

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

April 25, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, April 25, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 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. Hoff, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole of March 28, 2016, and the Regular Meeting of March 23, 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	\$ 286,031.53
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 96,304.67
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 65,283.77
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 169,660.18
H. IMPREST	\$ 2,401.06

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 MARCH 2015:

<u>MARCH 2016</u>	
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,620,887.10
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 84,691.12
C. TRANSPORTATION	
 TOTAL:	 \$ 1,705,578.22

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Hoff, Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke, Mrs. 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 recognized a very talented Copeland Manor School 5th grader, Matthew Ramaker. Matthew, a 5th grader in Traci' Fladers classroom at Copeland Manor School, received a perfect score on the WordMasters Challenge. More than 150,000 students compete annually in the WordMasters Challenge, an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of remarkable new words and then challenges them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various forms of logical relationships. Matthew earned a perfect score of 20 in the meet. Nationally, only 52 fifth graders achieved a perfect score. Katy Lewis, Copeland 5th grade teacher, who provided oversight of the challenge, shared her insight with me into Matthew' commitment to learning new vocabulary and his effort to seeking words from the challenge embedded in his reading materials and the context in which vocabulary is used. Needless to say, Matthew is a creative thinker and impressive analytical problem solver. We are all quite proud of his impressive accomplishments.

- B. Also of note, Highland Middle School 7th & 8th Highland Strings attended the Illinois Grade School Music Association State Festival on Saturday, April 23rd. The orchestra received the highest award possible, "State Honor Orchestra." This mark of distinction was presented to only 4 orchestras this year and District 70 was one of them. These

talented musicians and the dedicated orchestra leaders, Carol Janossy and Allison Zabelin who inspired them, represented Highland Middle School with a genuine sense of Class Act character. They all make us quite proud!

- C. Congratulations went out to Speech Language Pathologist, Michelle Smith, Michelle was granted her second award for continuing education through ASHA, the American Speech-Language Hearing Association, Michelle joins a select group of professionals who have made a concerted effort to continue professional learning beyond her academic degree. ACE, the Award for Continuing Education requires seven ASHA Continuing Education Units, equivalent to 70 contact hours in a thirty-six month period. Congratulation goes out to Michelle for her hard work and dedication and for all that she brings to her students and colleagues at Highland Middle School.

- D. A Destination imagination update recognized three District 70 teams who will compete on the world level next month. This year students from all five schools made up 19 separate DI teams who competed at the regional level last February. Six of those teams formally moved to the state competition at Northern Illinois University on April 16th. Going to the Global Tournament will be Butterfield's *Seven Helping Heroes* and team, *Two More Minutes*, placing 2nd and 1st at the state challenge, respectively. Adler Park School's *Imagination Dragons* team also placed 2nd at the State tournament. A very special congratulation to all participants, sponsors and coaches this school year, and best of luck to our Global Challengers who will compete at the University of Tennessee later next month.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion was made by Mrs. Hoff, seconded by Mrs. Lucke, that the Board of Education approve the personnel recommendations contained in this Board Report No. 7.1A. Or, pending exceptions: that the Board of Education approve the following personnel recommendations contained in this Board Report No. 7.1A: Items (enumerate as approved).

Item 1: RESIGNATION: a) Dana Pekkarinen, Special Education Teacher at Rockland, affirming resignation received April 15, 2016, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. **Item 2: TERMINATION:** a) Lucia Lopez, Night Custodian at Highland, effective April 12, 2016. **Item 3: CHANGE IN STATUS:** a) Abel Cervantes, from Day Custodian and Night Supervisor at Highland to Grounds and Preventive Maintenance, district-wide, effective April 13, 2016; b) Luis Gonzalez, from Night Custodian at Highland to Day Custodian and Night Supervisor at Highland, effective April 13, 2016. **Item 4: NEW EMPLOYMENT:** a) Kelly Blahnik, Special Education Teacher at Rockland, 2016-2017 school year; b) Cristina Hayes, Lunchroom and Playground Supervisor at Copeland, effective April 5, 2016; c) Ann Rappa, Lunchroom and Playground Supervisor at Copeland, effective April 5, 2016; d) Lorena Matute, Night Custodian at Highland, effective April 21, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter; e) Carlos Gonzales, Night Custodian at Copeland and Rockland, effective April 21, 2016, or as soon as possible thereafter. **Item 5: FMLA:** a) Amy Soellner, 3rd Grade Teacher at Butterfield, affirming request received April 7, 2016,

effective on September 12, 2016, for nine (9) weeks; b) Nichole Vipond, 1st Grade Teacher at Copeland, affirming request received April 15, 2016, effective on or about June 2, 2016 and/or September 11, 2016, for approximately eight (8) weeks; c) Mary Beth Romano, 8th Grade Science Teacher at Highland, affirming request received April 19, 2016, effective on or about August 30, 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 are presented for approval this month.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES FOR 2016-2017

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Lucke, that the Board of Education adopt the listed schedule of meeting dates, places and times as formal Board of Education meetings; a copy of which is to be made a portion of the formal minutes of this meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES 7:190, 7:200 AND 7:210

Dr. Bean presented changes to the following Board of Education Policies: **7:190 STUDENTS** – Student Behavior (previously Student Discipline); **7:200 STUDENTS** – Suspension Procedures; **7:210 STUDENTS** – Expulsion Procedures.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Dr. Schumacher offered an update regarding District 70 Building, Grounds and Maintenance projects, plans and developments for school sites and current construction progress. Work at Copeland is underway as ground excavation continues. With great weather, the Tower team has been moving quite swiftly. School staff and lunch monitors are cognizant of the smaller play space, addressing safety needs and monitoring recess times with great caution. He also recognized Peter Graves, of Graves Design Group, for his attendance at this evening's Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting.

SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

Director of Special Services, Dr. Christian Otto and Program Supervisor, Kristi Patterson, shared a 2015-2016 update of current Special Education programming.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
REPORT 9.1**

The following was discussed and shared by the Board of Education:

- A. Board member Mrs. Lucke shared her recent attendance at an ED-RED meeting and encouraged other members to check for other events from said organization.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. A sincere thank you was expressed by Board member Mrs. Schilling to Dr. Kurt Valentin for hosting her son as part of a professional shadowing experience.
- B. Based on email received, Mr. Vickers asked Dr. Schumacher to show an update of progress regarding any PE changes at Highland Middle School. Highland Administration are working with staff to ensure equity on programming, use of space, as well as materials and supplies.

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report at this time.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Schilling to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to address Administrative Evaluation/Reviews.

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 Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, to enter out of Executive Session at 9:53 p.m.

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.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:53p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Vickers, Board President

Luke Stowe, Board Secretary