

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

August 25, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, August 25, 2014. 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, 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 combined Committee of the Whole and the Regular Board meeting of July 28, 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	\$ 524,985.03
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 432,143.11
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 515.00
D. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 27,394.91
E. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$
F. CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$
G. IMPREST	\$ 2,350.51

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. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of JULY 2014:

	<u>JULY 2014</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 320,248.69
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 93,192.89
 TOTAL:	 \$ 413,441.58

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 welcomed the large crowd in attendance, sharing that this was his ultimate favorite meeting, one that focuses on recognition of new staff and those who have impressively grown in their time here in District 70. He thanked all of our staff for an excellent beginning to our new school year.
- B. He shared that it was wonderful to have welcomed more than 2,481 students into our school system this year. Through the 6th day enrollment figures may vary slightly, Powerschool, our student data management system, confirms initial numbers, including Early Childhood and outside special service placements, data from last year shows 965 to 950 students at Highland noting a slightly greater drop at 6th grade, with jumps at Copeland from 406 to 428 students this year and Rockland up from 272 to 285. Consistent numbers from 238 to 241 children at Adler Park School this year, 518 to 520 students at Butterfield, though we continue to house two additional SEDOL programs within Butterfield School, as well as the Champions Kindergarten Enrichment and newly developed Pre-School program, pushing us over the 2,500 mark for student learning in Libertyville School District 70. Dr. Schumacher again credited the entire learning community for their efforts toward initiating a great start to 2014-2015 school year.
- C. Dr. Schumacher offered congratulations to the extremely impressive Board of Education who earned the honor as being one of only eighteen throughout the state to earn the 2014 Illinois Association of School Board Governance Recognition designation, out of almost 900 districts statewide! This recognition is designed to acknowledge those school boards that have engaged in activities and modeled behaviors that lead to excellence in local school governance in support of quality education. There is no question that the Libertyville School District 70 Board of Education has worked hard to do just that. A formal recognition will be made on October 30th at the Lake Fall Division Dinner Meeting held in Grayslake. Also noted, a photo of the Board will be on display at this year's Joint Annual Conference, in November. He said, "On behalf of so many, a sincere congratulations to you all, you make us very proud!" At this time Dr. Schumacher passed out to each Board member a gift of a tumbler, that read "Keep Calm and Make a Difference."

- D. Dr. Schumacher welcomed, Gifted Education specialist, Emily Maki, sharing, “You may recall that last spring I had the opportunity to recognize Emily for receiving an all expense paid trip to the Phil Mickelson ExxonMobil Education Academy, in New Jersey.” “Having earned this training as one of 150 out of 1,100 select educators, I have invited Emily back to share with us her inspiring experiences and to share what she will be bringing back to her students and colleagues in District 70.” Ms. Maki shared highlights from her trip and encouraged everyone to nominate another teacher for the next academy.

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.

RESIGNATION: Samantha McCabe, Paraeducator at Rockland, affirming resignation received August 4, 2014, effective immediately; Sarah Guy, Learning Center Clerk at Butterfield, affirming resignation received via email on August 4, 2014, effective immediately. **CHANGE IN STATUS:** Jenae DeRue, from 1st Grade at Copeland to 1st Grade at Rockland, 2014-2015 school year; Alisa Gilbert, from Student Services Secretary at Highland to District Registrar, effective August 13, 2014; Fiona Hope, from Learning Center Clerk at Butterfield to Student Services Secretary at Highland, effective August 18, 2014; Kim Henderson, from Lunchroom Supervisor at Butterfield to Paraeducator at Adler, 2014- 2015 school year. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** Stephanie Meo, 1st Grade Classroom Teacher at Copeland, 2014-2015 school year; Nichole Vipond, 1st Grade Classroom Teacher at Copeland, 2014-2015 school year; Julie Crane, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, effective September 10, 2014; Amy Blank, Paraeducator @ Highland, 2014-2015 school year; Carly Cohen, Paraeducator at Butterfield, 2014-2015 school year; Traci Flader, Paraeducator at Rockland, 2014-2015 school year; Stacey Sanders, 5th Grade Classroom Assistant, 2014-2015 school year inclusive; Monica Morales, Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor at Adler, 2014-2015 school year; Lisa Muller, Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor at Rockland, 2014-2015 school year; Kristin Swanson, Lunchroom/Playground Supervisor at Rockland, 2014-2015 school year. **FMLA:** Ashley Crown, affirming request received August 12, 2014, starting on or about January 5, 2015, for twelve (12) weeks.

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 5:332

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve Board Policy 5:332 – Retirement Recognition Program for Non-Certified Employees, as it appears 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 TIF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BETWEEN LIBERTYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 70 AND THE VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the TIF (Tax Increment Financing) Intergovernmental Agreement between Libertyville School District 70 and the Village of Libertyville as it appears in Board Report 7.3.

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 HIGHLAND MAINTENANCE GARAGE BID

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education approve the bid in the amount of \$743,093.00 from Pepper Construction to construct an addition to the Highland Maintenance Garage.

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.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES

No policies were scheduled for a first reading this month.

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: Kerstin Cholewin, Elizabeth Davis, Sara Griffin, Amy Hay, Caren Kimbarovsky, Michelle Kittleson, Mia Wright, Lisa Piskule, Crysta Sharp, and Beth Weaver. Their collective achievements are considerable and their value to the District is appreciated.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW 2014-2015 TEACHING STAFF

The new teaching staff for the 2014-2015 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 and greet the new staff. The new teaching staff are:

Tracy Aleckson	Hearing Impaired Itinerant	District
Jennifer Croner	Spanish	Highland
Jessica Fenton	Health	Highland
Stephanie Meo	1 st Grade	Copeland
Miles Russell	Sp. Ed. And Rti	Copeland/Highland
Sara Snider	4 th Grade	Copeland
Nichole Vipond	1 st Grade	Copeland
Chris Vipond	Tech. Lit. Coach	District

SUMMER REVIEW

Erik Youngman, Director of Curriculum, and Lorenzo Cervantes, our Summer School Administrator, put together a comprehensive summary of our recently concluded summer school. 991 students attended this year, an overall decrease of six students from last year. This Board Report provided members of the Board of Education with an overview of the highly successful Libertyville District 70 summer programs and Title 1 Summer School.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

The following was discussed and shared:

- A. Board member Judy Damenti encouraged fellow Board members to once again attend a Family Association meeting. She will be sending around dates as soon as she receives them. Please look them over and let her know which date will work out for your schedule and let her know. Board President Mrs. Ovassapian suggested a script could be created so all Board members are on the same page when presenting at the meetings.

- B. Board member Jennifer Lund updated the Board on the upcoming SEDOL meeting at which they will vote on a final budget. She had previously sent each Board member a copy of the budget. If anyone has any questions please contact her. Mrs. Schilling asked if she was aware of any other districts that may be withdrawing from SEDOL. Dr. Schumacher, who now sits on the SEDOL Board, said that a survey is coming out soon and that is one of the questions that will be addressed. Mr. Kennedy asked about the autism grant that was cut from the budget, what will the impact of that be?

- C. Board president Ovassapian encouraged Board members to be looking ahead to the Board positions that will be reorganized in April, after the next Board election. If they have any questions about a position or a committee please be sure and ask her.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. A letter was received from IASB informing Dr. Schumacher and Mrs. Ovassapian that the Libertyville School Board had earned the 2014 Illinois Association of School Board Governance Recognition.

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 8:50 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary