

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

August 26, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, August 26, 2013. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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, and guests.

Board President Maryann Ovassapian shared the sad news of Butterfield's gifted teacher Conna Rech's tragic experience this past weekend. Her husband Jody was hit while riding his bicycle and is in critical condition at a Milwaukee hospital. She thanked Candice Kehoe, Principal at Butterfield, for keeping everyone updated. "District 70 is a family and we need to continue to show support and love to Conna and her family at this difficult time." A Caring Bridge website has been set up for people to receive updates. Please sign the 'Guestbook' to show support to Jody, Conna & the family."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of July 29, 2013, 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	\$ 392,815.98
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 122,994.98
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 515.00
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 29,428.93
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 186,375.80
H. IMPREST	\$ 3,620.54

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 JULY 2013:

	<u>JULY 2013</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 289,595.67
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 89,151.23
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 378,746.90

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 announced that Adler Park Principal Kerri Bongle had just been brought into the delivery room! We are waiting for news.
- B. Dr. Schumacher thanked everyone for making this a wonderful start to the school year. He shared that it takes everyone in the room to make everything come together so effectively and efficiently and is grateful for such dedication and competency.
- C. Dr. Schumacher recognized the Champions Association for their impressive feature of the Copeland program in a national article that promotes the collaborative work of leaders Linda Wilms and Rebecca Belger. The activities and impressive coordination of curriculum exercises makes this a model site for the Knowledge Universe and Champions organizations. He shared the article with the Board.
- D. Four Copeland students were recognized for their talented and creative posters created as part of the 2012-2013 Metra Safety Poster Contest. District 70 2nd Place winners include Alex Gourley, Kindergarten and Samantha Chen, Second Grade. 3rd Place winners include Caroline Trob, First Grade, and Mary Wetterling, Fifth Grade. A special congratulation is offered to these talented students and to their art teacher Cindi Sartain for her guidance and support of these artists. Printed copies of the students work was shared with the Board.

- E. A letter was shared from Dr. Danute Krebs in recognition of District 70s commitment to bringing Camp Invention to our community this summer. The program was highly attended with students from throughout Lake and Cook Counties. Dr. Schumacher sent letters of appreciation to Cheryl Crenshaw and Katie Nyland for their coordinated efforts to manage such a wonderful weeklong experience for the many children in attendance.
- F. Dr. Schumacher recognized Erik Youngman for an impressive transition into his new role as Curriculum Director and congratulated him for his upcoming presentations this fall. October presentations at both the 42nd Annual Illinois Principals Professional Conference, as well as the Illinois Association of School Administrators Conference will focus on Standards Based Reporting.
- G. Just in this afternoon was a letter from INSPRA congratulating Jill Przybylski and Dr. Schumacher for being chosen to receive a *Distinguished Service Award* for their safety podcast delivered to District 70 parents after the Sandy Hook tragedy. They will be honored at an INSPRA luncheon on Sept 20, where they will receive recognition.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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.

RESIGNATION: Andy Hillier, French Teacher at Highland, affirming resignation received July 31, 2013, effective immediately; Alison Poklop, Learning Center Clerk at Butterfield, affirming resignation received August 1, 2013, effective immediately; Sally Smith, Learning Center Clerk at Butterfield, affirming resignation received August 1, 2013, effective immediately; Mandy Snader, Paraeducator at Highland, affirming resignation received August 1, 2013, effective immediately; Amy Ward, Paraeducator at Highland, affirming resignation received via email on August 2, 2013, effective immediately; Tammy Poglayen, Paraeducator at Butterfield, affirming resignation received August 20, 2013, effective immediately. **CHANGE IN STATUS:** Janine Hogan, from .5 FTE Kindergarten at Butterfield to 1st Grade at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year; Jenae DeRue, from Paraeducator at Butterfield to 1st Grade at Rockland, 2013-2014 school year; Megan Wood, from Paraeducator at Adler to .5 FTE Kindergarten and .5 FTE Paraeducator at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Meagan Dwyer, Dean of Students at Highland, 2013-2014 school year; Amy Rollefson, French at Highland, 2013-2014 school year; Julie Serrecchia, 4th Grade at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year; Samantha McCabe, Paraeducator at Rockland, 2013-2014 school year; Erica Marko, Paraeducator at Adler, 2013-2014 school year; Sarah Guy, Learning Center Clerk at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year; Fiona Hope, Learning Center Clerk at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year; Chana Wilczynski, Paraeducator at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year; Kristin Peterson, Paraeducator at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year; Amanda Bradley, Paraeducator at Highland, 2013-2014 school year; Sarah Kuruvilla, Paraeducator at Highland, 2013-2014 school year; Suzanne Tuegel, Classroom Assistant at Copeland, 2013-2014 school year; Mary Romito, Paraeducator at Highland, 2013-2014 school year; Donna Hegwood, Lunchroom and Playground Supervisor at Butterfield, 2013-2014 school year; Jennifer Erdmann, Lunchroom and Playground Supervisor at Rockland, 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 3:10

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve Board Policy 3:10 – Goals and Objectives, as it appeared in Board Report No. 7.1, 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.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES

No policies were scheduled for a first reading this month.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW

Kerri Bongle, our Summer School Administrator, who was unable to attend, in her place Summer School Principal Gerry Carollo stepped in to summarize the recently concluded summer school. This year the attendance was slightly larger than last and bus ridership had an increase as well. A very successful year for both students and staff. Erin Carr showed a brief imovie highlighting the many activities.

Amy Roberts who headed the Title I program, along with her staff, which included; Melissa Harvey, Carrie Thompson, Heather Gaudet, and Susie Hardiman gave an update to this very successful summer school program.

RECOGNITION OF TENTURE STATUS

The administration and Board of Education of Libertyville School District 70 took this opportunity to formally recognize the following staff members for the attainment of tenure status under the provisions of the Illinois School Code, Article 105 ILCS 5/24-11. Their collective achievements are considerable and their value to the district is appreciated. Dr. Schumacher and Board President Maryann Ovassapian handed those in attendance a certificate. The teachers receiving tenure are: Justin Buehler, Shelby Burton, Alan Esser, Theresa Gasick, Danya Sundh, Amy LeJeune, and Abby Vaughan.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW 2013-2014 TEACHING STAFF

The new teaching staff for the 2013-2014 school year were formally introduced to the Board of Education with a brief personal history on each given by Dr. Tom Bean. Immediately following their introduction there was a time for Board Members to meet the new staff. The new teaching staff are:

Jill Conley	Language Arts/Literature	Highland
Teresa Crandell	3 rd Grade	Copeland
Kayla Davellis	3 rd Grade	Rockland
Jenae DeRue	1 st Grade	Rockland
Jose Diaz	Spanish	Highland
Marissa Farley	Social Worker	Highland
Mathilde Gleizes	French	Highland
Alicia Howell	.5 Kindergarten	Adler
Becky Johnson	Learning Center Director	Rockland
Kathleen McCall	Science/Life Skills	Highland
Amy Rollefson	French	Highland
Joe Romano	Lanuguage Arts/Social Studies	Highland
Julie Serrecchia	4 th Grade	Butterfield
Bill Spakowski	General Music	Highland
Megan Wood	.5 Kindergarten	Butterfield

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

The following was discussed and shared:

- A. Board President Maryann Ovassapian reminded everyone of the recently received Ed Red schedule of events. Please let her know if anyone is interested in attending so we can get registered.
- B. Mrs. Ovassapian shared an article “7 Practices of Highly Effective Board members” she felt was important for the Board to read, if they have not already done so. It can be found in the July/August issue of *The American School Board Journal*.
- C. Maryann thanked Dan Gilbert for giving each Board member a District identification badge. She also thanked Board Member Julie Damenti for delivering her speech on opening day, she was unable to attend due to illness.
- D. Mrs. Damenti, who is the FAD representative from the Board, encouraged members to attend upcoming Family Association meetings with her. Please let her know if you are interested. Mrs. Ovassapian reminded the group that only two members can attend at a time. Discussion on what should be addressed at the Family Association meeting from attending board members was discussed.

As provided by Mrs. Damenti, “Dear fellow Board Members, I am proud to serve as your IASB chair. In this role, I will act as a liaison between the Illinois Assoc of School Boards and you, as well as represent our district as a delegate at the state conference.

As promised, here is a link to more detailed information regarding our educational requirements as board members:

<http://iasb.com/training/mandatoryboardtraining.pdf>

As you can see, our newest members, Luke and Wendy, need to complete the "Open Meetings Act" training. I recommend taking the on-line course. The cost of the course will be reimbursed.

The 4 board members recently elected need to complete the Professional Development Leadership Training. This can be taken on-line or at a pre-conference workshop in November. Let me know what you think. Maybe the 4 of us can take it together on Friday, November 22nd?

Finally, please let me know if you plan to attend the IASB fall dinner meeting on Wednesday, October 23rd.”

(Becky will need to register you for IASB dinner as well as the early bird classes for Triple I. Please let her know ASAP about the Friday Triple I classes so we can get the early bird discounted price. Thank you!)

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

A. A thank you note was received from the Snader/Steele family.

OTHER

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary