

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

November 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, November 23, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Mr. Tom Vickers, Board President.

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

Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Valentin, Dr. Bean, Mr. Youngman, Mrs. Imholz, Dr. Otto, Robin Kollman, and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 26, 2015, 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 Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 151,572.99
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 94,686.21
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$2,044,311.26
D. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 169,565.88
E. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$
F. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
G IMPREST	\$ 411.66

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of OCTOBER 2015:

<u>OCTOBER 2015</u>	
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,603,804.19
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 87,234.20
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,691,038.39

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mrs. Heather Dean updated the Board regarding residency status.

REPORT FROM DR. W. GUY SCHUMACHER

Dr. Schumacher reported on the following:

- A. With the amount of snow that came fast and furious this past weekend, Dr. Schumacher shared a special thank you to Dan Gilbert and his team for their conscientious effort and commitment to addressing all school and building related needs. From snow removal, to tree damage and power outages, the maintenance and custodial team worked diligently to support a safe and sound start to the week.

- B. Dr. Schumacher shared his most sincere appreciation for the entire tech team; Pam, Jill, Caren, Chris, Art, Keith and Charity who planned, orchestrated and fully implemented the recent i3 Tech Conference. He also appreciated Jon’s lead as a visible principal who guided and supported the transitions throughout the day. It was an honor for him to formally welcome to the over 100 participants who joined us in District 70 for the day. As both presenters and attendees, it was incredible to see so many of our D70 staff present. Highland Middle School student assistants also added a wonderful touch. He holds a sense of tremendous pride in our district and the educators who brought this event together. It was, without question, one of the most impressive experiences he has had the distinction of seeing in District 70.

- C. Dr. Schumacher greatly appreciated having a team of staff members join him in what became the first Calendar Support Committee, as they looked into details of the calendar for the upcoming school year. He sent much thanks to Cynthia Bsaibes, Kerstin Cholewin, Cheryl Crenshaw, Nicole Liznevich, Ann Lutz, Maureen Reinking and Erik Youngman for being a

special part of this endeavor. Overall, despite a later start date than LHS, the calendar aligns well with the vacation calendar and holidays of the high school calendar, allows for three Institute Days at the onset of the year, while offering well-planned conference days, and earlier option for Curriculum Nights and nicely planned 25 full weeks of instruction. The 2016-2017 District 70 school calendar is on the docket for approval tonight and will be published once approved.

- D. Dr. Schumacher shared, last week the Illinois Association of School Boards offered recognition of everyday heroes in their fight for quality education, again bringing light to the nearly 6000 school board members across the state that serve their community. This position, one of complete volunteerism and a tireless commitment toward service of students and staff, is gratifying and genuinely appreciated.

Through effective governance, the school board assists in guiding us toward a mission of continuous improvement. The District 70 Board of Education supports our vision, helps define and establish our goals and works collaboratively to establish positive relationships with our stakeholders.

This conscientious group is comprised of intelligent, articulate and extremely positive leaders. It is an honor to work closely with such a dedicated team.

- E. And last but certainly, not least, Dr. Schumacher wished everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving holiday. He is tremendously grateful to be a part of such an amazing school district and thankful to everyone in District 70 for making this a special place for children, parents and staff.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

RETIREMENT: **Mary Carter**, Lunch Hostess at Rockland, affirming letter received October 27, 2015, effective July 31, 2015; **Pat Chianelli**, School Secretary at Butterfield, affirming letter received November 12, 2015, effective end of 2015-2016 school year. **FMLA: Kathy Chamberlain**, 5th Grade Teacher at Rockland, affirming request received November 13, 2015, effective on or about March 3, 2016, for twelve (12) weeks; **Kristin Morden**, Gifted and Enrichment Teacher at Copeland, affirming request received November 13, 2016, effective on or about March 13, 2016, for twelve (12) weeks.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

No policies were presented for approval this month.

APPROVAL OF 2016 - 2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Hoff, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adopt as its school calendar that which appears as EXHIBIT 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 2016 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Motion was made by Mr. Stowe, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, 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. 7.4; a copy of the fee and stipend schedules to become part of the official minutes of the Board meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK RENTAL FEES FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion was made by Mrs. Lucke, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adopt the 2016-2017 textbook rental fee schedule including the Technology Fee in the following amounts: Kindergarten \$90.00, Grades 1-5 \$95.00, and Grades 6-8 \$110.00.

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

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY 7:100

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented changes to the following Board of Education Policy: 7:100 – STUDENTS: Health Eye, and Dental Examinations: Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Dr. Schumacher shared a brief update regarding maintenance projects which include a focus on new intercom systems for safety and security for all District 70 schools. A follow-up presentation was shared by Graves Design Group architect, Peter Graves regarding Copeland Manor School planning and Rockland School timeline.

MINI-GRANT AWARDS

Dr. Schumacher introduced Mrs. Damenti, Board member, and Mr. Jon Hallmark, Principal at Highland Middle School, both recent participants, to outline the successful proposals and describe the selection process. 34 grants were submitted this year, 5 repeating and 8 that were not earned. All repeating grants were offered a second year. Both shared the summary of the 26 earned grants for the 2015-2016 school year.

For the past twenty years, our business partnership, Partners for Excellence in Education, has raised funds to be used in awarding mini-grants to our teaching and support staff. For the 2015-2016 school year there were 34 applications submitted, 26 received a full grant and over \$11,000 was awarded to this year's grants.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

- A. Board President Tom Vickers opened up the floor for discussions from those who had recently attended the Triple I Conference.

Mrs. Schilling attended a half day workshop on Social Media Primer. She stated that use of social media services will continue to grow using the latest technological developments such as Twitter, Instagram, and many others.

Mrs. Lucke said the sessions were wonderful.

Mr. Kennedy felt that it was a 'great opportunity to compare ourselves with other districts'.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

In recognition of School Board Appreciation Day on November 15:

- A. Gift certificates from Main Street Libertyville were presented by Superintendent, Dr. Guy Schumacher.
- B. Thank you notes were received from administrators, faculty and staff of District 70 schools.
- C. Personalized District 70 cookies were especially made by Rockland Hearing Impaired teacher, Tracy Aleckson.

OTHER

- A. Libertyville School District 70 was recognized as one of Chicago Tribune’s 2015 Top Workplaces. A celebration was held at the Fairmont in Chicago on November 12, 2015.
- B. The Board received an invitation to a “Classy Breakfast” at Highland Middle School on December 4.
- C. President Vickers thanked Robin Kollman, Public Relations Facilitator, for her consistent work in providing a monthly media packet for the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Vickers, Board President

Luke Stowe, Board Secretary