

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

November 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, November 24, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mrs. Maryann Ovassapian, Board President.

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

Absent: Mrs. Lund.

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. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 27, 2014, 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	\$ 253,799.55
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 890,605.57
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$2,010,430.01
D. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 260,554.13
E. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$
F. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
G IMPREST	\$ 3,035.73

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

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of OCTOBER 2014:

OCTOBER 2014

A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,550,851.84
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 89,599.82
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,640,451.66

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, and Mrs. Damenti. Absent - Mrs. Lund. 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. He reported that the following young musicians were selected through auditions held last month at Wood Oaks Junior High School, in Northbrook, to participate in the Illinois Music Educator Association Honor Orchestra. Three hundred young musicians from the region participated in the auditions. The following Highland Middle School students were selected to take part in the ILMEA Festival on November 15th at Maine West High School. 8th grade Violinists are: Jonathan Li; Tiana Lor; Zoe Randolph; David Serrecchia; 7th grade cellos, Samatha Fan and Karen Tarman. 7th grade violin, Katie Lu.

These talented musicians prepared for their auditions by attending extra rehearsals and formal preparation sessions with the dedicated Carol Janossy. We congratulate them and recognize their remarkable efforts. They make us quite proud.

- B. Applied Technology teachers, Kim Hauman, Melissa Rosen and Tech. Literacy Coach Caren Kimbarovsky are to be commended for their commitment toward designing the STEAM (Science, Technology, Art, Engineering and Math) class at Highland Middle School and building upon our students Millennial Skills. Having recently attended a national conference and hearing such inspiring speakers as John Couch from *Apple Education*, and Tony DeRose of *Pixar Studios*, as they spoke to the outlook on education and students' preparedness for the future, there is no doubt that District 70 students are most definitely on the right path for college and career readiness. I thank the Highland administration and these dedicated and creative educators for building this into the curriculum.

- C. Thank you to Candice for gathering feedback regarding the new lighting that has taken hold in classrooms throughout Butterfield School. The responses are extremely positive and prove that this upgrade does, indeed, make a difference for the children and staff. Dr. Schumacher shared a list of documented comments with board members, which he then passed around for them to review.
- D. Dr. Schumacher recognized the recent invitation for Adler teachers, Theresa Gasick and Cheryl Marsh, in addition to Copeland teacher Maureen Reinking, to participate in membership of the Alpha Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a professional honor society of female educators, promoting professional and personal growth of its members, as well as excellence in education. This is a truly wonderful organization who do so much in scholarship toward education.
- E. A special thank you was offered to Mr. Vickers publically for recently spending time with the students in Mrs. Cholewin and Mrs. Kubala's Language Arts classrooms. As the students prepare for their courtroom-like debate this week, it was wonderful to see and hear the points shared by a practicing attorney. The lesson was highly informative and very insightful for the students.
- F. Dr. Schumacher took a moment to insure that everyone has their calendars set for Rockland's Blue Ribbon Recognition on December 4th from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity to publicly recognize the Rockland learning community for this impressive achievement.
- H. Dr. Schumacher sent his very best wishes to everyone for a very happy, healthy and safe, Thanksgiving holiday.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

Dr. Schumacher took this time to introduce Rose Bourgeois to the Board, who is replacing Becky as Dr Schumacher's assistant in December.

RESIGNATION: Mike Baldino, Paraeducator at Copeland, affirming resignation received October 23, 2014, effective November 13, 2014. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Sasha Keske, Paraeducator at Copeland, effective December 12, 2014; Victoria Carlin, Temporary/Substitute Custodian, at Butterfield, effective November 14, 2014; Julie Mariani, Classroom Assistant at Rockland, effective December 15, 2015. **FMLA:** Breehan Davidson, Health and Math at Highland, affirming letter received October 21, 2014, effective on or about February 2, 2015, for twelve (12) weeks.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION CHANGES TO POLICIES 7:20 AND 7:180

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve Board Policies 7:20 – Harassment of Students Prohibited, and 7:180 – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment, as it appears in Board Report No. 7.2, Exhibit A.

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

APPROVAL OF 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adopt as its school calendar that which appears as ATTACHMENT I of this Board Report No. 7.3 which is consistent with the provisions of the Illinois School Code and that said calendar become a portion of the minutes of this meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the District 70 Summer School proposal along with the student enrollment fees and staff salaries as they appear in Board Report No. 7.5; a copy of the fee and stipend schedules to become part of the official minutes of the Board meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF 2014 TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adopt the Resolutions contained in the Board Report No. 7.5 setting the 2014 Tax Levy be adopted as written. I further move that the Board President and Secretary be authorized to sign the Certificates of Tax Levy and the Tax Resolutions as presented within this report.

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

APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF THE SERIES 2004 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution for the abatement of the Series 2004 General Obligation Bonds Property Tax Levy in its entirety.

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

APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF THE SERIES 2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution for the abatement of the Series 2007 General Obligation Bonds Property Tax Levy in its entirety.

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

APPROVAL OF THE ABATEMENT OF THE SERIES 2009 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE) PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution for the abatement of the Series 2009 General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source) Property Tax Levy in its entirety.

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

APPROVAL OF FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

After much discussion by the Board of Education a motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, to table the approval of the Full Day Kindergarten program beginning the 2015-2016 school year until the December 15, 2014, Board meeting.

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

APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education adopt the 2015-2016 textbook rental fee schedule including the Technology Fee in the following amounts: Kindergarten, 1-5 \$90.00, and Grades 6-8 \$110.00

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

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY 5:30

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented changes to the following Board of Education Policy: 5:30 – General Personnel: Hiring Process and Criteria.

FIRST READING – TECHNOLOGY FRAMEWORK

Pam Imholz, Directory of Technology, presented an overview of the Technology Integration Framework and Technology Scope and Sequence.

The current five-year strategic plan charges the District with the specific goal to “develop a technology framework of skills and lessons K-8.” The action plan for this goal contains two components, create grade level learning outcomes and provide technology resources and ongoing professional development.

The rationale for the Technology Framework is to provide an equitable technology experience for all students at all schools. K-5 classroom teachers are required to teach, at a minimum, three Framework lessons per trimester as indicated on each grade levels' trimester page. Additionally, three digital citizenship lessons are to be taught by classroom teachers (one per trimester) with additional support and lessons provided by Learning Center Directors. 6-8 Framework lessons are currently taught by the Applied Technology teachers at Highland as a component of the curriculum. Digital Citizenship lessons are taught in Applied Technology with support and additional lessons provided by the Learning Center Director.

FIRST READING OF WRITING/GRAMMAR CURRICULUM ADOPTION

Erik Youngman showcased paper and online student and teacher materials from “Zaner Bloser Strategies For Writers” during a presentation to the Libertyville District 70 Board of Education and will seek approval at the December 15, 2014 Board of Education meeting to purchase these materials for the next six and one-half years.

The Elementary Language Arts Committee continued the process of aligning instruction and materials with New Illinois Writing and Grammar Standards. The committee reviewed different writing and grammar materials in June of 2014 and field tested two sets of materials earlier this school year. The field test provided opportunities to use a variety of student and teacher materials to verify alignment and strengths of the “Zaner Bloser Strategies For Writers” materials.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

- A. The following was discussed and shared by the Board of Education: Board President Maryann Ovassapian opened up the floor for discussions from those who had recently attended the Triple I Conference. She said the sessions were great.

- B. Board members Kennedy and Stowe attended legislative sessions about Senate Bill 16 – the loss of state funding to school districts.
- C. Mr. Kennedy also attended sessions on Harassment of Students and Bullying. He felt good that our district is ahead of this by recently approving changes to that policy.
- D. Board member Tom Vickers, visited the PMA Finance Panel, which addressed Senate Bill 16. He said they were warned to plan on these changes as a district. Another session covered going green as a district. He was proud to say that we were already doing this.
- E. Board member Wendy Schilling attended sexting and said no two districts handle this issue the same way.

She also sat in on suicide prevention and does a school board respond to this subject.

She was happy to announce that she has won a free online session. Recently changes were made that for all Board member credit classes you must “pay to pay.”

- F. Chris Kennedy also sat in a mandated reporter session. He said that reporting goes farther then you think, even to hearsay, good thing to keep in mind.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Thank you notes from Sylvia Olson, Adler Park Staff, Highland Middle School Staff, Copeland Manor Staff, Butterfield Staff, and Rockland Staff. A letter from ROE Director Royce Wood congratulating the Board on winning the ISBE Governance Award.

OTHER

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary