

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

December 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, December 16, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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, 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 November 25, 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:

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| A. EDUCATION | \$ 148,438.10 |
| B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE | \$ 30,697.86 |
| C. DEBT SERVICE | \$1,987,880.01 |
| D. BOND & INTEREST | \$ |
| E. TRANSPORTATION | \$ 200,540.39 |
| F. IMRF | \$ |
| G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND | \$ |
| H. IMPREST | \$ 1,578.92 |

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 NOVEMBER 2013:

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| A. EDUCATION | \$ 1,456,365.14 |
| B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE | \$ 90,195.88 |
| C. TRANSPORTATION | \$ |
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| 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 fourteen fourth graders in Mrs. Livermore’s classroom at Copeland Manor School for having their essays published in the fall issue of *Creative Communications*, entitled “A Celebration of Today’s Writers.” This is a national contest and students were asked to write a three hundred word essay on “What’s Important to Me.” Some of the winners and their titles include: Chloe Chan, “The Bird That I Like,” Liam Gaiden, “The Ultimate Game: Soccer,” George Huber, “My Crazy Amazing Dog,” Sebastian Stam-Garcia, “Why We Have Friends,” and Sophie Damenti, awarded for “My Outstanding Family.” Congratulations to all of our winners and to Mrs. Livermore for her encouragement and motivation toward these efforts.
- B. Recently District 70 opened the Kindergarten registration data collection and has, in one week, collected 124 entries, with 66 of those showing interest in the District 70 optional Full-Day Kindergarten program. He appreciates that 65 of the respondents were committed to downloading the packet, while 48 requested mailing and 11 who would stop by a school site for their registration materials.
- C. Dr. Schumacher was tremendously grateful to share that our District 70 Character Counts commitment to gathering funds for the Philippines and central Illinois, “Shelter from the Storm,” has taken itself into the community. The incredibly delicious coffee and hot chocolate *Phil-A Cup* event held at the home of the Blockinger’s and hosted by the students and their parents; the Blockingers, Bachs, Salemis, Parkers, Robertsons, DeAcetis’ and

Coonan families raised \$1200. Dr. Schumacher gave the collection of checks to Dr. Valentin for deposit into the support fund.

F. Dr. Schumacher said, “That he wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a great break!”

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

FMLA: Leslie Mueller, Special Education at Highland, affirming letter received November 26, 2013, effective on or about May 21, 2014, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year, and the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

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 5:90

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve Board Policy 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting as it appeared 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 RELEASE FOR SPECIFIC CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the release of the October 9, 2012 minutes and the retention and confidentiality of the Executive Session Minutes of March 18, 2013; March 19, 2013; April 22, 2013; May 15, 2013; May 20, 2013; June 24, 2013; as well as Executive Minutes previously reviewed and approved for retention, and that these minutes be kept in a confidential file.

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 2013 TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Resolutions contained in the Board Report No. 7.4 setting the 2013 Tax Levy be adopted as written. Further, that the Board President and Secretary be authorized to sign the Certificates of Tax Levy and the Tax Resolutions as presented within this report.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF THE SERIES 2004 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution for the abatement of the Series 2004 General Obligation Bonds Property Tax Levy in its entirety.

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

APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF THE SERIES 2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution for the abatement of the Series 2007 General obligation Bonds Property Tax Levy in its entirety.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF THE SERIES 2009 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE) PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution for the abatement of the Series 2009 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) Property Tax Levy in its entirety.

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.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES

No policies were scheduled for first reading this month.

CHARACTER COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

This year the District 70 Character Counts Committee publicly recognized John Cortesi, President of Sunset Foods.

When presenting Mr. Cortesi his award Dr. Schumacher had this to say about him, “John Cortesi

is a Dedicated Business Partner, and also Supports Family Association activities and events. In just three years, has brought in nearly \$5000 to the Partners Program through the *Five for the Future Campaign* – with the use of reusable bags in our environmental efforts.”

He went on to say, “I have seen John present to a group of 3rd graders as part of a commerce lesson. He visited the school, along with a giant lobster flown in from Maine and was really quite the hit.”

As one of our staff members, Julie Jermakowicz, put it... there are many business in Libertyville that exemplify the pillars of character, Sunset Foods leads the way. Dr. Schumacher added, “that Sunset Foods is at the core of our community and Jon Cortesi offers an amazing level of support with a generous heart. On behalf of the entire District 70 learning community, it gives me great pride to recognize you with this award.”

Board President Maryann Ovassapian read aloud the plaque and Character Counts Committee chair Dale List, echoed Dr. Schumacher’s words and said the Committee was unanimous in their choice of Mr. Cortesi for this year’s service award.

Board President Maryann Ovassapian thanked Dr. Schumacher for bringing these kinds of recognitions to Board meetings and to the Character Counts Committee for their service.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

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

- A. Board member Wendy Schilling thanked Dr. Schumacher and fellow Board member, Julie Damenti, for being part of the ceremony for Rockland’s Learning Center Clerk, Deb Phillips, when she was given her Character Counts award earlier in the week
- B. Wendy Schilling also thanked Copeland Principal Lori Poelking for the very fun science night held at Copeland School.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. A thank you note was received from Robin Rusthoven. A holiday card was received from GreenAssociates.

OTHER

- A. Board President Maryann Ovassapian thanked everyone for a wonderful 2013 and wished all a safe and healthy holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary