

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

February 24, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, February 24, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of January 29, 2014, and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. Further, that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 23, 2014, be approved and maintained in a confidential file until such time as the Board of Education release them by formal action. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORTS

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

A. EDUCATION	\$ 196,953.68
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 83,291.87
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 232,923.01
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 8,351.21

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 JANUARY 2014:

<u>JANUARY 2014</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, 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. After competing in a nationwide contest through Creative Communications, several Copeland Manor 4th graders in Mrs. Livermore’s class will again have their work published in a poetry anthology called, *A Celebration of Young Poets*. Selected to appear in the book publication in the Fall 2014 edition include: Andrew Harvey for his work *Wilderness Express*; Grant Keriazakos, *Quickly, Get Your All New Amazing Cars*; Addie Moss, *My Nice Cool Teachers*; Liam Gaiden, *The Stub of My Pencil*; Annie McNett, *Fabulous Gummi Bears*; Sarah Wolter, *Types of People at School*; Kelsey Donovan, *I Love Describing Words*; Ava Cox, *Cupcakes are Incredible*; Chloe Chan, *Sweet and Tasty*; Callie Leighton, *Miss Hippopotamus*; George Huber, *All Because of an Itchy Sweater*; Isabel Knuteson, *The Amazing Life of Jack*; Charlie Farrington, *Glorious Breakfast*; and Sophie Damenti, *My Amazing Cool Dogs*.

- B. With several districts pulling out of the local Speech and Drama Festival this year, Dr. Schumacher credited Highland Middle School Spanish teacher Sara Raymond for coordinating this school-based event, as well as the many Highland staff who served as judges and those who were committed to the event by maintaining a showcase this afternoon. Staff members, Sara Raymond, Priya Varghese, Jenni Dunlap, and Kara Dirst, served as coaches working closely with several dedicated and talented students, including, Mrs. Lund’s daughter, Katie. It was a great afternoon and “I’m grateful that the Highland administration and staff were dedicated to maintaining this opportunity for their students.”

- C. Dr. Schumacher recently received a letter from the Office of the Secretary of State, Jesse White, congratulating District 70 for receiving a Fiscal Year 2014 “Another Opportunity for Back 2 Books” grant in the amount of \$5000 in support of library projects titled *Enticing Readers with Narrative Nonfiction: Building Skills, Strengthening Relationships, and Enhancing Learning*. He also shared his appreciation to our library directors for their efforts in providing and offering quality library materials and engaged learning activities for the children of Libertyville.

- D. March is Youth Art Month where we will have student art displayed throughout the community in downtown businesses. Kicking off the event we welcome our board, staff, families and friends, to the David Adler Music and Arts Center this Thursday evening, the 27th, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., where student art will be on display and we will also have our strolling strings performing. Also, mark your calendars for the Wednesday, March 12th exhibit at Cook Library as we continue with the Art Effects showcase. There will be twenty-five student artists from each school with work on display at the library. Congratulations and a special thank you to all of our art teachers for their dedication to this project.

- E. Next month, Dr. Schumacher hopes to have another 5th grade Copeland artist, Liv Bertaud, join us at our meeting as District 70 is proud to again have a student’s poster recognized as the selected piece from around the state to serve as the Arts Education Week poster featured in every school throughout Illinois.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

CHANGE IN STATUS: Tanya Surdick, from 2nd Grade at Butterfield to Learning Center Director @ Butterfield, 2014-2015 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 POLICIES

There were no policies scheduled for approval this month.

APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION RENEWAL

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education accept the renewal of 1.5% increase proposed by Lakeside Transportation.

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 LIBERTYVILLE SD70 BOARD AGREEMENTS

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education adopt the SD70 Board Agreements as attached to Board Report 7.4.

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.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented the following Board of Education Policies: 5:332 EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNAL: Retirement Recognition Program for Non-Certified Employees, and 7:185 STUDENTS: Teen Dating Violence Prohibited.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Pam Imholz, in attendance with assistance from both Jill Przybylski and Caren Kimbarovsky, presented an update on the current state of technology in the District. They shared the Technology Framework, an outcome of the strategic plan and showcased how technology is assisting and advancing 21st Century skills for our students. Mrs. Imholz opened up the floor for questions from the Board of Education.

Board Member Chris Kennedy brought up a recent article he had read by Thomas Friedman on “How to get a job at Google.” He shared highlights of the article and said the way technology is being taught in District 70 goes hand in hand with what the article was saying about the future of technology. He praised Director Imholz and her team.

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 reminded the Board members to RSVP to Becky if they wish to attend the IASB Lake Division spring dinner on March 12.
- B. Board member Tom Vickers asked if anyone has seen an email regarding the filing for the Statement of Economic Interest. No one has seen a notice at this time.
- C. Board member Luke Stowe thanked Dr. Schumacher for spearheading the ICS training (Incident Command System) for our District.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report at this time.

OTHER

Nothing to report at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary