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
CALUMET CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 155,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Date: September 19, 2024

By:



President

Attest:



Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATION

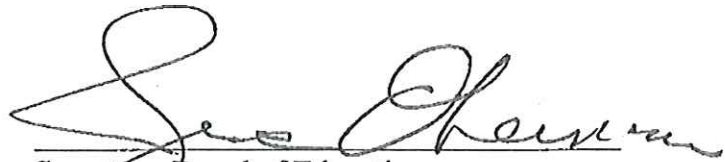
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education (the "School Board") of Calumet City School District Number 155, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the School Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board held on the 19th day of September, 2024, entitled:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said Resolution were conducted openly, that the vote of the adoption of said Resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and said Codes and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature this 19 day of September, 2024.


Secretary, Board of Education

LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 156

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2), as amended by Public Act 103-0790, effective August 9, 2024, this Board shall, no later than 60 days after the effective date of that amendatory act, appoint one of the trustees of schools for Township 35 North, Range 15 East ("Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools");

WHEREAS, the trustee of schools so appointed by this Board shall be either a member of the Board or an employee of the School District, and shall serve at the pleasure of this Board, but may not serve longer than 2 years unless reappointed by this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Lincoln Elementary School District Number 156, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as findings of the Board.

Section 2. Ivone De Jesus ("Appointee"), presently serving as an employee of this Board assigned to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations/CSBO is hereby appointed as Trustee of Schools for Lincoln Elementary School District Number 156, to serve with the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools. This appointment shall continue in effect until the first of the following to occur: (1) the termination of the Appointee's service on this Board or employment by this Board; (2) the affirmative act of this Board to terminate Appointee's appointment as Trustee of Schools; (3) the passage of 2 years from the date of this Resolution; or (4) the death, permanent disability, or legal disqualification of the Appointee.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 156, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Date: September 16, 2024

By: [Signature] President

Attest: [Signature] Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATION


I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education (the "School Board") of Lincoln Elementary School District Number 156, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the School Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board held on the 16th day of September, 2024, entitled:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said Resolution were conducted openly, that the vote of the adoption of said Resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and said Codes and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature this 16th day of September, 2024.


Secretary, Board of Education

Resolution Appointing Trustee of Schools

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2), the Board of Education shall appoint one member of the school board or one school employee to serve as trustee of schools of Thornton Fractional Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the responsibilities of Trustee of Schools shall be met by Ivone De Jesus.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Lincoln Elementary School District 156, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution by reference.
2. That Ivone De Jesus, an employee of Lincoln Elementary School District 156, is appointed to serve as a Trustee of Schools for Thornton Fractional Township, to serve as such trustee at the pleasure of the Board of Education, provided that Ivone De Jesus may not serve as said trustee of schools for longer than 2 years unless reappointed by the Board of Education.
3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of that section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior resolutions or portions thereof that are inconsistent with this Resolution.

Member ~~Hynes~~ moved the adoption of the Resolution, and Member ~~Lundquist~~ seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYES: 6
 NAYS: 0
 ABSENT: 1
 ABSTAIN: 0

The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted on _____.

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Signed by:

Kimsha Flex

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ATTEST:

SECRETARY

DocuSigned by:

Penny Lundquist

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HOOVER-SCHRUM SCHOOL DISTRICT 157

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2), as amended by Public Act 103-0790, effective August 9, 2024, this Board shall, no later than 60 days after the effective date of that amendatory act, appoint one of the trustees of schools for Township 35 North, Range 15 East (“Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools”);

WHEREAS, the trustee of schools so appointed by this Board shall be either a member of the Board or an employee of the School District, and shall serve at the pleasure of this Board, but may not serve longer than 2 years unless reappointed by this Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Hoover-Schrum School District Number 157, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

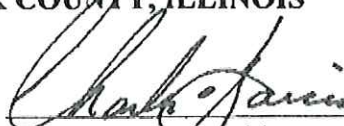
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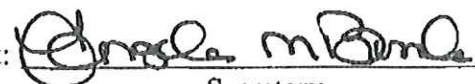
Section 2. Deborah Clayton (“Appointee”), presently serving as [a member of this Board] [an employee of this Board assigned to the position of Chief School Business Official (CSBO) is hereby appointed as Trustee of Schools for Hoover-Schrum School District Number 157, to serve with the Thornton Fractional Township Trustees of Schools. This appointment shall continue in effect until the first of the following to occur: (1) the termination of the Appointee’s service on this Board or employment by this Board; (2) the affirmative act of this Board to terminate Appointee’s appointment as Trustee of Schools; (3) the passage of 2 years from the date of this Resolution; or (4) the death, permanent disability, or legal disqualification of the Appointee.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
HOOVER-SCHRUM SCHOOL DISTRICT
NUMBER 157,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Date: October 22, 2024

By: 
President

Attest: 
Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CERTIFICATION


I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education (the "School Board") of Hoover-Schrum School District Number 157, Cook County, Illinois (the "District"), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the School Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board held on the 22nd day of October, 2024, entitled:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING
TRUSTEE OF SCHOOLS**

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said Resolution were conducted openly, that the vote of the adoption of said Resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and said Codes and with all of the procedural rules of the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature this 22nd day of October, 2024.



Secretary, Board of Education

Resolution Appointing Trustee of Schools

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-2.2 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/5-2.2), the Board of Education shall appoint one member of the school board or one school employee to serve as trustee of schools of Thornton Fractional Township; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the responsibilities of Trustee of Schools shall be met by Mark D. Crotty.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Education of Lansing School District 158, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution by reference.
2. That Mark D. Crotty, an employee of Lansing School District 158, is appointed to serve as a Trustee of Schools for Thornton Fractional Township, to serve as such trustee at the pleasure of the Board of Education, provided that Mark D. Crotty may not serve as said trustee of schools for longer than 2 years unless reappointed by the Board of Education.
3. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of that section, paragraph or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.
4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption and shall supersede all prior resolutions or portions thereof that are inconsistent with this Resolution.

Member Robert Wood moved the adoption of the Resolution, and Member James Long seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYES: Wood, Long, Bonifozi Jones-Williams, Taylor, Terry, Kelly
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted on August 21, 2024.

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mary Kelly

W. Taylor

SECRETARY

ATTEST:

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

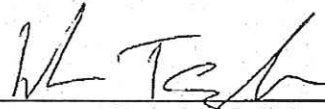
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education, Lansing School District 158, Cook County, and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a meeting of said Board held on August 21, 2024.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board of the adoption of said Resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said Resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said Resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act and of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code, all of the notification and procedural requirements of said Act and Code, and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by official signature this 21st day of August, 2024.



Secretary, Board of Education, Lansing
School District 158, Cook County, Illinois

ANGELO J. VITIRITTI
19251 LANGE STREET
LANSING, ILLINOIS 60438
(708)272-2866

October 7, 2024

Mr. Joe Sitarski, Board President
Township Trustees of Schools, T36, R15
16800 Chicago Avenue, Suite B
Lansing, Illinois 60438

RE: Resignation from Board of Trustees

Dear Joe and Fellow Board Members:

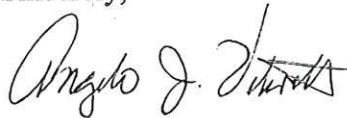
We are all aware of the new changes in the law concerning the positions of Trustees of Schools. The elected positions of Trustees of Schools are being eliminated and replaced with individual board members from each school district that is represented. In light of this, I am regretfully tendering my resignation As Trustee of the Township Trustees of Schools, T36, R15 effective immediately.

I believe that the Township Trustees of Schools are in good hands with the new board members and the sitting Treasurer, Scott R. Wheaton. Scott and his staff involved in the running of the office are so dedicated that they will continue to keep the Township Trustees of Schools on the track to success.

I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, past and present, for their dedication and commitment to the community. Without people like them, the functions of our local governmental bodies would suffer.

With the above said, please accept my resignation from the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,



Angelo J. Vitiritti

Joseph A. Sitarski
Thornton Fractional Township Trustee of Schools

October 7, 2024

Dear Scott and Fellow Trustees,

It has been my honor to serve our community as one of the Trustees of Schools for the last eighteen years, but due to new Illinois law, the time has come for me to resign my position. I am sure that the new rules that are designed to support and enhance the education system for the children of our neighborhoods will prove to be extremely effective. Throughout my tenure, it has been my goal to advance and enhance the progress of the younger members of our society, and I am very proud of the progress we made and of all we were able to accomplish. I am very grateful for the opportunities and experiences I've enjoyed as an elected official for Thornton Township. I wish continued success to all of you.

Sincerely,



Joseph A. Sitarski