

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

**October 28, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, October 28, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 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 Public Budget Hearing of September 23, 2013, and the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of September 23, 2013, and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCE REPORTS**

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

A. EDUCATION	\$ 509,367.04
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 82,778.04
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 254,183.61
F. IMRF	\$ 22,010.50
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 3,767.23

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. Lund, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of SEPTEMBER 2013:

<u>SEPTEMBER 2013</u>	
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,431,622.19
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 83,669.63
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,515,291.82

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. Lots of good things from Highland, several Highland Middle School orchestra students were selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educator’s Association District 7 Honor Orchestra concert that will be held at 2 p.m. on Nov. 2 at Wauconda High School.

The students performing will include Alex Hibbard-Brown on cello, Katie Lund on cello, Colin Miller on viola, Lauren Randolph on cello, and Kelly Xu on violin.

The students auditioned for a position in the orchestra on Oct. 10 at Aptakisic Junior High School in Buffalo Grove, our very talented Carol Janossy, Orchestra teacher and conductor shared that about 300 students auditioned and 100 were selected to perform.

- B. Dr. Schumacher received word from Alice Slager, President of the Illinois Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers’ Association, regarding our very own Consumer Science Teacher Robin Gordon, who is serving on the association’s Board as Past President. The organization is grateful for the support District 70 and Highland have offered Robin in her role. They also greatly appreciate her strong advocacy in the positions of President Elect, President and Past President and as she guides Ms. Slager in her new role.

- C. Kudos goes out to our Highland 2013 Lakeside Conference Champions with 9 wins and 0 losses. This is the second year in a row that the 8th grade girls Volleyball Team have come in first place. Coached well by the dedicated Mr. Gerry Corollo, the girls beat Millburn in the semi-finals and defeated Oak Grove on October 17<sup>th</sup> for the Championship.

Congratulations to this talented team and their coach. As the Hornets 7<sup>th</sup> grade team came in second place, we look forward to another strong year next year, as well.

Dr. Schumacher passed around the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team picture, which included: Coach Carollo, Sarah Hoyer, Anna Risley, Sydney Bauer, Mary Bertini, Sarah Keating, Kaitlyn Matthew, Mary Cate Buchert, Ellie Cho, Hannah Miller, Kylie Rodriguez, Kailey Christianson, Madi O'Brien, Jarilys Irizarry, and Fanny Quenan.

D. Dr. Schumacher took this opportunity to publicly congratulate the Cook Memorial Public Library District for recently receiving a prestigious *Innovations Award*. The Libertyville library won the Demco Award for achievement toward planning and implementing a creative library program by working with District 70 parents and staff to stage an Art Exhibit during National Youth Art Month. Demco, a leading supplier to libraries and schools, has been in business for more than 100 years and awarded the library a check for \$1000 in recognition of such a creative project. A picture of Jan Hastings was shared with the Board.

E. And last but certainly not least before we get into our District Report Card presentation, he recognized the entire learning community for assisting as District 70 achieved the 2013 Bright A+ Award for academic excellence. Dr. Schumacher said, "I recently received the Certificate of Achievement from School-Search, a Research and Consulting Firm dedicated to helping families find the "Best Schools for Children."

The School Search award criteria are based on those districts whose students' academic performance ranks in the upper 5% of Illinois school districts based on Illinois School Report Card data. District 70 is only one of 60 Illinois School Districts out of 866 in the state that is honored with the School Search 2013 Bright A+ Award.

This, again, is a tribute to our talented students, our invested parents and dedicated and conscientious staff. Congratulations again to all. They make us all very proud.

F. And finally, as we head into American Education Week the week of November 18-22<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Schumacher pointed out that on November 15<sup>th</sup> the Illinois Association of School Boards offers a salute and thanks to the nearly 6,000 elected school board members in the state. Dr. Schumacher told the School Board, "We in District 70 share an appreciation on November 15<sup>th</sup> as we honor you, in advance, on School Board Members Day in Illinois for all that you do for the children, parents and staff in our community and for your unwavering support of our employees, programs and services." He gave each school board member a small token of our gratitude.

Board President Maryann Ovassapian said thank you from the board to Dr. Schumacher and also thanked the District Principals for all their contributions, as last Friday was Principal Appreciation Day in Illinois.

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

**RESIGNATION:** Kerri Bongle, Summer School Director, affirming resignation dated July 17, 2013, effective immediately. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Lorenzo Cervantes, Summer School Director, 2013-2014 school year.

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 7:130**

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education approve Board Policy 7:130 – Student Rights and Responsibilities, 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 THE SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the School Maintenance Grant.

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 FISCAL YEAR 2013 INDEPENDENT AUDIT**

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education accept the Audit Report dated June 30, 2013 as submitted by the firm of Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs & Company.

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 RESOLUTION FOR DETERMINATION OF PROPERTY TAXES TO BE LEVIED**

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the determination of property taxes to be levied for the 2013 Tax Levy.

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 BUDGET CALENDAR FOR 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR**

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the proposed Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. All in favor. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF SAFETY HAZARDOUS ROUTES FOR BUSING FOR 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the Serious Hazardous Safety routes as approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation and attached to this Board Report. All in favor. Motion carried.

**FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY 8:70**

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented changes to the following board of Education Policy: 8:70 – Community Relations: Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities.

**MINI-GRANT AWARD WINNERS**

For the past nineteen years, our business partnership, Partners for Excellence in Education, has raised funds to be used in awarding mini-grants to our teaching and support staff. For the 2013-2014 school year 25 applications were submitted, 20 received a full grant.

Current Business partners, David Stuart, Improv Playhouse, and Michael Barbini, Libertyville Bank and Trust Co., outlined the successful proposals and described the selection process.

**ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT CARD AND ASSESSMENT UPDATE**

The School Report Card is a tool utilized by the State of Illinois to inform the community about public schools. Mr. Erik Youngman, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, reviewed copies of individual report cards as well as the district report card. A summary of this data, as well as other data utilized within Libertyville District 70, was shared during this Board meeting. After the presentation the floor was opened up for questions.

**ED RED UPDATE**

Erika Lindley, Executive Director for ED-Red, shared a brief legislative update and informed the Board of Education about ED-Red and how they advocate for excellence in Illinois public schools.

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

The following was discussed and shared:

- A. Board Member Chris Kennedy reminded the Board of Ed about the ED-Red dinner that will take place January 27. Unfortunately that is a Board of Education meeting date.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. The Board of Education each received invitations to join Highland Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Outdoor Ed, November 4-8.

**OTHER**

- A. Board member Wendy Schilling acknowledged students, Jacob Reichert and Jacob Cowsky, who attended the meeting representing Boy Scout Troop 72.
- B. Director of Curriculum, Erik Youngman, informed the Board that he had followed up with both the publisher and the parent, Steve Detlaff, who addressed the Board last month on issues he had with the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade social studies textbook.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:00 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