

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

February 23, 2015

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, February 23, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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. Vickers.

Absent: Mr. Stowe

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 26, 2015, 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. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 219,725.46
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 302,248.75
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 194,101.44
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 2,250.63

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

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of January, 2015:

<u>JANUARY 2015</u>	
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,536,520.19
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 83,421.97
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
 TOTAL:	 \$ 1,619,942.16

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Vickers, and Mrs. Damenti. Absent – Mr. Stowe. 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 three staff members who presented at this month's No Child Left Behind conference in Chicago. Principal, Jeff Knapp, and two teachers, Katie Nyland and Becky Wickboldt from Rockland School presented Collaborative Walkthroughs: Teachers and Principal working together. When teachers and principals work together through the walkthrough process, building initiatives and goals can be assessed resulting in a positive school culture, climate and the sharing of instructional strategies. Dr. Schumacher recalled that he encouraged Mr. Knapp to present after having observed this practice and encouraging that this model be shared at a conference. Needless to say, this strong team was able to share the benefits of this special model.
- B. Dr. Schumacher also congratulated Deb Morales, Highland Middle School Math teacher and Coach as the Highland Math Team came in first place at the recent Math Counts Competition at the College of Lake County. Students Andy Lu, Bert Cao, Katie Lu and Charlie Stahnke will move on to the state challenge on March 7th. He wished Deb and her team much success on the 7th.
- C. Dr. Schumacher asked Principal Hallmark to share an update of how the students and their teacher from Wuxi, China, have adapted to school (and our weather) these past few weeks. The students, staying with Highland host families, have been attending classes, seeing sites and museums, as well as visiting private schools and universities. Mr. Hallmark offered stories and anecdotes of the cultural programming success.

- D. This being “award season,” on behalf of the board and administration, a gift of recognition was offered to the Highland administrative team. This weekend Dr. Schumacher received confirmation that the Illinois Principals Association has chosen the recipients for the IPA Award for Excellence from Lake County. Nominated by a peer, in recognition of professional dedication and leadership as a building administrator, Mr. Jon Hallmark, as well as Mr. Lorenzo Cervantes have been selected as Middle School Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year. Impressively rare for a collaborative team at the same site to achieve such esteemed recognition, he congratulated both administrators.
- E. Dr. Schumacher also shared that recognition doesn’t simply stop there. For the first time ever in Lake County Highland Middle School has been designated as a 2015 Illinois Horizon School to Watch by the Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools (AIMS). The visiting panel of professionals was highly impressed with the degree to which the Highland staff has fulfilled the daunting criteria of the program. A national announcement of the sites selected as Schools to Watch across the United States will be made next month. Representatives from AIMS will visit Highland this spring to formally present the award. Highland will also be honored at the Association of Illinois Middle-Grades Schools (AIMS) annual summer event this June in Tinley Park, IL.

Highland Middle School will also be honored at a gala dinner that is a featured event at the annual National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington, D.C. this summer. In addition to being honored at the conference, Highland Middle School leaders have been invited to meet with local representatives of Congress at Capitol Hill to discuss trending topics in education pertaining to middle schools and to share some of the impressive events and experiences that that make Highland deserving of such recognition.

As a School to Watch, Highland Middle School is now part of an impressive network of schools throughout the United States who have attained this status. As such, a very sincere congratulation goes out to the students, parents and staff at Highland Middle School, and especially the leadership team, Jon, Lorenzo and Meagan, who have guided them toward this very special acknowledgment.

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: Jennifer Saks, Kindergarten Teacher at Copeland, currently on Extended Leave, affirming resignation received January 22, 2015, effective immediately. **RETURNING FROM LEAVE:** Justin Buehler, International Languages Teacher at Highland, affirming letter received January 23, 2015, effective 2015-2016 school year. **CHANGE IN STATUS:** **Denise Dorf**, from .5 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at Adler, to 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at

Adler, 2015-2016 school year; **Alicia Howell**, from .5 FTE Kindergarten Teacher at Rockland, 2015-2016 school year; **Anne Lutz**, from Special Education Teacher at Butterfield, to Instructional Resource Teacher at Butterfield, 2015-2016 school year; **Crysta Sharp**, from Special Education Teacher at Butterfield, 2015-2016 school year.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES 6:30 and 6:90

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education approve the removal of Board Policy 6:90 - Kindergarten, and changes to Policy 6:30 – Organization of Instruction, as they appear in Board Report No. 7.2, Exhibits A and B respectively.

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

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY 8:70

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented the following Board of Education Policy: 8:70 COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Pam Imholz, in attendance with assistance from Jill Przybylski, Chris Vipond and Caren Kimbarovsky, and the Applied Technology Teachers from Highland, Kim Hauman and Melissa Rosen, presented additional highlights from the K-8 Technology Framework, which the Board formally approved in December. A footage of the STEAM program was shared as well as updates of the technology offerings available for students at Highland Middle School. Mrs. Imholz opened up the floor for questions from the Board of Education.

In addition, Director Imholz and Dr. Schumacher shared with excitement the unveiling of an impressive prototype of an upcoming D70 app. This being a long anticipated dream of Dr. Schumacher, with incredibly perfectionist tendencies, Director Imholz and he have closely collaborated and she has worked diligently, gathering insight and support from Robin Kollman, and ultimately joining forces with representatives from School Messenger, the District 70 safety notification provider, to design this well structured, fully detailed app. It is an exciting venture, has come a long way since its first design, and will be ready for all, free through the App Store, in the weeks ahead.

**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 on the coming IASB Lake Division Meeting on March 11th.
- B. Board member Tom Vickers has been invited to be a part of the Triple I Conference proposal review sometime in March.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. A thank you note was offered to the Board on behalf of the ERC staff for the Valentine’s Day Luncheon held February 13th.
- B. The Board received an invitation to attend an art exhibit “*Art Effects*” celebrating selected works from students of Adler, Butterfield, Copeland Manor, Rockland Elementary Schools and Highland Middle School. This will be held on March 4 – April 6 at Cook Park Public Library in Libertyville. HMS Strolling Strings and Highland Highlights Choir will be performing for said event.

OTHER

- A. Dr. Schumacher will be attending the Libertyville Leadership Summit at 7:00 p.m. on March 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Ovassapian, Board President

Jennifer Lund, Board Secretary