

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

**January 29, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Wednesday, January 29, 2014 (previously scheduled for 1/27/14, however, the District was closed due to inclement weather). The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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, and Mr. Stowe.

Absent: Mr. Vickers.

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 December 16, 2013, 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. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 389,426.67
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 292,079.94
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 495.00
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 197,322.75
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 3,827.76

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Damenti, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, and Mr. Stowe. Absent - Mr. Vickers. 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 DECEMBER 2013:

<u>DECEMBER 2013</u>	
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,439,549.91
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 79,959.05
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
 TOTAL:	 \$ 1,519,508.96

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, and Mrs. Damenti. Absent - Mr. Vickers. 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 recognized Robin Kollman, Public Relations Facilitator, for her role as Regional Director of INSPRA for the Greater Chicago area, and shared gratitude and appreciation for her work with this organization. He said that many are not aware of what some of our staff do besides their job. He expressed great appreciation for Robin and her involvement.
- B. Principal Jeff Knapp was also recognized for his new appointment as Treasurer for the Executive Board of the Illinois Principals Association. Again, thanks were shared for Jeff's work with this impressive association and appreciation for his involvement.
- C. Dr. Schumacher also acknowledged Dan Gilbert, Maintenance and Facility Supervisor, and commended him for successfully completing the Illinois Association of School Business Officials comprehensive program and examination to achieve certification as Certified Plant Maintenance Manager. Dan hosted the certification class at the ERC.

- D. Congratulations were offered to Linda Willms, lunchroom supervisor and Champions lead supervisor at the Copeland Manor School site. Linda was recently recognized for a national award as the *2013 Champions Quality Achievement Award* recipient. This award is considered the highest staff recognition from Champions. Linda is known for promoting pride by continuously reevaluating her site and the activities offered there. She is known to go above and beyond in building relationships with students, parents and staff. She is considered loved by the students and fostering a positive climate and culture in Copeland's Champions program.

As winner of this award, Linda will receive an all expense paid trip to the national conference, February in New York, and upon learning of the award commented, "I'm so excited, I've never been to New York, but do I have to miss work?" Dr. Schumacher passed around a picture of Linda receiving her award.

- E. Additional student recognition goes to those who earned first place in the National Geographic Magazine, Geographic Bee. At Adler Park School, 5<sup>th</sup> grader Jack Bjorklund; at Copeland Manor School, 5<sup>th</sup> grader Haig Hagopian; and at Highland Middle School, 6<sup>th</sup> grader Jack Nicholson. The students have moved on to the next level of the competition, a written examination to determine state competitors. The school champions will be eligible to win the national championship and its first prize, a \$25,000 college scholarship. A special thank you to staff coordinators, Erin Carr, Keri Johnson and Erin Wyatt.
- F. Dr. Schumacher shared the dedicated work of Butterfield's 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Julie Serrecchia, who, as part of a Character Counts commitment, had students write letters of appreciation to doctors at Centegra Hospital in Woodstock. Dr. Schumacher shared some of the student's letters with the board, as well as the doctor's responses. It was recognized that this activity made a wonderful connection for the students as they participated in this community outreach activity.
- G. Fifth grade student Amanda Black was recognized for her First Place win in the Libertyville, Mundelein, and Vernon Hills Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Contest. This impressive award will win Amanda recognition on Sunday, February 9, at the Libertyville Township Hall. Amanda read her essay and was presented with a plaque of appreciation from Dr. Schumacher and Board President, Maryann Ovassapian.

### **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.

**RETIREMENT:** Mary Koppers, Receptionist at the ERC, affirming letter received January 15, 2014, effective June 30, 2014; Eileen Tanguay, Learning Center Clerk at Highland, affirming letter received January 13, 2014, effective end of the 2013-2014 school year.

**NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Stephanie Weatherly, Lunchroom Supervisor at Rockland, effective January 6, 2014. **FMLA:** Meagan Dwyer, Dean of Students at Highland, affirming letter received January 13, 2014, effective on or about April 19, 2014, for six (6) weeks; Jennifer Saks, Kindergarten Teacher @ Copeland, affirming letter received December 18, 2013, effective on or about April 24, 2014, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year; Carrie Shea, Math Teacher at Highland, Affirming request received January 21, 2013, effective January 13 for ten (10) weeks.

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

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

There were no policies scheduled for approval this month.

### **APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES FOR THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR**

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education adopt the 2014-2015 textbook rental fee schedule including the Technology Fee in the following amounts: Kindergarten \$80.00, Grades 1-5 \$85.00, and Grades 6-8 \$100.00

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

### **APPROVAL OF STEVE & KATE'S CAMP**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the Steve and Kate's Camp housed at Copeland Manor School, June 9-August 8, 2014, pending any District 70 Calendar revisions.

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

### **APPROVAL OF TROOP CONTRACTING PAY APPLICATION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the Pay Application for Troop Contracting as attached to the Board Resolution 7.5.

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

### **FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES**

No policies were scheduled for first reading this month.

### **MAINTENANCE, SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE**

One year after Sandy Hook School tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, Dan Gilbert, Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities, shared an update of upgrades and modifications that have been integrated into all Libertyville School District 70 schools in support of safety and security. The measures shared addressed physical changes, as well as practices and procedures applied at each site. Dr. Schumacher joined him in sharing these updates.

### **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 said that the next LEA negotiations meeting will be held February 5. At this time there may be a possible closed session in March to share any information and updates concerning negotiations and to answer Board questions.
- B. Mrs. Ovassapian thanked Becky DerYeghiayan for sending the update on filing the Statement of Economic Interest that each member must complete before May 1.
- C. Mrs. Ovassapian shared a letter from Barb Toney as well as the Board Agreement document. Discussion followed. At the February Board meeting the final document will be brought for formal approval. Any questions please contact Maryann before the next Board meeting.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. A thank you note was received from Cece Gallagher.
- B. A letter was received from Roycealee Wood, Regional Superintendent of Lake County Schools regarding the petition to the Lake County Superintendents to withdraw from S.E.D.O.L. The petitions were passed out to Board members to review.
- C. Board President Maryann Ovassapian was extremely pleased to announce that she had received a letter from the Suburban School Superintendents informing her that Dr. Schumacher had been nominated for membership and invited to join this elite association. This is a group of only 150 active superintendents nationwide. Mrs. Ovassapian said that on behalf of the Board of Education she was very proud of him and what a huge honor!

### **OTHER**

Nothing to report at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:32 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