

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

November 25, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, November 25, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mrs. Maryann Ovassapian, Board President.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Damenti, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, and Mr. Vickers.

Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Valentin, Dr. Bean, Mr. Youngman, Mrs. Imholz, Ms. Menuey, Robin Kollman, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 28, 2013, and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORTS

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 304,194.17
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 48,845.04
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 260,554.13
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 3,333.27

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Damenti, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, and Mr. Vickers. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of OCTOBER 2013:

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A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,456,365.14
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 90,195.88
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,546,561.02

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, and Mrs. Damenti. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no requests at this time.

REPORT FROM DR. W. GUY SCHUMACHER

Dr. Schumacher reported on the following:

- A. Dr. Schumacher congratulated Maryann Ovassapian who will be transitioning into a well-deserved managerial position with Northwestern Lake Forest Hospital on December 8th. It was shared that her leadership and organizational attributes on the Board of Education will serve the hospital well.
- B. A special thank you to Erik Youngman and Pam Imholz who have been working with principals to gather information and to assist in designing a Kindergarten Round-Up and Registration site on the District website. The information going public is clear, well defined, and goes live on December 9th.
- C. Dr. Schumacher thanked our school nurses who have joined in the data collection process for Lake County Health Department and Community Health Clinics and are participating in the Influenza-Like Illness surveillance program. Nurses are collecting student absentee data related to respiratory-type illnesses. This data is valuable to the Health Department and our participation is greatly valued. Summaries have been shared with Dr. Schumacher about our students and so far they have had a very healthy fall, our hope is that it will be maintained in the weeks to come.
- D. Special recognition was offered to new Rockland School librarian Becky Johnson who has been invited to write articles for the Libertyville Review. Becky offers suggested books for different age groups in her column as she encourages an exploration of reading at all ages.

He stated that it is impressive to have one of District 70 librarians selected for this regular feature. He passed round one of her articles.

- E. He shared with the Board of Education that he has not often received mail of this kind from both students and parents. One was a letter from a parent who greatly enjoyed her time as chaperone at Highland's Outdoor Education and praised the exceptional attributes that are integrated into the program. The letters from students were equally appreciative, he read several of his favorites and passed around the rest.
- F. Dr. Schumacher said, "At this time of gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, I wish everyone in our school community a very Happy Thanksgiving."

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve personnel recommendation contained in this Board Report No. 7.1A.

RESIGNATION: Jean Richau, Lunchroom supervisor, affirming resignation received November 13, 2013, effective December 11, 2013. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Matt Hilsmier, Lunchroom Supervisor at Rockland, effective October 21, 2013; Stephanie Meo, Paraeducator at Copeland, effective November 6, 2013. **FMLA:** Kristy Kubala, LA/Lit at Highland, affirming letter received November 15, 2013, effective on or about February 26, 2014, for twelve (12) weeks; Katie Michols, Instructional Resource at Copeland, affirming letter received November 19, 2013, effective on or about April 3, 2014, for nine (9) weeks.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, and Mr. Kennedy. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8:70

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve Board Policy 8:70 – Accommodating Individuals With Disabilities, as it appears in Board Report No. 7.2, Exhibit A.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, Mr. Kennedy, and Mrs. Lund. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2014-2015 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adopt as its school calendar that which appears as ATTACHMENT I of this Board Report No. 7.3 which is consistent with the provisions of the Illinois School Code and that said calendar become a portion of the minutes of this meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ERC CEILING PROJECT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the bid of Troop Construction in the amount of \$29,850.00 for the ERC Ceiling Project.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, and Mrs. Ovassapian. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISTRICT 70 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM 2014

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the District 70 Summer School proposal along with the student enrollment fees and staff salaries as they appear in Board Report No. 7.5; a copy of the fee and stipend schedules to become part of the official minutes of the Board meeting.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY 5:90

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented changes to the following Board of Education Policy: 5:90 – General Personnel: Abused and Neglected Child Reporting.

CHAMPIONS UPDATE

Jill Anderson, Area Manager for Champions/Knowledge Universe, shared an update of programming since its affiliation in Libertyville School District 70. Curriculum, attendance, and the overall program were highlighted in this presentation. Regional Manger, Semira Sarancic, was also in attendance.

At the end of her presentation Mrs. Anderson presented Board President Maryann Ovassapian with a bouquet of flowers and congratulated her on her Master School Board recognition. She also gave each of the Board members a personal thank you card and pictures that students in the program had created.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
REPORT 9.1

The following was discussed and shared by the Board of Education:

- A. Tom Vickers discussed the PERA training session he attended on Friday at the Triple I conference. He said “that he felt that some of the session was about taking the Board from the balcony to the dance floor, and was not applicable to our district.” He did feel it was good background. Dr. Schumacher said that it’s possible some of the information given was geared towards the rural school districts. On Saturday Mr. Vickers attended a shared services presentation and gave the Board the highlights from that session.
- B. Chris Kennedy, praised Dr. Schumacher and Robin Kollman’s presentation on School Safety and Communication. He said he felt good about how our District handled recent situations.
- C. Wendy Schilling shared her before conference attendance at Rockland School’s PBS celebration, as well as her time spent at Highland’s outdoor Ed. She loved learning about the different aspects of Triple I this year. She also attended 4 hours of professional development.
- D. Board member Jennifer Lund thanked the District for allowing the Board to attend Triple I, as she feels it is a worthwhile event. She loved the second general session speaker Tony Wagner. She was pleased to hear him talk about things our District is already doing.
- E. Julie Damenti said that she once again represented us for the second year in a row as a general assembly delegate. She said a lot of issues were voted on and approved.

She thanked the Principals and Board members who have attended the family association meetings with her. She will keep the Board informed about future meetings as well as any issues that are brought to her attention.
- F. Luke Stowe attended a recent Rockland School’s Family Association.

He attended 3 different sessions last weekend at the Triple I. He said that in the future he would like to spend more time networking with other school districts.
- G. Maryann Ovassapian passed out a school safety PowerPoint to the Board from the session she attended.

She added two books to the Board of Education library, *A School Board Member’ Handbook* and *The Key Work of School Board Guidebook*.

Mrs. Ovassapian shared that Board members, including, her and Mrs. Schilling, met with LEA President Erin Carr, school reps, Drs. Schumacher, Valentin, and Bean on November 5th. At this time they are in agreement to look at extending the current teachers contract. Future negotiation meetings are being planned.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Thank you notes were received from Highland Middle School staff, Butterfield staff, Copeland Manor staff, Adler staff, as well as Rockland staff to the Board for all they do for our District. A thank you note was received from the principals. A thank you note was also received from Outdoor Ed students as well as a parent chaperone.

OTHER

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary