

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

**March 23, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, March 23, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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. Bean, Mr. Youngman, Mrs. Imholz,  
Ms. Menuey, Robin Kollman, and guests.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made by Mrs. Lund, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of February 23, 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. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 257,865.36
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 381,620.53
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 425.00
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 387,772.53
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$
H. IMPREST	\$ 4,657.68

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 Mr. Kennedy, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of FEBRUARY 2015:

<u>FEBRUARY 2015</u>	
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,545,447.43
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 82,561.85
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,628,009.28

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. Destination Imagination

With 24 separate teams from all schools competing in the February Regional Challenge, a record matching number of 9 teams will compete at the state level on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Northern Illinois University. Staff sponsors, Ashley Zeinz, Adler Park School; Karen McLean, Butterfield School; Julie Jermakowicz and Kristin Morden, Copeland Manor School; Megan Russell, at Highland Middle School and Rockland School sponsor, Danya Sundh, have worked very hard to build their respective teams, guiding them toward success.

Being awarded first place on the Elementary School level for the *Creature Feature* technical challenge was Adler Park's Imagination Dragons. In the challenge, the team has to design and build a creature that uses technical methods to perform team-chosen actions and tell a story about the creature. *This team also was presented with the prestigious Renaissance Award, which is given for outstanding design, engineering and performance.* Team members include Eric Sparks, Noah Scally, Chase Houser, Ryan Tanzer, Sarah Cowsky, Hannah Romie and Maggie Forkner. The team manager is Mr. Greg Sparks.

Also competing in the *Creature Feature* challenge in "Pod B," was Adler Park's Team Chocolate With A Bit Of Chocolate With A Little More Chocolate, which placed second in Northern Regional competition with team members Frida Montano, Sophia Nunez, Ava Seiberlich, Nicole Smith, Jackson Allen, Aurora Mireles and Cassandra Kinney. The team manager is Yoshira Nunez.

Placing third on the Middle School level for *the Creature Feature* challenge was Highland Middle School team What Could Possibly Go Wrong with team members Elias Anderson, Jordan Erdal, Lily Ervine, Will Gordon, Drew Hopkins, Celia McDermott-Hinman, and Katie Olson. The team managers are Keith Anderson and Greg Sparks.

Being awarded first place on the Elementary School level for the *Feary Tales Fine Arts* challenge was Butterfield School's Five for One. In this fine arts challenge, the team has to create a fairy tale about a character that faces and deals with a phobia. Along the way, they must create artwork that conveys a feeling and one that serves a practical function. This team also was presented with the Renaissance Award given for outstanding design, engineering or performance. Team members include Abby Gordon, Kate Hopkins, Nadia Lausch, Ryan McGrory and Maddy Tepper. The team manager is Saba Lausch.

Following in second place for *Feary Tales* was Butterfield's Fab 5- team with members Hannah Fleming, Logan Georgia, Cate Gordon, Bibi Lausch and Jaimie Marquardt. Team managers are Kerri Fleming and Denice Marquardt.

Being awarded first place at the Elementary Level for the *Band Aid/Outreach Challenge* was Butterfield School's team, Two More Minutes Please. In the service learning outreach challenge, the team must identify a community need then identify, design and carry out a project that addresses at least one real community need. Team members include Jake Berlowski, Maeve Devaney, Delaney Rogers, Kira Rudersdorf and Julian Timm. The team managers are Eileen & Dan Timm.

Following in second place for *Band Aid/Outreach Challenge* was Butterfield School's Seven Helping Heroes This team also was presented with the Torchbearer Award: This award honors teams and/or individuals whose solutions have had an extraordinary impact in and beyond their local community. Team members include, Brenna Hornsey, Luke Kallieris, Molly Koch, Owen McGrory, Mike Shanahan, Jake Stilling and Izzy Tepper. The team manager is Jen Kallieri

In second place at the Elementary School level for *The Improv Games* was Rockland School's Wait, Nevermind team. The challenge was to create three independent improvisational skits that incorporate games and performances. Members include, Tabi Flynn, Niki Alyari, Kate Gerber and Ellie Kuntz. The team manager is Heather Flynn.

In second place on the Middle School level with *The Improv Games* challenge was Highland Middle School team Cirque DI So Lame. Members include, Annika Bjorklund, Abigail Cima, Cassidy Jones, and Zoe Randolph. The team manager was Eric Cima.

Congratulations to all 24 teams and coaches that participated at the regional level!

B. Mathcounts

Dr. Schumacher commended the Highland MathCOUNTS team, coached by the dedicated math teacher Deb Morales. At the state competition earlier this month, the team came in 8th place overall out of over 30 teams. Individually, member Andy Liu came in 5th place out of 275 athletes competing. The top 4 students go on to the National competition in Boston. Andy was fifth by one point, which is heartbreaking, keeping him from the National challenge.

The team members were Andy Liu, Bert Cao, Charlie Stahnke and Katie Lu. John He was the team's alternate. A special card of recognition was sent from the superintendent to each student students.

C. Wrestling

Dr. Schumacher recognized the impressive success of our Highland wrestlers this year, as well. The team has been busy, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hawthorne Tournament, 4<sup>th</sup> at the Caruso tournament, and for the second time in row placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Regional competition. The Illinois Elementary School Association has strict guidelines regarding academic performance and the students followed this critical requirement for participation. Beyond the amazing support offered by coaches Rob Rajcevich and Adam Kimpler, two standout performances include returning state qualifier, 7<sup>th</sup> grader Shaun Luce, who placed an impressive 8<sup>th</sup> in the state and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Bennett Whitney who served as an exceptional leader in both performance and character for his teammates. It was shared that during the tournaments, parents from other schools were telling our Hornet coaches how great the students were toward each other. When athletes lost a match and were feeling down, there was always a Highland wrestler building up their confidence. I am extremely impressed with this team and proud to share of their strengths as students, athletes, as well as teammates.

D. Dr. Schumacher wished all a wonderful spring break!

**PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

**RETIREMENT: Kris Hoffman**, Paraeducator at Highland, affirming notice received March 6, 2015, effective end of 2014-2015 school year. **RESIGNATION: Erin Gillespie**, Math Teacher at Highland, affirming resignation received February 27, 2015, effective end of 2014-2015 school year; **Mathilde Gleizes**, French Teacher at Highland, affirming resignation received March 4, 2015,

effective end of 2014-2015 school year; **Angela Santucci**, Kindergarten Teacher at Adler, affirming resignation received March 20, 2015, effective end of 2014-2015 school year. **CHANGE IN STATUS: Katie Michols**, from Instructional Resource Teacher at Copeland to .5 FTE Instructional Resource Teacher at Copeland, 2015-2016 school year; **Amy Reichart**, from 1st Grade Teacher at Butterfield to .5 FTE Instructional Resource Teacher at Copeland, 2015-2016 school year; **Miles Russell**, from Special Education and Resource at Highland and Copeland to Special Education and Resource at Copeland, 2015-2016 school year; **Pam Cushman**, from .9 FTE Mail Room and Copy Clerk at the ERC, to 1.0 FTE Secretary to the Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities, effective March 17, 2015. **NEW EMPLOYMENT: Megan Gedemer**, Social Work Intern at Highland, effective for the 2015-2016 school year inclusive.

### **RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN ON BOARD REPORT 7.2**

### **RESOLUTION FOR THE HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHER FOR REASONS OF REDUCTION-IN-FORCE**

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Lund, that the Board of Education adopt the accompanying Resolution appearing as EXHIBIT 7.3/Honorable Dismissal of First Year Probationary Teacher for Reasons of Reduction-in-Force. Further, that the President and Secretary of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the Resolution and Letter of Notice, copies of which are appended to this Board Report as Exhibits 7.3B and 7.3C respectively, and are to become a part of the formal minutes of this official meeting.

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 BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 8:70**

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Damenti, that the Board of Education approve the changes to Board Policy 8:70-Accommodating Individuals With Disabilities, as it appears in Board Report No. 7.4, Exhibit A.

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 EVOY, KAMSCHULTE, JACOBS & COMPANY AUDIT FEE FOR THE 2014-2015 FISCAL AUDIT**

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mr. Stowe, that the Board of Education approve the Evoy, Kamschulte, Jacobs & Company audit fee proposal of \$9,400 for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Audit.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Damenti, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lund, and Mrs. Ovassapian, Mrs. Schilling. 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: 6:80 – INSTRUCTION: Teaching About Controversial Issues

**ANNUAL LIBRARY CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

The Illinois State Library's annual certification process is accomplished through an online web form between January 2nd and March 31st. Annual library certification is required of all library system members. As stated in the Illinois Library Laws & Rules, receiving grant funds from the Illinois State Library is contingent upon annual certification compliance. Pages were made available from each of the five Libertyville District 70 Learning Centers report on the progress each library program is making toward meeting the guidelines set in *Linking for Learning*, the Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines.

During this Board meeting, Learning Center Directors Erin Wyatt (HI), Erin Carr (AD), Tanya Surdick (BU), Keri Johnson (CO) and Becky Johnson (RO) presented updates about learning, literacy and research activities that students have been involved in this school year.

**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 Board members and administrators to provide copies to Rose after filing for the Statement of Economic Interest.
- B. Mrs. Ovassapian recommended the committee and board be held after the election as part of the organizational meeting.

- C. Board member Mr. Vickers stated that he worked with a Triple I panel on presentation and reviews for the next conference.
- D. Mrs. Lund attended a meeting at SEDOL which include topics on downsizing and recouping investments.
- E. Board President Maryann Ovassapian and Dr. Schumacher presented at the IASB Lake Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> giving potential first time board members an overview of their roles and responsibilities and an idea of what to expect. Also in attendance were Board members Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Vickers, Public Relations Facilitator Robin Kollman, and Board candidates Cheryl Carroll, Greta Hoff, Linda Lucke and Amy Williams.
- F. Mr. Ovassapian was recognized as an audience member by Mr. Kennedy and welcomed to the meeting.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Board members received a packet containing Superintendent Evaluation due back in April.

**OTHER**

Nothing to report at this time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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