

**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
**District No. 70**  
**Libertyville, Illinois**

**December 15, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, December 15, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of November 24, 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	\$ 291,616.05
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 69,110.15
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 215,600.65
E. IMRF	\$
F. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
G. IMPREST	\$ 2,817.70

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 2014:

<u>NOVEMBER 2014</u>	
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,552,919.93
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 87,137.93
TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 1,640,057.86

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 reported that the Libertyville School District 70 has again achieved a Triple A Bond Rating as reported from *Standard & Poor's*. Such ranking suggests that an obligor rated 'AAA' has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. 'AAA' is the highest issued credit rating assigned by Standard & Poor's. He thanked Dr. Valentin, again, for his hard work and commitment to the District's financial status.
- B. A very special thank you was offered to Carol Janossy and the Highland Symphonic Orchestra for the recent elementary school tour. The integration of superhero themes, military tributes and holiday songs was truly spectacular. Dr. Schumacher recognized the effort in planning and coordinating this day of travel and appreciates Mrs. Janossy and the parent helpers who stepped in to support the day. Having recently attended the Red and Gold Band Concert, as well, he shared that he is always impressed with the talent of the Highland musicians.
- C. Dr. Schumacher recognized 5<sup>th</sup> grade student Kate Gerber, in Mrs. Hyde's class at Rockland School. Kate entered an essay contest for the Ansel Brainerd Cook Chapter of the Illinois DAR this fall. The Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political, volunteer women's organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education. Participants were asked to write about a journey through Ellis Island and

how they would tell a cousin about their experience. Kate spent a couple of Saturday afternoons at the library researching and writing. According to the requirements, 5<sup>th</sup> graders have a maximum of 600 words allotted and after much editing, Kate pared her piece down from 850 words to beautifully written 600 word essay. The character she wrote about, Amelia Hardmeyer, is an actual relative that her grandfather located in the records when visiting Ellis Island. Kate joined and shared her work and experience along this winning journey. A special plaque of recognition was provided to Kate from Dr. Schumacher and President Ovassapian.

- D. A highlight and recognition of Becky DerYeghiayan for her years of service as a administrative assistant and secretary to the Board of Education. Becky who has attended countless board of education members since she began 16 years ago, on October 25<sup>th</sup> 1999. Best wishes to Becky as she steps away from her role at the end of the week and settles most comfortably into retirement, finding time to travel and spend time with her grandchildren.
- E. Dr. Schumacher shared warm holiday wishes to one and all!!

### **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.

**RESIGNATION:** Whitney DesLauriers, Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor at Adler, affirming resignation received Decemebtr 3, 2014, effective December 19, 2014; Monica Morales, Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor at Adler; affirming resignation received December 5, 2014, effective December 19, 2014; Rob Zeinz, Paraeducator at Highland, affirming resignation received December 5, 2014, effective December 19, 2014; **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Jennifer Lundberg, Luncheon/Playground Supervisor at Adler, effective December 8, 2014.

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 CHANGES TO BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5:30**

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve Board Policy 5:30 – GENERAL PERSONNEL: Hiring Process and Criteria 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. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the retention and confidentiality of the Executive Session Minutes of March 17, 2014, April 28, 2014 and May 19, 2014, 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 THE FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN 2015-2016 School Year**

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the Full Day Kindergarten program beginning the 2015-2016 school year.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE TECHNOLOGY FRAMEWORK**

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education to approve Technology Framework proposal as presented in Board Report 7.5.

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 WRITING/GRAMMAR CURRICULUM MATERIALS**

Erik Youngman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, shared greater insight into the program with a power point presentation.

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education to approve the purchase of Zaner Bloser “Strategies for Writers” student and teacher materials for the next six and one-half years as presented at the December 2014 Board of Education meeting.

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 2011 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution of the Series 2011 General Obligation Bonds 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 BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 5:40**

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, changes were made to the following Board of Education Policy: 5:40 GENERAL PERSONNEL: Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease. An update to this policy better defines the guidance and direction offered to an employee with a communicable or chronic infectious disease thus appraises and addresses the needs in support of the employee. Members of the review team include the District’s Superintendent, Director of Human Resources, Certified School Nurse, as well as the Communicable Disease Specialist of the Lake County Health Department.

**CHARACTER COUNTS COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Staff members Bob Lundeen, Buildings and Grounds, and Theresa Malcolm, Director of Dining Services through Chartwells, along with Chris Searles, five year D70 Business Partner and Owner of the Culver’s Libertyville, were honored with a 2014 District 70 Character, Leadership and Service Award.

Board President Maryann Ovassapian, Superintendent Guy Schumacher and Character Counts leaders Erik Youngman, Holly Simon, Dale List and Theresa Gasick were present to address these fine individuals as they received public recognition for their attention and efforts in all that they do in support of our students and learning community.

Dr. Schumacher gave a summary of each recipient’s merits.

Bob Lundeen was recognized for his commitment to supporting District 70 schools, far beyond his role in the Department of Building and Grounds. He regularly addresses the timely delivery of student lunches and works welcomingly to address maintenance needs with a genuine smile and helping hand. Whether in his truck or on a mower, Bob is another gem amongst the District 70 staff, viewed as another “ABCD” member...always going “Above and Beyond the Call of Duty”. He brings a genuine sense of positive energy when visiting schools and collaborating with others to consistently support district needs.

Director of Dining Services, Theresa Malcolm, serves to support so many while based at Highland Middle School. From creative lunches planned for both students and district-wide staff, to bringing in guest chefs for the students to meet and learn from, to researching and preparing gluten-free lunch options for the students and teaching staff, to assisting with student pizza parties and pie sales in support of Highland's *Orphan's of the Storm* fundraiser, Theresa gives herself wholeheartedly to her role and the range of many projects with which she becomes involved.

And finally, this year's community award recipient is Mr. Chris Searles, owner of the local Culver's. Mr. Searles has been a dedicated Business Partner for the past five years. He is known to offer his restaurant for many D70 Family Association fundraisers. They provide ice cream certificate awards to children throughout District 70 schools, and has been known to support the Libertyville community in such endeavors as "21 Days of Giving", raising over \$33,000 for Honor Flight Chicago. They also sponsor the Culver's VIP Foundation scholarship assisting students with college tuition and have raised \$4,000 to help a 13-year old boy battling Germinoma brain cancer, aiding the Advocate Condell Holiday Toy Drive, as well as assisting with the American Red Cross Drive for Haiti. The dedication, commitment and compassion offered by this modest and humble being is truly amazing.

Each honoree was presented with a plaque by Dr. Schumacher and President Ovassapian.

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 Jennifer Lund attended a SEDOL Board meeting. Topics discussed include services used by the district, budget deficit, changes in curriculum/assessment programs and staff reduction.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Board members received individual holiday presents from Highland Art class.

**OTHER**

- A. Board President Ovassapian recognized Becky on her retirement and for years of service. A gift was presented on behalf of the Board of Education.
- B. Mrs. Ovassapian thanked everyone for a wonderful 2014 and wished all a safe and healthy holiday season.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

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Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary