

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

April 27, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, April 27, 2015. 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 March 23, 2015, 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. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 313,794.92
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 85,447.31
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 209,414.82
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 3,392.78

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. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of MARCH 2015:

	<u>MARCH 2015</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,532,557.69
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 81,703.43
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 17,940.91
 TOTAL:	 \$ 1,632,202.03

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. Congratulations to Butterfield School gifted specialist Conna Rech Conna who was one of thousands nominated to attend the Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teachers Academy, and one of only a 150 from across the country to have been selected. Conna is the second of our incredible educators to have received this honor, and like Emily Maki last year, will receive a one-week all-expense-paid training that will:
- Deepen understanding of mathematics and science content at grades 3–5 in the areas of data and statistics, measurement, as well as force and motion;
 - Build expertise in facilitating student learning through problem solving and inquiry; demonstrate the interconnections between mathematics and science that support and enhance student learning;
 - Provide an understanding of how children learn and how to translate that knowledge to classroom instruction;
 - Increase knowledge and use of instructional resources to support student learning; encourage school teams to network with other professionals in mathematics and science education.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for Conna, her students, Butterfield School and District 70, as a whole.

- B. Five teams of the nine attending the Destination Imagination state contest have secured a spot at the global competition in Knoxville, TN. Congratulations goes out to Highland Middle School's first place winning team, What Could Possibly Go Wrong, Adler Park School's first place winner, Imagination Dragons, and Butterfield School's first, second and third place winners, Seven Helping Hands, Two More Minutes, Please and Five for One, respectively. We wish them all well as they plan for the upcoming global challenges, May 20th through the 23rd.
- C. It is also a privilege to recognize the Highland Science Olympiads, coached by science teachers Angie McCarthy and Tara Oshinski. Team members performed well at the state competition at the University of Illinois earlier this month with the varsity team placing an impressive 14th out of 48 teams. Receiving medals this year were: Allison McLean and Charles Stahnke.

Students competing on the state level included Niko Bougiotopoulos, Bert Cao, Tony Cardinale, Michelle Collier, Joe Eads, Julia Fryrear, Stephanie Gay, Hannah Grauer, Albert Guan, Jonathan Li, Andy Liu, Emily Loizzo, Katie Lu, Allison McLean, Anika Misra, Claudia Moxo, Charles Stahnke, Jack Stavrakos, and Michael Xu.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

RESIGNATION: Katie Lenzi, Learning Center Clerk at Highland, affirming resignation received April 20, 2015, effective end of 2014-2015 school year; **Norma Mendoza**, Lunchroom Supervisor at Adler, affirming resignation received April 9, 2015, effective immediately; **CHANGE IN STATUS: Kerstin Cholewin**, from LA/Lit at Highland to French at Highland, 2015-2016 school year; **NEW EMPLOYMENT: Jessica Key**, Special Education Teacher at Highland, 2015-2016 school year; **Dana Zucco**, Early Childhood Teacher at Adler, 2015-2016 school year; **FMLA: Katie Michols**, Resource Teacher at Copeland, affirming request received April 7, 2015, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, for twelve (12) weeks; **Laura Stonehocker**, 2nd Grade Teacher at Rockland, affirming request received March 16, 2014, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year, 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 POLICY 6:80

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve Board Policy 6:80 – INSTRUCTION: Teaching About Controversial Issues.

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.

ALTERATION OF THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education revise its 2014-2015 School District Calendar so as to establish Wednesday, June 3, 2015, as the final day of student attendance and Thursday, June 4, 2015, for staff attendance. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES FOR 2015-2016

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education adopt the listed schedule of meeting dates, places and times as formal Board of Education meetings, a copy of which is to be made a portion of the formal minutes of this meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE RUCK PATE ARCHITECTURE AGREEMENT FOR THE COPELAND MANOR MOBILE CLASSROOM AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education approve the Copeland Mobile Project Agreement with Ruck Pate Architecture.

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 ADLER PARK SCHOOL INTERIOR WATER LINE REPLACEMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the bid submitted by MPC through McKinstry in the amount of \$73,950.00

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.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY

No Board of Education policies re scheduled for review this month.

FIRST READING OF MATH EXPRESSIONS MATH MATERIALS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

The Elementary Math Committee continued the process of aligning instruction, learning and assessments with the New Illinois Math Standards. Since 2010, teachers supplemented materials and modified sequencing and pacing of lessons to align with more rigorous expectations. In March and April of 2015, the K-5 Math Committee field tested different student and teacher materials to verify alignment and strengths of materials. The K-5 Math Committee recommends the purchase of student and teacher math materials from “Math Expressions” from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Erik Youngman showcased paper and online student and teacher materials from “Math Expressions” during a presentation to the Libertyville District 70 Board of Education and will seek approval at the May 18, 2015 Board of Education meeting to adopt these “Math Expressions” materials.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

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

- A. Board President Maryann Ovassapian encouraged newly elected Board members to check on the New Board Member Workshop handouts distributed during this meeting, as well as books that are available in the Board room.
- B. Mrs. Ovassapian recommended that the committee attend the Organizational meeting on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. to welcome Mr. Kennedy back to the table, along with new board members, Greta Hoff and Linda Lucke.
- C. Mrs. Ovassapian reminded Board members to respond to Rose if they wish to attend the Recognition Reception that will be held on May 21 at Doubletree by Hilton in Mundelein.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. A sincere thank you was expressed by Mrs. Ovassapian and Mrs. Lund on the lovely hanging plants from building administrators.

OTHER ITEMS

- A. Dr. Schumacher took a few minutes to speak to each of the retiring Board members, Jennifer Lund and Maryann Ovassapian. In her four-year term, Jennifer has been a conscientious and ardent member. Her service to the District 70 Board: Labor Management and Professional Development Committees, as well as SEDOL Governing Board representative have been greatly valued. Maryann, through a range of leadership roles has been the heart of the board for the past eight years, virtually transforming the Partners for Excellence in Education program, as well as superintendent's evaluation model. She has been a visible and dedicated leader, building a relationship with community, administration and staff unparalleled in most school systems. It has been an honor working with her and getting to know her not only as a devoted wife, parent, nurse, hospital manager and member of the Board of Education, but also, while rare in our respective roles, a friend, as well. Her unbridled adoration of District 70 and all that she has offered to so many will truly be missed.
- B. Gifts of recognition for their years of service were presented to Mrs. Lund and Mrs. Ovassapian.

Mrs. Lund thanked everyone for giving her a wonderful opportunity to work with the district and all staff. She expressed her sincere gratitude for all the support and wonderful work relationships making it an enjoyable and rewarding experience for her.

Mrs. Ovassapian spoke and said that it has been an honor to be able to work with Superintendent Schumacher and with all the board members for 8 years. She thanked each and everyone for their hard work and dedication working with all students, as well as being such an efficient and competent group of individuals. She stated by saying how proud she was of what we have accomplished over the years and appreciate all the support and guidance that was always available to her from the District 70 team. Having served as Board president has also contributed greatly personally and professionally.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Stowe to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to address Administrative Evaluation/Reviews.

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 Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, to enter out of Executive Session at 11:46 p.m.

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 Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 11.46 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Vickers, Board President

Luke Stowe, Board Secretary