

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

**April 24, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, April 24, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Mr. Tom Vickers, Board President.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Damenti, Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, and Mr. Vickers.

Absent: Mrs. Lucke.

Also present: Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Valentin, Dr. Bean, Mr. Youngman, Mrs. Imholz, Dr. Otto, Robin Kollman, and guests.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mrs. Hoff, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of March 20, 2017, and the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017 and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORTS**

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 310,724.50
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 498,122.10
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 491,659.11
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 413,012.46
H. IMPREST	\$ 3,018.98

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of MARCH 2017:

	<u>MARCH 2017</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,673,847.61
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 93,550.56
C. TRANSPORTATION	
TOTAL:	\$ 1,767,398.17

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, and Mrs. Damenti. Absent – Mrs. Lucke. 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 welcomed Highland Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Jonathan Marquardt, who won the school’s Geographic Bee and was one of 99 students who qualified and competed in the Illinois National Geographic Bee, held at Illinois State in Normal on Friday, March 31.

Jonathan scored well in the first of six rounds, however missed out on the last two. Only students who received 8/8 went on to the final round of the competition.

Although he was disappointed not to make it to the finals, he expressed his interest in geography and appreciation for the competition. Jonathan was well received by members of the Board of Education and attendees, and was presented a Certificate of Merit on behalf of the Superintendent and School Board President.

- B. A congratulation was expressed to Dr. Kurt Valentin for, again, guiding District 70 into receiving the highest of financial status, according the Illinois State Board of Education.

ISBE developed the Annual Financial Profile in 2003 in consultation with experts in finance and lending, credit agencies, and school district business officials in order to promote sound financial management. The profiles examine five key indicators of financial integrity: fund balance to revenue ratio, expenditure to revenue ratio, days cash on hand, percentage of short-term borrowing ability remaining, and remaining percentage of long-term borrowing capability.

Of the 852 Illinois School Districts:

RECOGNITION - 632

REVIEW – 154

EARLY WARNING – 47

WATCH - 19

- C. Dr. Schumacher recognized District 70 Librarians this evening as Dr. Erin Wyatt, Highland Library Director sent a copy of an article she and Jodie Chen, Highland 8th grader, wrote that was published in the April edition of *VOYA* (Voice of Youth Advocates) magazine. The article offers insight into the *Write in the Middle* publications presented each spring and offering a platform for publishing Middle School student voices. It should be noted that the Write in the Middle platform started as a result of a District 70 Partners For Excellence In Education, Business Partner Mini-Grant. It was impressive to see one of the school's editorial board groups meeting in the Highland Learning Center on the cover and supportive photos highlighted throughout. A very special congratulation goes to Dr. Wyatt and Jodie, as well as the entire Language Arts staff, for this ongoing tribute to student work. Dr. Schumacher looks forward to this year's annual end of the year celebration and as always considered it a wonderful experience.
- D. Dr. Schumacher shared the news that on Wednesday, April 26, the Lake Region of the Illinois Principals Association Student Recognition Breakfast, in addition to student recognitions of character, service and leadership, our very own Megan Russell, Asst. Principal at Highland Middle School will receive the region's 2017 Reaching Out and Building Bridges Award. Megan's partnership and collaboration as a member of the David Adler Music and Arts Center reflects her collective service, passion, dedication and work on behalf of students within our community. This collaborative relationship represents an impactful partnership that brings honor to both Megan, as well as Amy Williams, the Executive Director of the David Adler Center. Dr. Schumacher held the honor of serving on the Adler Center Board of Directors for nearly a decade, and offered that Megan's work as both an art teacher in our district as well as assistant principal and the relationship has brought a connection of which he is tremendously proud. He looks forward to seeing Megan receive this honor on behalf of The Illinois Principals Association in the days ahead. Congratulations Megan!
- E. The state Destination Imagination competition was held April 8 at Northern Illinois University. As a result of some impressive performance, District 70 has one team going to Globals to be held May 24 in Tennessee.

The Butterfield School team Tipos competed in the 3 Peat challenge and placed first in the state, also placing first in the region, and will go on to compete in Global

Tournament with team members Dottie Kallieris, Luke Kallieris, Brenna Hornsey, Ollie Allen, Izzy Tepper and Molly Koch.

The school sponsor is 2nd grade teacher Karen McLean. The team manager is parent, Mrs. Jen Kallieris. In the improvisational challenge of 3-Peat, teams must create improvisational skits with different performance genres but the same storyline with a different stock character in each skit.

The team also received the Renaissance Award. One of three special awards given in DI, the Renaissance Award is for outstanding design, engineering, execution and performance. The Renaissance Award recognizes participants who demonstrate extraordinary amounts of effort and preparation in their solutions or outstanding skill in engineering, design or performance.

Congratulations to all of our teams and their sponsors, Ashley Zeinz Adler Park School, Analiese Deflorio from Highland Middle School, and Danya Sundh from Rockland School, all who supported their respective teams that went to state earlier this month.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

**RESIGNATION:** Jackie Perez, Administrative Assistant to Human Resources, affirming notice received April 5, 2017, effective April 19, 2017; Karey Wittenborn, School Secretary at Highland, effective June 14, 2017. **EXTENDED LEAVE:** Lisa Piskule, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Adler, effective for the 2017-2018 school year. **CHANGE IN STATUS:** Kristi Patterson, from Assistant Principal and EIP Coordinator at Butterfield, to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade at Adler, effective 2017-2018 school year; Katie Murphy, from Student Services at Highland to School Secretary at Highland, 2017-2018 school year. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Victoria Vaccaro, Speech and Language Pathologist at Copeland, 2017-2018 school year; Valerie VanRoeyen, Speech and Language Pathologist at Butterfield and Copeland, 2017-2018 school year; Leslie Walsh, School Psychologist Intern, 2017-2018 school year; Deborah Garrison, Paraeducator at Highland, effective April 3, 2017. **FMLA:** Melissa Rosen, Applied Technology Teacher at Highland, affirming request received April 7, 2017, effective on August 28, 2017, for twelve (12) weeks.

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

### **APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

No policies were scheduled for approval this month.

**APPROVAL OF ROCKLAND SCHOOL ADDITION BID**

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the bid in the amount of \$5,316,500 for the Rockland School Addition to Happ Builders.

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

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES FOR 2017-2018**

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, 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.

**FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES**

No policies were scheduled for first reading this month.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE**

Dan Gilbert, Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities, shared a brief update regarding District 70 Building, Grounds and Maintenance projects, plans and developments.

**ANNUAL LIBRARY CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

The Illinois State Library's annual certification process is accomplished through an online web form between January 2nd and March 31st. Annual library certification is required of all library system members. As stated in the Illinois Library Laws & Rules, receiving grant funds from the Illinois State Library is contingent upon annual certification compliance, which includes a presentation to the school board.

Learning Center Directors Erin Carr, Becky Johnson, Keri Johnson, Tanya Surdick and Erin Wyatt presented an update on the creation and implementation of makerspaces in each of our schools.

A grant letter from Jesse White and a compilation of our Linking for Learning Leadership self-assessments were shared with the board.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT 9.1**

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

- A. Board President Vickers reminded newly elected members on the mandatory requirements through IASB. Rose will help with registration.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. The Board were reminded of the Recognition Reception on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Doubletree Hilton in Mundelein from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Let Rose know if you plan to attend.

**OTHER ITEMS**

- A. Dr. Guy Schumacher and the Board shared their appreciation to Mrs. Damenti and Mr. Stowe for their 6 and 4 years of service, respectively, to the Libertyville School District 70 Board of Education.
- B. An Organizational Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room to welcome new members of the Libertyville School District 70 Board of Education.
- C. The Board Governance Workshop is set for Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with IASB Regional Director, Barb Toney. A light dinner will be provided for attendees in the Board Room.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Vickers, Board President

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Greta Hoff, Board Secretary