

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

May 19, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, May 19, 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, 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 April 28, 2014, and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. Further, that the minutes of the Executive Session of April 28, 2014, be approved and that they be maintained in a confidential file until such time as the Board of Education releases them by formal action. 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	\$ 386,438.24
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 99,071.65
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 515.00
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 256,599.82
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 2,027.26

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 APRIL 2014:

MARCH 2014

A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,461,017.60
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 88,261.94
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,549,279.54

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 recognized students who were awarded at last month’s Illinois Principals Association breakfast. The two “Class Act” students from Highland Middle School’s 8th grade were, Max Moulton and Ainslie Lounsbury. In addition, Rockland’s, 5th graders Ailyn Revelo and Richard Xiao were also honored for outstanding achievement. Congratulations to them!

- B. He was also very proud to recognize Gifted Education Specialist, Emily Maki for her nomination as a teacher considered for the Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teachers Academy. The Academy, a partnership with PGA golfer, Phil Mickelson and his wife, Amy, in collaboration with the Exxon Mobil Corporation began in 2005. Mickelson, despite majoring in psychology as an undergraduate at Arizona State University, has always had a propensity for quantitative subjects and credits much of his success in golf to math, physics, and aerodynamics. Emily Maki earned an all expense paid trip to attend the weeklong academy this summer in New Jersey. She and 149 other educators throughout the country were selected out of over 1100 applicants to learn the latest and greatest methods of teaching Math and Science during this special time. A very special congratulation goes out to Emily. “I’m excited for her and can’t wait to hear all about it!”

- C. Dr. Schumacher recognized the impressive National Junior Honor Society Induction held last week at Highland Middle School. One of the reasons he said that he values this honor is that this is a recognition that goes beyond strong academics. In our District students are seen for their scholarship, as well as service, leadership, character and citizenship. Mrs.

Sarah Grant, staff coordinator, did a wonderful job of, once again, organizing a beautiful event. It was wonderful to hear the Chamber Orchestra perform as over 100 students were recognized. He offered credit to Katie Lund, as such a young lady and the NJHS President, for her eloquent speech. She spoke to the heart of both students and their parents. Despite the torrential rains that came about during the evening's events, it was a wonderful celebration of student success in District 70.

- D. It is also exciting to acknowledge the great work of our Highland Mathletes and Science Olympians. The Highland Middle School Math Counts team won 12th place in the state this spring in a strong competition of 60 schools.

Math Counts Coach and Highland Middle School math teacher Deb Morales said the team did well in state, after securing second place in the local Chapter competition held earlier this year.

The state team included Jesse Yan, Lewis Wang, Andy Liu and Bert Cao, with Aaron Chen as an alternate. Andy Liu placed 16th in the individual competition.

Other students who competed in the competition included Daniel Kaputa, Kelly Xu, Aaron Chen, Charlie Stahnke, Jeff Chung and Alex Lu.

Highland Middle School Science Olympiad team members also did quite well at a recent state competition, with the varsity team placing an impressive 9th out of 45 teams.

The event was held last month at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Highland Middle School sent 18 students to the competition.

Receiving medals this year were team members: *Team Meteorology* who earned 1st place with members Melissa Manetsch and Bert Cao; Team, *Can't Judge a Powder* earned 2nd place with Kelly Xu and Tara D'Souza; *Team Crime Busters*, achieved 3rd place with the hard work of members Hannah Grauer and Andy Liu. *Team Pentathlon* achieved 4th place with participants Tara D'Souza, Michael Xu, Julia Fryrear and Julia McGormley; *Team Robo-Cross* also earned 4th place – Maggie Shutts and *Team Water Quality*, in 5th place with contributors Maggie Shutts and Melissa Manetsch.

Other students competing on the state level included Maxwell Chan, Michelle Collier, Albert Guan, Jonathan Li, Colin Miller, Albert Su, Alison Tong and Jesse Yan.

The dedicated coaches this year were Highland science teachers Angie McCarthy and Tara Oshinski.

We are very proud of our students and their staff coaches, and very grateful for their participation.

- E. Dr. Schumacher commended Marilynn (Director of Special Education) for receiving Illinois State Board of Education perfect scores of “4” on all measurable categories for meeting requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The IDEA of 2004 requires all states to make determinations on the performance of their local district with regards to provisions of special education and related services. Again, our programming and data monitoring has been excellent. Congratulations to Marilynn, her assistant Peggi, and the entire Special Education department for such recognition.
- F. Dr. Schumacher shared that, in addition to the impressive 1.8 million dollar solar grant earned, and voted on this evening for additional funding, District 70 has achieved a competitive Illinois Safety Grant to incorporate additional safety attributes to all five schools. \$59,000 features will include Primary Entrance Shatter-Resistant Glass/Film, Primary Public Entrance Video Camera and Display Modules, as well as a technology advanced mobile app that is transforming the way people respond to emergencies by placing visual graphics and emergency management information directly onto mobile devices. He is tremendously grateful to continue to add safety features to our schools and appreciate the work of our safety committee who met, last week, with local officials from Libertyville Police and Fire Departments. He wished to publically commend Erik (Director of Curriculum and Instruction) for a very thorough meeting, a summary of which will be forwarded to the regional Office of Education.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Before calling for a motion Board President Mrs. Ovassapian said, “that she wanted Becky to know that she will be missed and it just won’t be the same without you sitting here.”

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.

RETIREMENT: Becky Der-Yeghiayan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, affirming letter dated April 25, 2014, effective December 19, 2014. **RESIGNATION:** Laura Peterson, Lunchroom Supervisor at Rockland, affirming verbal notification April 16, 2014, effective April 17, 2014. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Tracy Aleckson, Hearing Impaired Teacher, in a Shared Services Agreement with Gavin School District 37, 2014-2015 school year. **FMLA:** Amy Reichart, 1st Grade Teacher at Butterfield, affirming letter received May 7, 2014, effective on or about September 11, 2014, for twelve (12) 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 POLICIES 5:270 AND 5:310

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education approve Board Policies 5:270 – Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment, and 5:310 – Compensatory Time—Off, as they appear in Board Report No. 7.2, Exhibits A and B respectively.

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.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RETIRING STAFF MEMBERS

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolutions recognizing the years of excellent service of retiring staff members; Pam Fiedler, Mary Koppers, Linda Lucke, Sally Parkhill, and Eileen Tanguay, copies of which will be come a part of the formal minutes of this meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

Board members took this opportunity to read and recognize each individual retiree by name. Congratulations and well wishes were given to this year’s group of retirees.

APPROVAL OF 2014-2015 NORTHERN ILLINOIS HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN RENEWAL

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the renewal of medical, dental, and life insurance through the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Plan (NIHIP) for the 2014-2015 insurance plan year.

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 DANIEL SCHULER AS THE DISTRICT TREASURER FOR FY 2015

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education per the provisions of the Illinois School Code, reappoint the current Treasurer, Daniel B. Schuler C.P.A., to serve as District 70’s Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2015 which begins July 1, 2014 and continues through June 30, 2015. Daniel B. Schuler shall be compensated at a rate of \$500.00 per month for fulfillment of all Treasurers’ duties. His total compensation for FY2015 shall not exceed \$6,000.

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 LAKE COUNTY UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SCHOOL IMPACT FEE AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve Lake County Unified Development Ordinance School Impact Fee agreement. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BIG IDEAS MATH MATERIALS FOR HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of student and teacher math materials for Highland Middle School for the next five years from “Larson Big Ideas” as presented at the April 2014 Board of Education Meeting.

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 SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH D37 HEARING IMPAIRED ITINERANT

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the Shared Services Agreement between District 70 and District 37 for a (.5) Hearing Impaired Itinerant.

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 SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH D68 ART TEACHER

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education approve the Shared Services Agreement between District 70 and District 68 for a (.1) Art Teacher.

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.

APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH OAK GROVE 68

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the Shared Services Intergovernmental Agreement between District 70 and District 68 for Business Management Services.

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 THE ILLINOIS CLEAN ENERGY GRANT AND C&E SOLUTIONS SOLAR PANEL BID

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the the acceptance of the Illinois Clean Energy Solar Panel Grant and the Solar Bid of C&E Solutions.

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.

FIRST READING OF NEW POLICY 5:35

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented the following Board of Education Policy: 5:35 General Personnel: Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act.

PRESENTATION OF HELLO DOLLY

Director Shelby Burton, and several talented Highland Middle School students offered a reprise of musical numbers from the recent production of “Hello Dolly.” At the end of their presentation Dr. Schumacher passed out awards to the students and gift certificates of thanks to the Director Shelby Burton, Music Director Bill Spakowski and Choreographer and Piano Accompanist Jan Hutchins.

HIGHLAND GRADUATION PLANS

Principal Jon Hallmark announced the plans for the June 2 graduation Ceremony of Highland School eighth grade students. Like last year’s graduation ceremony, this year’s will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Libertyville High School’s Butler Lake Gymnasium. This location has been selected to accommodate our graduates and their guests in relative comfort. Dr. Schumacher and Board of Education members, Maryann Ovassapian and Jennifer Lund, will participate in the graduation. Invitations have been sent to the Board members by Jon Hallmark.

Mr. Hallmark reminded the Board that there would be a graduation party scheduled immediately following the ceremony in the Highland School South Gymnasium and in which Board members have been cordially invited to attend this gala event.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

Nothing to report at this time.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. The invitation for the Highland Middle school graduation party was passed around.

OTHER

- A. Board President Mrs. Ovassapian said she would like to take a minute to recognize someone who always recognizes the Board, staff, and students, Dr. Schumacher. On May 3 he was awarded *The Richard Scofield Recognition Award* by the Illinois Afterschool Network. He was nominated by Champions. Dr. Schumacher is the first superintendent and only school administrator to be honored with the award.

Mrs. Ovassapian read the inscription on the award, which said, “28th Annual Illinois AfterSchool Spring Conference, *Richard Scofield Award*, presented to Guy Schumacher, Saturday, May 3, 2014, Outstanding Afterschool Professional Award For your personal excellence, Leadership and contribution to the Field of AfterSchool in Illinois!”

She then presented him with a card of appreciation and a beautiful cake from a proud Board of Education.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, to enter into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss negotiations update and to review superintendent evaluation.

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 Mr. Kennedy, to enter out of Executive Session at 11:38 p.m. and return to Regular Session.

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.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 11:38 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary