

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

January 23, 2017

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, January 23, 2017. 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, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe and Mr. Vickers.

Absent: Chris Kennedy, Linda Lucke

Also present: Dr. Schumacher, 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 combined Committee of the Whole and the Regular Board meeting of December 19, 2016 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 Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 173,842.15
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 133,657.98
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 475.00
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 166,551.32
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 538,046.79
H. IMPREST	\$ 4,183.13

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

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of DECEMBER 2016:

	<u>DECEMBER 2016</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,614,979.05
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 94,406.63
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
 TOTAL:	 \$ 1,709,385.68

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Hoff, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Stowe, Mr. Vickers and Mrs. Damenti. Absent – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke. 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 shared that he, again, looks forward to this Friday’s Career Day at Rockland School. This annual event features 22 different presenters whereby children rotate through and participate in 5 different selected sessions.

Some of the careers, offering a variety of professional and educational experience include, a Fitness Coach, Nurse, Small Business Owner, Accountant, Police Sgt. and Crime Scene Analyst, Fireman, Zoo Keeper, Comic Book Illustrator, Event Planner, Airline Pilot, Hairstylist, Structural Engineer and an Acupuncturist. Dr. Schumacher offered a sincere thank you to the Career Day Coordinators: Dale List, Laura Stonehocker and Mike Kolar. This is a wonderful event for the students as well as Rockland staff.

- B. Dr. Schumacher also shared a brief update regarding interest in the Copeland Manor Gymnasium. A special thank you to Lori Poelking for encouraging and welcoming the many who have already elected to utilize the new space. The District 70 4th grade Orchestra has transitioned to the Copeland gymnasium for weekly practices, the 4th and 5th grade Intramural Basket teams will now have additional space to compete, evening community based basketball leagues have also begun utilizing the space and a recent tour with David Stuart of the Improv Playhouse brought interest in both summer, as well as future playhouse events.

- C. It was also shared that Tanya Surdick, Butterfield’s Learning Center Director, recently was selected to serve on the Monarch Book Award Committee. The Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Readers' Choice Award was established in 2003 by the Illinois school library media association to help Kindergarten through 3rd grade readers become familiar with books, illustrators and authors; encourage children to read critically; and to develop a statewide awareness of outstanding literature for children. The award is given annually to a single author and/or illustrator by a collective vote of Kindergarten through 3rd grade students in Illinois. The award is administered by a steering committee that seeks nominations from public librarians, school library media specialist, teachers, and students. A volunteer reading committee then forms a master list of 20 of the nominated titles, which include a range of interests and reading levels as well as 3 of each of the following types of children's books:

- Picture books
- Easy readers
- Chapter books

Students vote in February of each year for their favorite from the master list and the results are announced in March. Now that Tanya is serving the Monarch Book Award Committee, D70 now has representation on all 3 Illinois Reading Award Committees. February 11th, Tanya will be travel downstate to participate in the selection of the 2018 Monarch Award Book Nominations.

- D. Erin Carr from Adler Park School and Dr. Erin Wyatt, Highland, serve on the Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award evaluators committee, meeting on February 4th to choose the 2018 list for grades 4-8. Becky Johnson at Rockland School served six years on the Caudill Committee while Keri Johnson at Copeland Manor School has served three years on the Bluestem Award Committee, meeting Saturday in Rantoul to choose their Top 20 selections for the 2018 school year. Thank you to all of our Learning Center Directors for graciously, and professionally, representing District 70.
- E. Dr. Schumacher was happy to share that Adler Park School is again hosting Concordia University’s Masters Reading Cohort this year. Last year eleven educators joined the group, including District 70 teacher participation, and subsequently served as tutors for 22 Adler Park students, grades 1st-3rd. This year a small team of four teachers, have joined the cohort serving 8 Adler students as part of the incorporated tutoring program. This is another terrific relationship between District 70 and Concordia University, providing great opportunities for advancing educators and providing impressive student benefit as well.
- F. Highland's National Junior Honor Society held a Culver's fundraising event last Thursday evening. NJHS Students served food, cleaned tables, and profits were shared with school. Over \$500 was raised for this year's school-wide charity The Sports Shed which helps underprivileged schools and students receive sporting equipment. A special thank you to the students, the NJHS leadership of teacher Sarah Grant, and to Culver’s for such a terrific connection for such a great cause.

- G. Shane Crown Highland Hornet Wrestling Coach traveled with his team just this past Saturday to the Lake County Team Bracketed Tournament with 7 other competitors. This was not an individual tournament, but rather a team round competition. The Hornets won their first meet moving into the semi-finals against Marlowe. They lost in the semi finals, then made their way to the 3rd place match against Nippersink. There, the team lost, but wrestled a close match. This is considered a great tournament for participation because it promotes a team score rather than an individual achievement. The Hornets also have the opportunity to wrestle various schools not part of their standard conference season and provides the Highland wrestlers additional opportunities for mat experience.
- H. Dr. Schumacher also shared that, Highland Middle School's Jazz 1, 2, 3, and Show Choir, the Highland Highlights, offered an evening of wonderful performances at Highland's Winter Jazz Night, last Thursday. And while Jazz 1 had a full day at Libertyville High School for their annual Jazz Festival, Highland's Jazz 1 and Jazz 2 Bands took part in the North Shore Jazz Festival at Glenbrook South High School last weekend, culminating in a very busy week of jazz. Both bands offered terrific performances, earning top scores and high praise from the judges and clinicians. Congratulations to 8th grade trombonist Johan Montag, given special recognition as one of the festival's outstanding soloists.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

RESIGNATION: **Kathy Chamberlain**, 5th Grade Teacher at Rockland, currently on Extended Leave, affirming notification received January 10 & 13, 2017, effective immediately. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** **Shelly Murray**, Lunchroom Supervisor at Adler, effective January 13, 2017. **FMLA** **Jamie Hyde**, 5th Grade Teacher at Rockland, affirming letter received December 21, 2016, effective on or about April 3, 2017, for eight (8) weeks; **Melissa Stein**, 5th Grade Teacher at Butterfield, affirming letter received December 21, 2016, effective on or about April 5, 2017, for twelve (12) weeks; **Ashley Turner**, 2nd Grade Teacher at Adler, affirming letter received January 5, 2017, effective on or about February 23, 2017, for twelve (12) weeks.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 4:15

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the changes to Board Policy 4:15 - Identity Protection, as it appears in Board Report No.7.2, Exhibit A.

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

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES

No policies were scheduled for first reading this month.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS REVIEW

Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Dan Gilbert provided an update regarding District 70 maintenance projects, plans and developments for school sites. Addressing individual school repairs, the recent icy conditions, and a sincere thank you to Abel Cervantes for his flexibility and support at several school sites were noted. During this time of occasional illness and absence, Abel has readily stepped-in to serve and support schools in need of maintenance and custodial assistance. Thank you Abel!

WORLD LANGUAGE / CURRICULUM UPDATE

As part of a District 70 Strategic Plan initiative, Principal Jon Hallmark presented an update regarding Foreign Language planning and the initial conversations that started with the D70 5th and 4th grade teaching teams. Principal Hallmark's leadership commitment toward this endeavor is greatly admired and appreciated. In addition, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Director Erik Youngman delivered a review of curricular pilots and forthcoming Language Arts and Science curriculum adoptions.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

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

- A. President Vickers reminded members of the Board on the coming March 8th IASB Lake Division Meeting to be held at North Chicago Community High School, North Chicago, IL. If interested, notify Rose for registration and attendance.
- B. The ED-REDS 45th Annual Legislative Dinner and Workshops will be held at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare Hotel, 8535 W. Higgins Road in Chicago on January 30th. A panel of State lawmakers and Administrative representative will be part of the presentation. Notify Rose if interested to attend this event.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Board members received an invitation to the Valentines Day Luncheon on February 14, 2017 to be held in all District 70 schools and ERC. Let Rose know if you plan to attend.

OTHER ITEMS

Nothing to report at this time.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mrs. Damenti, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, to enter into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee, collective bargaining, property and / or pending litigation.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, to enter out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Vickers, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Vickers, Board President

Luke Stowe, Board Secretary