

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT PARK VIEW SCHOOL**

August 21, 2017

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Mark Thannert
George Karagozian
Lori Eslick
Paul Torres
Leah Kintner
Wayne Youkhana
Paul McGivern

Also present were Jenny Montgomery, Resident; Tina Ewanio, Payroll & Benefits Specialist; Chris Kennelly, Teacher; Michelle Friedman, Principal; Aaron Gross, Assistant Principal; Brian Galuski, Technology Director; Matthew Mayer, Director of Learning & Programs; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Erin O'Connor, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

***Audience
To***

Visitors

Jenny Montgomery, Resident – She expressed concerns about the hiring of two administrators and the district budget.

Brad Voehringer, Superintendent, offered to meet with her to review the data from which the decision was made.

***Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
7.17.17***

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on July 17, 2017 were distributed to Board Members prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Kintner to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on July 17, 2017.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Approval of
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannart to approve the deposits for the month of July 2017.

Textbooks	\$14.95
Medical Insurance	\$706.69
Rentals	<u>\$9,977.50</u>
TOTAL	\$10,699.14

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Approval of
Payables***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the payment of bills for the month of July 2017 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$263,403.17
Fund 20 - O&M	\$85,190.86
Fund 40 – Transportation	<u>\$23,203.21</u>
TOTAL	\$371,797.24

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Treasurer's
Report***

An unofficial year-to-date financial report was included in the Board Packet.

***Education
Report***

Matthew Mayer shared that he reached out to a number of school districts to schedule personalized learning visits in the fall. He mentioned that he will be forming a curriculum council in the next few weeks to review the curriculum audit that was recently completed. He shared that an initial group of staff has attended Professional Learning Community training, and the remaining staff will be trained throughout the course of the year. He mentioned that he is working to schedule a meeting with admin, social workers and psychologists to plan for the implementation of SEL curriculum. He stated that he has been in contact with Candice from NTDSE to schedule professional development for staff on using CHAMPS in their classrooms. He also mentioned that he has worked with Nawal to begin structuring the professional development and coaching that will be provided to staff throughout the year focused on full implementation of the Calkins writing.

Michelle Friedman shared that the mentor/mentee training for new teachers will be focused on building relationships with staff and students. She mentioned that the focus for Tuesday will be working in teams, and the focus for Wednesday will be the teacher evaluation system.

***Special
Education
Report***

None

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Brad Voehringer reported that the students come back on Wednesday and staff started today. He mentioned that the institute day today was focused on following the strategic plan, and staff members were given t-shirts with the new logo and the mission statement. He shared that the curriculum audit was completed and administration is now working on alignment. He reported that the District Details newsletter won an INSPIRA award for outstanding writing and newsletter. He also shared that there are a few vacancies left to fill and asked the board for permission for those staff members to start before the next board meeting with final approval at the September meeting.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

2017-2018 Enrollment Report as of August 16, 2017:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
M	483
F	<u>408</u>
TOTAL	891

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Requests

No requests have been received this month.

Policy Review

First Reading

Included in the board packet was a summary of policies that were recently reviewed by the Policy Committee. These represent a set of policies from PRESS issue 94. A summary of the policies with the changes and recommendations highlighted was also included in the board packet.

Brad Voehringer provided a brief overview of the notable policy updates.

Action Items

Sub Coop Agreement

A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the Substitute Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2017-18 school year.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Hiring School Secretary

A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the hiring of Mrs. Debra Lapasso as a school secretary.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Hiring Teaching Assistant

A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the hiring of Ms. Michelle Nelson as a full-time teaching assistant for the 2017-2018 school year.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

FMLA

A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Kintner to approve the FMLA leave for Kathy Curry from August 21, 2017 – September 22, 2017 for health reasons.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

IMRF Authorized Agent

A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the resolution allowing Mr. Voehringer to become the authorized agent for the district's IMRF account.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Resignation
Special Ed
Teacher***

A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Thannert to accept the resignation of Hallie Nissen effective immediately.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Old
Business***

None

***New
Business***

None

***Audience
To
Visitors***

Brian Galuski, Technology Director – He shared that Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are all being used to inform everyone about what is happening at District 70. He mentioned that teacher webpages are also being updated by using new tools that can be better viewed on a cell phone.

***Move to
Closed
Session***

At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Kintner to move to a closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Return to
Open
Session***

At 8:22 p.m. a motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to return to open session.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Action Items

Resolution for Dismissal

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the resolution for dismissal of educational support personnel employee for reasons other than reduction-in-force.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Adjournment A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Secretary

Approved by:



President