

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

May 31, 2014

The special meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC, Saturday, May 31, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 2:06 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: Superintendent Dr. Guy Schumacher, Erin Carr, Leah Shepard, Cheryl Crenshaw, Anne Lutz, Megan Russell.

PRESENTATION FROM THE FLOOR

There were no requests at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN LIBERTYVILLE D70 BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LIBERTYVILLE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION 2010-2015 CONTRACT EXTENSION TO 2018

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education extends the 2010-2015 contract between the District 70 Board of Education and the Libertyville Education Association for the years 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018.

Mrs. Ovassapian opened up the floor to any questions. Board Member Mr. Vickers asked clarification on several details as well as a Page 10 reference and extra duty pay. Dr. Schumacher answered his questions and said that Pages 10, 11 and 24 have details that will be cleaned up before the contract is printed. Board member Mr. Stowe asked about any changes brought up during the extent of the contract. Dr. Schumacher clarified the supportive role of the Labor Management Committee. Mrs. Ovassapian responded that she felt it was important for board members to rotate on this committee to gather the experience as it relates to the contract.

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.

OTHER

- A. Board President Mrs. Ovassapian read a statement in which she said, “The Board is pleased with the result of the negotiations. We have always had a positive relationship with the LEA ensuring that we always make the children our number one priority. We are proud we were able to reach an agreement to extend this contract in a timely manner while maintain our financial commitment to our D70 community and taxpayers.”

- B. Board member Mr. Vickers said that he had to express his concern in defense of Dr. Schumacher and Board president Mrs. Ovassapian, who were willing to open the teachers' contract a year ahead of time. This contract, he feels, is a very fair package to the teachers and reflects a 4% annual increase, which is larger than what the Libertyville police or firefighters have. His concern was over the disparaging comments made about Dr. Schumacher and Mrs. Ovassapian by certain teachers, the tone that accompanied these comments, and the threats of disruptive action, all of which he found personally offensive. He said, "You cannot find a superintendent and board president more devoted to a district's teachers, and who unselfishly give above and beyond of their time." He went on to say that there was no hesitation on the part of the Board to support the teachers. These personal attacks go against everything the principles of the Applications of Learning and Character Counts program teach, and these principles should be modeled by all. Mr. Vickers was thanked for his comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary