

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

February 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was held at the ERC on Monday, February 26, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Mr. Tom Vickers, Board President.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Grote, Mrs. Hoff, Mrs. Schilling and Mr. Vickers.

Absent: Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke.

Also present: Dr. Schumacher, Dr. Valentin, Dr. Youngman, 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 22, 2018, The Regular Meeting of January 22, 2018, and the Special Meeting of January 30, 2018 and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. Further that the minutes of the Executive Session of January 22, 2018 be approved and that they be maintained in a confidential file under such time as the Board of Education releases them by formal action. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORTS

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 309,705.58
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 122,592.05
C. DEBT SERVICE	\$ 61,406.31
D. BOND & INTEREST	\$
E. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 233,592.50
F. IMRF	\$
G. CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	\$ 207,626.90
H. IMPREST	\$ 6,010.76

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

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of January, 2018:

	<u>JANUARY 2018</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 1,684,469.30
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 97,741.28
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$
TOTAL:	\$ 1,782,210.58

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none at this time.

REPORT FROM DR. W. GUY SCHUMACHER

Dr. Schumacher reported on the following:

A. In light of another recent school shooting, Dr. Schumacher, again, took a moment and thanked all of our administration and staff for all that they do each and every day. He stated *“Education is not a battleground and educators did not go into the field thinking they would be protecting lives from armed gunmen. Our hearts go out to everyone at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. While here at home, I am grateful to all of our District 70 staff for their dedication, commitment, and contribution to providing safe school environments for all children to learn and grow, daily”*.

B. District 70 Without Borders

Though expressed in a formal announcement, Dr. Schumacher publicly expressed his sincere congratulations to Drs. Bongle, Hallmark and Poelking for defending their respective doctoral dissertation late last month. It was extraordinarily impressive to see our website and documents such as the Elementary Choral Concert program lined with an administration that carry the title Doctor of Education. He believe it says much about our school district, as a whole, and, again, he could not be more proud.

C. Congratulations Highland Administration and Staff

It was wonderful to receive word that Highland Middle School has been re-designated as a 2018 Illinois Horizons School to Watch. The site team shared that it was very impressed with the degree to which Highland Middle School has fulfilled the expansive criteria of the program. A national announcement will be made in March and Highland

will be honored at a gala event of the Association of Illinois Middle-Grade Schools during the National Schools to Watch Conference in Washington D.C., this summer.

D. School Messenger Works!

Dr. Schumacher reported that in a tabulated summary of the recent February 9 Snow Day, despite a few text glitches that are being addressed, there were 3,749 telephone contacts made, 3,247 emails delivered, and 1,626 SMS/texts confirmed. Needless to say, School Messenger, our District 70 emergency management contact system, is working efficiently. He expressed a special thank you to Pam Imholz for reviewing the findings and addressing any contact concerns.

E. C is for Caring and Compassion ♥

February is most definitely a month for an expression of care and appreciation. Dr. Schumacher received two beautiful letters, one from the Susan G. Komen breast cancer organization thanking District 70 for the contribution of \$685. Megan Rouse, Program Manager, writes, *“As a direct result of passionate, kindhearted fundraisers like yours, we move closer everyday to meeting our bold goal of reducing the current number of breast cancer deaths by 50% in the U.S., by 2026.”* She continues, *“We could not help as many people as we do, without your amazing support and continued commitment to our mission... You are More Than Pink!”* Signed, *yours in the fight, Megan.* A second letter was received from Ronald McDonald House Charities for the generous in-kind donation of candy and treats for families and children with complex medical needs.

Dr. Schumacher added by saying *“If anybody questions whether the support shown on behalf of our students and staff, from district-based Character Counts initiatives, to individual school-related causes, makes a difference, it is letters such as these that validate the difference made and the heartfelt appreciation expressed”.*

FOIA REQUESTS

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), recognized that several requests have been made within the last month. Steve Smart of the IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) Local 150 requests details of the Butterfield and Highland Middle School Solar Panel Project, including awarded contracts, certified payroll, affidavits contractor payouts and Certificate of Inspection. Christine Smith of Lake Zurich, organization affiliation unknown, requests the 2017 backflow inspection reports, including invoices. In addition, the request covers all fire sprinkler, fire alarm and hood range inspection and invoices, as well. LocalLabs, the publisher of Prairie State Wire, an online publication that reports on and informs the Illinois public about local government activities, requests copies of the current collective bargaining agreement between Libertyville District 70 and any organized labor collective bargaining unit. Additionally, they request electronic data with the following data points for all employees of Libertyville District 70 represented by any organized labor collective bargaining unit: First name, Middle name or initial, Last name, Department, Job title, Organized labor collective bargaining unit name, Government email address, School name and Salary. Also, Smartprocure has requested any and all purchasing records from October 2017 to present. Finally, an annual

request, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association seeks the name and email address of all District 70 teachers and administrators retiring in 2018.

PERSONNEL REPORT

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

RESIGNATION: **Katie Michols**, Interventionist at Copeland, currently on Extended Leave, effective immediately; **Angie Miller**, Paraeducator at Highland, affirming resignation received February 20, 2019, effective March 2, 2018. **CHANGE IN STATUS:** **Mary Jane Thureau**, from School Secretary at Rockland to Administrative Assistant to the Director of Special Services, effective February 5, 2018. **NEW EMPLOYMENT:** **Chris Edwards**, Paraeducator at Highland, effective February 13, 2018.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES 1:10, 1:20, 1:30, 4:170 and 4:175

Motion was made by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve Board Policies 1:10 – School District Legal Status, 1:20 – District Organization, Operation, and Cooperative Agreements, 1:30 – School District Philosophy, 4:170 – Safety and 4:175 – Convicted Child Sex Offender: Screening: Notifications, as they appear in Board Report No. 7.2, Exhibits A,B,C,D and E, respectively.

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

APPROVAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION BID

Motion was made by Mr. Grote, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education accept the bid and award the transportation contract to Lakeside Transportation for the years 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and mutual agreed upon extensions for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.

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

BOARD MEMBER ESTIMATED EXPENSE APPROVAL ITEM

Motion was made by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, that the Board of Education approve the estimated expenses to attend the NSBA Conference in April for Board Vice-President, Wendy Schilling, in the amount of \$2,277.52, as presented.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Coughlin, Mr. Grote, Mrs. Hoff, and Mr. Vickers. Mrs. Schilling abstained recusing herself to vote. Absent – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH FIRMS

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Coughlin, that the Board of Education select a vendor to guide the superintendent search, and subsequent contract approval at the March session.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Grote, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Vickers and Mr. Coughlin. Absent – Mr. Kennedy, Mrs. Lucke. Nays – Mrs. Hoff. All in favor. Motion carried.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES 3:10, 3:30, 3:40 and 8:10

To accurately reflect legislative actions and/or current District 70 practice, Dr. Bean presented updates to the following Board of Education Policies: **3:10 – General School Administration: Goals and Objectives**, **3:30 – General School Administration: Line and Staff Relations**, **3:40 – General School Administration: Superintendent** and **8:10 – Community Relations: Public Relations** (new title: Connection with the Community).

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS UPDATE

Dan Gilbert, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, shared a brief update of current projects, plans and development for school sites. Recent ceiling leaks were considered a primary focus.

WORLD LANGUAGE UPDATE

World Language Update, allowed for Dr. Erik Youngman to present a review of the D70 World Language program and recent implementation of study at the 5th grade level. Dr. Hallmark offered insight into positive growth of programming as it relates to the D70 Strategic Plan, while the impressive Highland Foreign Language Team; Justin Buehler, Kerstin Cholewin,

Jen Croner, Josè Diaz, Sara Raymond, and Amy Rollefson, took the board through an activity offering insight into developmental skill base of students in the program. A very special thank you was expressed to the presentation team and all that they have done to support World Language development in our schools.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT 9.1

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

- A. Superintendent, Dr. Guy Schumacher reminded the Board to plan on a training schedule in Spring on Board Governance with Dee Molinare, IASB Field Services Director.
- B. Board members, Mrs. Lucke and Mr. Grote, and Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Erik Youngman, will be attending the IASB 2018 Lake Division Meeting on March 14th at Mundelein High School.

- C. Board President, Mr. Vickers, and Board member, Mr. Coughlin, will be attending the Libertyville Leaders Workshop meeting at the Libertyville Civic Center on March 14th.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

- A. The Board received an invitation to attend the HMS Classy Breakfast on Friday, March 2 at 8:15 a.m.

OTHER ITEMS

- A. Board Vice-President, Mrs. Schilling, publicly thanked Robin Van Dyke’s 8th grade class at Highland Middle School for orchestrating a Fashion Exhibit. She had fun and found the students’ work very impressive.
- B. Filing for Statement of Economic Interest is now up and running. Board members and administrators are to provide a copy to Rose after filing.

CALL FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mrs. Hoff, to enter into Executive Session at 9:03 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee, pending litigation and/or collective negotiation matters.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Coughlin, seconded by Mr. Vickers, to enter out of Executive Session at 9:54 p.m.

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

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Grote, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting 9:57 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Vickers, Board President

Greta Hoff, Board Secretary