

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

October 27, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, October 27, 2014. 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, Mr. Stowe, and Mr. Vickers.

Absent: Mrs. Schilling.

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 Public Budget Hearing of September 22, 2014, and the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 22, 2014, 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	\$ 515,456.22
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$1,447,107.86
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 262,220.37
F. IMRF	\$ 39,024.50
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 2,781.39

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

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of SEPTEMBER 2014:

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A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,529,720.97
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 89,409.29
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,619,130.26

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, and Mrs. Damenti. Absent - Mrs. Schilling. 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. Fire Safety Poster entries included 37 First and Second Place winners in all 4 of our elementary schools with a Poster Contest Trophy Award going to Second Grade student Clare Erdmann at Rockland School in Miss Davellis’s class. A letter of recognition, with a fire truck on it, has been sent to Clare on behalf of the superintendent.

- B. Dr. Schumacher recognized Erin Carr, who in addition to earning a Target grant earlier this year, was recently awarded a \$500 Capstone Interactive eBook Matching Grant that will double the Target Grant Funds allocated for eBooks. This award now offers an additional \$1000 to spend, bringing a total of three iPads and a grand total grant awards for the benefit of children’s reading to \$2500. Congratulations to Erin for always seeking ways to support the library and the children of Adler Park School.

- C. Congratulations to our District 70 principals and staff for receiving another impressive Health and Life Safety Annual Report from the Regional Office of Education. There were only three minor Field Violations or Unsafe Conditions noted. These include the need for a storage cabinet to house flammable materials in one of our schools, the replacement of a fire extinguisher in a kiln room and the installation of a power strip for a computer in one of our classrooms. These are truly impressive results for a district with five school sites. The commitment to addressing safety conditions is greatly appreciated.

- D. Dr. Schumacher said, “I sit with a beautiful letter from the Founder and Executive Director of Bernie’s Book Bank, Brian Floriani, through a donation made by former District 70 teacher Rosemary Troxel, thanking us for a generous donation made to the organization on behalf of our schools.” As one of our Character Counts donation sites, we hold a special relationship with Bernie’s Books and value the opportunity offered the children who receive these gifts of books. Dr. Schumacher passed around a thank you note from a child appreciative of the books given.
- E. Dr. Schumacher reported that this is the first chance he has had to recognize last month’s Attendance Awards: Copeland 2nd Place for small elementary schools 99.08%; Butterfield 1st Place Medium Elementary Schools 98.37%; and Highland’s 8th Place Large Elementary Schools 97.03%
- F. He took this opportunity to publicly recognize Rockland School for their Blue Ribbon School recognition, announced earlier this month. This prestigious award does not come without great work on behalf of students, parents and an exceptional staff. He said that he is looking forward to the recognition in Washington DC and to the celebration forthcoming.

“It’s always wonderful to receive letters of recognition from local leaders regarding our schools, but the letters from the Regional Office of Education addressing our schools’ attendance records and Rockland’s Blue Ribbon Award, in addition to a personal letter from State Representative Ed Sullivan means more than I can express. I congratulate our school leaders and their staff, once again, and thank everyone for all that you do to motivate and instill a commitment to teaching and learning within Libertyville School District 70.”

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

RETIREMENT: Marilyn Menuey, Director of Special Education, effective June 30, 2015.

RESIGNATION: Julie Crane, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, affirming resignation received September 23, 2014, effective immediately; Joe Bailey, Night Custodian at Highland, affirming verbal resignation on September 26, 2014, effective September 26, 2014.

NEW EMPLOYMENT: Rose Bourgeois, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, effective November 13, 2014; Brendis Pacheco, Night Custodian at Highland, effective October 8, 2014; Jennifer Crane, Lunchroom Supervisor at Butterfield, 2014-2015 school year. **FMLA:** Lisa Wolf, 1st Grade teacher at Butterfield, affirming request received September 24, 2014, effective on or about January 5, 2015, for twelve (12) weeks.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES 5:260 AND 5:290

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve Board Policies 5:260 – Student Teachers, and 5:290 – Employment Termination and Suspension, as they appear in Board Report No. 7.2, Exhibits A and B, respectively.

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

APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2014 INDEPENDENT AUDIT

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education accept the Audit Report dated June 30, 2014 as submitted by the firm of Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs & Company.

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

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR DETERMINATION OF PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education approve the determination of property taxes to be levied for the 2014 Tax Levy.

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

APPROVAL OF BUDGET CALENDAR FOR 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Dameni, that the Board of Education approve the proposed Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF SAFETY HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR BUSING FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the Serious Hazardous Safety routes as approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation and attached to this Board Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BUTTERFIELD AND HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL LED LIGHTING PROJECT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the bid in the amount of \$868,198.00 from EPL for the LED Lighting project at Butterfield School and Highland Middle School.

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

APPROVAL OF BUTTERFIELD ENVELOPE IMPROVEMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the bid in the amount of \$24,539.75 from BGES/ECM for the Building Envelope Improvement project at Butterfield School.

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

APPROVAL OF THE ROCKLAND MOBILE CONCRETE AND ELECTRICAL BID PACKAGE

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education award the Concrete Bid Package in the amount of \$51,300.00 to Circle Concrete and the Electrical Bid Package in the amount of \$75,000.00 to Troop Contracting.

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

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES 7:20 AND 7:180

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented changes to the following board of Education Policies: 7:20 – Students: Harassment of Students Prohibited and 7:180 – Students: Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

MINI-GRANT AWARD WINNERS

Dr. Schumacher introduced Anne Brandt, former board member and recent participant, to outline the successful proposals and describe the selection process. 28 grants were submitted this year, 8 repeating and 4 that were not earned. All repeating grants were offered a second year. Anne shared the summary of the 16 earned grants for the 2014-2015 school year.

For the past twenty years, our business partnership, Partners for Excellence in Education, has raised funds to be used in awarding mini-grants to our teaching and support staff. For the 2014-2015 school year there were 28 applications submitted, 23 received a full grant and 1 a partial, over \$10,000 was awarded to this year's grants.

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE

The School Report Card is a tool utilized by the State of Illinois to inform the community about public schools. Mr. Erik Youngman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed copies of individual report cards as well as the district report card. A summary of this data, as well as other data utilized within Libertyville District 70, was shared during this Board meeting. He also discussed ECRA's role in data collection, as well as the PARCC testing and the way student assessment is changing in District 70 and the State of Illinois.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

The following was discussed and shared:

- A. Board President, Maryann Ovassapian reminded the Board that the IASB dinner is on the 30th at Grayslake District 46 and to dress accordingly, as a photo will be taken when they are presented with the Governance Award.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Mrs. Ovassapian received a congratulations letter from ROE regarding the Blue Ribbon for Rockland School. Thank you notes were received from The Whitebread and Carr families, Pam Imholz and the school principals.

OTHER

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary