

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

**February 27, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, February 27, 2017. 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, 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 Meeting of January 23, 2017 and that it become part of the formal District 70 records. Further that the minutes of the Executive Session of January 23, 2017 be approved and that they be maintained in a confidential file under such time as the Board of Education releases them by formal action. Motion was made by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the amended minutes of the Regular meeting of January 23, 2017. 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	\$ 519,542.07
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 129,496.49
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 192,887.58
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 125,398.83
H. IMPREST	\$ 3,468.47

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.

**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 January, 2017:

	<u>JANUARY 2017</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,616,836.65
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 93,689.00
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
 TOTAL:	 \$ 1,710,525.65

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**

There were no formal requests for public comments. However, Superintendent, Dr. Guy Schumacher, welcomed Ashley Jenkins, a Trinity College Education Music major, who joined the meeting.

**REPORT FROM DR. W. GUY SCHUMACHER**

Dr. Schumacher reported on the following:

- A. Dr. Schumacher shared information regarding The Highland Middle School Wordmasters team who recently received Highest Honors in a recent competition. Competitor Sam Lam, sixth grade, received a perfect score during the WordMasters Challenge, an exercise in critical thinking that first encourages students to become familiar with a set of word challenges (considerably harder than grade level), and then tests them to use those words to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. More than 150,000 students compete annually in the WordMasters Challenge, a national vocabulary competition. Competing in the difficult Blue Division, the eighth grade team scored an impressive 183 points out of a possible 200 points in the first of three meets this year, placing eighth in the nation. In the Blue Division, Sam was one of 26 sixth-graders nationwide to receive a perfect score. Other Highland Middle School students receiving individual outstanding results included Cris Montero, Ellie Kuntz, Lily Hieronymus, Maxwell Lindsey and Yanni Wilcox. Highland coaches for the competitions include Jill Conley, Kristie Kubala, Alison Prochaska, Brianne Smith, Carey Fox, Jenni Dunlap, Kristen Palic, and Priya Varghese.
  
- B. Dr. Schumacher expressed congratulations to Highland’s 7th grade girls' basketball team and their Coach Gerry Carollo on winning the Lakeside Conference against Oak Grove. The Highland Hornets went a perfect 13-0! We look forward to having this incredible team back in 8<sup>th</sup> grade!

- C. Recognition also goes out to the 8th grade girls' basketball team and Coach Mike Rumpf for coming in third place at the Lakeside Conference. The ten-girl team completed the regular season with 5 victories and 3 losses. Very impressive performance is noted of our Class Act Highland Middle School athletes.
  
- D. This past weekend Highland Middle School, under the leadership of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts teacher Jenni Dunlap, hosted the Lakeside Speech Festival. Dr. Schumacher had the opportunity to serve with many of our staff, as a judge as we welcomed students from Highland, Lake Forest's, Deerpath Middle School and Lake Bluff Middle School. This was, without, question, one of the highlights of my year. Watching these students memorize and present these works was incredibly impressive. Independent pieces were shared, as well as content from Shakespeare, Shel Silverstein, a prominent Ted Talk, the Declaration of Independence, and even a commencement address from Steve Jobs was presented. To give an idea of how many people it takes to make this Festival happen, I offer a very special thank you to speech coaches, Kara Dirst, Priya Varghese, and Michelle Smith who assisted in prepping and preparing the students for the day. Additional judges included, Jim Gasick, Bob Poelking, Jessica Key, Cynthia Bsaibes, Jill Conley, Holly Chapman and Megan Russell. For many of these supporters, their involvement extended beyond judging. Several came in early to arrange food and tables. There was even Jenni's Dunlap's former student teacher, Megan Loiacano, and supportive parent, Christine Gaiden, who joined us for the judging.

Others that contributed considerably were Technology Coach Caren Kimbarovsky, who stayed until 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening to make certain the awards would print as planned, and custodial support from Tom Lichamer who appeared anywhere and everywhere ensuring needs were met.

There were also members of the Libertyville High School Debate Team who supported in welcoming, directing and running score sheets for the judges. The students were happy to come back to Highland and presented themselves as enthusiastic to help.

There was a concession stand designed that offered a place to sit, wait, and chat before the awards ceremony. Staff member Sarah Grant provided the snacks and water from National Junior Honor Society and Jenni Dunlap's son, Max, and Kara Dirst's daughter, Kate, worked the stand the entire time, collecting over \$60 for Highland's project, this year, The Sports Shed. Robin Kollman is working on a media summary regarding students' award and placement and will have the results shared in the days ahead.

Dr. Schumacher sincerely thanked Jenni, who was most gracious in her appreciation of assistance, and the many individuals involved in this exceptional event. It definitely does take a village.

There is no question that we provide exceptional opportunities for our students in District 70, and this offering and its connection the Highland Speech Club is, as Jenni puts it, "a little gem in our programs."

- E. As we head into the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Arts Month, Art Effects - an art exhibit celebrating selected works from students of Adler Park, Butterfield, Copeland Manor, Rockland and Highland Middle School begins with an opening reception this Thursday, March 2, 6:00pm–8:00pm, at Cook Memorial Library

The exhibit will be on display through March 30<sup>th</sup>. A special thank you goes to our creative, talented and inspirational art teachers, Alicia Sather, Cindi Sartain, Kathryn Bernard and Hilary Spector for supporting this ever growing and incredibly impressive event.

- F. On behalf of the Lake County Regional Superintendent of Schools Dr. Schumacher shared a letter of appreciation for those who participated in the Midwest Veterans Closet's Valentine for Veteran's Program. As stated, "Please be assured that all of the Veterans appreciate the teacher and children's efforts from District 70 in making this happen." The Valentines created miles of smiles and truly made our heroes feel special, remembered, and loved."

- G. On a terribly somber note, Dr. Schumacher shared condolences to our neighbors at Oak Grove School who, sadly, lost a very talented student today after suffering health concerns over the weekend. Alyssa Gillespie was very involved in a many activities within the school and community. It is certain that many of our Highland students may know her and have enjoyed her companionship on a local team. Thank you to Jon Hallmark for his sensitivity and support in working with leadership over at Oak Grove School and communicating so effectively regarding this sensitive situation. Two of our Highland Middle School social workers were sent to the school in support today, as well as tomorrow, a recommendation of Willow House, who assisted our Butterfield School community in the past, was recommended to the superintendent for additional guidance. A card of sympathy will be sent on behalf of the District 70 Board of Education, Administration and Staff.

### **PERSONNEL REPORT**

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

**RETIREMENT: Karen Davey**, Speech and Language Pathologist at Copeland, affirming letter received February 14, 2017, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

**RESIGNATION: Mia Wright**, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Butterfield, currently on Extended Leave, affirming notice received January 30, 2017, effective immediately. **EXTENDED**

**LEAVE: Katie Michols**, .5 FTE Interventionist at Copeland, effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

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 scheduled for approval this month.

### **FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES**

To accurately reflect recent legislation and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented changes to the following Board of Education Policy: **7:260 - Students:** Exemption from Physical Activity (Education).

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE**

Dr. Schumacher shared an update regarding District 70 Building, Grounds and Maintenance projects, plans and developments for school sites. A focus on standard maintenance ticket follow-through, February warmth causing heat challenges and tours for contractors addressing the Rockland School project.

### **HEALTH AND MOVEMENT UPDATE**

Health and Movement Update was showcased as aligned with the new D70 Five-Year Strategic Plan. Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Erik Youngman, shared a variety of activities that promote Social and Physical development as well as health and wellness awareness.

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

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

- A. Board President Tom Vickers, Board Sec. Pro Tem, Mrs. Schilling, and Superintendent Schumacher will be attending the IASB 2017 Lake Division Meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at North Chicago Community High School.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. A thank you was offered to Mrs. Schilling for attending the upcoming SEDOL Governing Board as well as the IASB Dinner Meeting follows, with board president.
- B. A thank you note was offered to the Board on behalf of the Adler staff for the Valentine's Day Luncheon held February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- C. The Board received an invitation to attend the HMS Classy Breakfast on Friday, March 3 at 8:15 a.m.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

- A. Mr. Vickers suggested to keep the April 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting as scheduled. A date will be set up solely for the Organizational meeting between April 25 and May 2.

**CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 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. Lucke, to enter out of Executive Session at 10:10 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 Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Vickers, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting 10:12 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Vickers, Board President

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Luke Stowe, Board Secretary