

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

April 20, 2020

This Meeting was conducted telemetrically using the Zoom webinar platform pursuant to [Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 No. 5](#)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present:

Paul McGivern
Mark Thannert
George Karagozian
Lori Eslick
Paul Torres
John Przekota
Wayne Youkhana

Members Absent:

None

Also present were Matt Condon, Principal; Erin Majchrowski, Business Services Coordinator; Brian Galuski, Director of Technology; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Jesse Chatz, School Communications Director SD 69,70, & 106; Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director of NTDSE; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Darcy Willis, Assistant Principal; Jody Shelist and Liz Frake, Teachers; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience

To

Visitors None

Approval of

Minutes

Regular Mtg.

3/16/20

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on March 16, 2020 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on March 16, 2020.

Roll Call: Members Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Przekota, Youkhana, and McGivern voted aye. Member McGivern abstained. Nays none. The motion carried.

Approval of Deposits

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the deposits for the month of March 2020.

Student Lunches	\$6,156.90
Teacher Lunches	\$ 87.50
Preschool Tuition	\$4,890.52
Student Fees	\$1,280.00
Rentals	\$972.50
Field Trips Buses – Reimbursement	<u>\$1,067.36</u>
TOTAL	\$14,454.78

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Przekota, 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 March 2020 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$146,692.51
Fund 20 - O&M	\$39,156.74
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$65,827.95
Fund 60 – Capital Projects	<u>\$146,489.40</u>
TOTAL	\$398,166.60

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Przekota, 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

Mr. Condon shared the positive results of the remote learning survey that was sent to parents. The district switched from Zoom to WebEx. There were no problems with Zoom, the district is just being proactive. Darcy Willis and Robert Allen have reached out to families not participating in remote learning at all. Most of them are lacking supplies which have since been provided to them. Mr. Condon is planning several activities which will focus on connectiveness with the students. He is also working on some ideas for graduation.

Dr. Mayer shared that the piloting of new math material is being postponed because the district will not be able to evaluate it. However, before schools closed, the staff was able to prioritize standards. The focus on remote learning is to keep it simple and stick to the essentials. Teachers are being asked to keep record of where the students are now and where they want them to be in the fall. Summer school may be an option either in person or remotely to fill in the gaps. Park View has been in contact with the high school and there will be no changes in placement. However, the district has asked the high school what they need from our students in order to start off in the fall.

***Special
Education
Report***

Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director of NTDSE stated that they are planning to move forward with the Molloy project. It will be voted on at the May meeting. The timeline may be altered and they are hoping to start next summer. It is a \$15 million dollar project and \$7 million will come from money that was previously set aside for the project. (Approximately \$800,000 will come from Morton Grove).

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Voehringer reported that the roof could be done the first week of May. Since schools will be closed the rest of the year, there are some projects which can be pushed up such as the restroom by the nurse's office, the new furniture in the computer lab and the carpet and paint. The district will be receiving a \$50,000 matching maintenance grant from ISBE. Mr. Voehringer stated that he meets with representatives from all government bodies in Niles Township every Tuesday at 10am to discuss the latest developments with COVID-19. Then the superintendents meet to discuss issues. One issue is the school is still filled with teacher and student items that need to be cleared out while still observing social distancing. Meals are still being distributed on Mondays and Wednesdays. Mr. Galuski is distributing iPads every Monday to the younger students, and instruments are being distributed as well. Mr. Galuski is also running the help desk which is mostly emails from parents with technology questions. Teachers have been taking attendance and if students have not checked in, their families are contacted. Mr. Voehringer will be speaking to the student teachers at Elmhurst College through Zoom.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

2019-2020 Enrollment Report as of March 31, 2020:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
M	471
F	<u>421</u>
TOTAL	892

***Lunchroom
Report***

3738 lunches were sold during the month of March 2020.

***FOIA
Request***

No FOIA requests were received.

***District
Guidance
Document***

Mr. Voehringer presented the district “Credo”. The board was happy with it but suggested it include a measuring tool. An evaluation component will be considered.

***Financial
Projections***

Mrs. Majchrowski presented financial projections to the board.

Action Items

***Board
Meetings
2020-2021***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the Board Meetings for 2020 – 2021.

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

***Transportation
Contract
Amendment***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the Transportation Contract Amendment as presented.

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

***Transportation
Contract
Extension***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the Transportation Contract Extension as presented.

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

***FY 21
Staffing***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the current level of staffing for the 2020-2021 school year.

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

***Administrator
Contracts***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Karagozian to approve a new multi-year contract for Mrs. Erin Majchrowski as presented.

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

***Administrator
Contracts***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by member Eslick to approve an amendment to Dr. Matthew Mayer's current multi-year contract as presented.

Roll Call: Members Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Youkhana, and McGivern voted aye. Members Thannert and Przekota voted nay. The motion carried.

***Approval of
Hiring***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the hiring of Ms. Ajete Kolari, an ELL teacher, for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

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

***Approval of
Hiring***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the hiring of Ms. Erin Cepa, a physical education teacher for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

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

***Old
Business***

None

New


Business Mr. Voehringer brought up a concern about preschool fees. The fee for preschool is \$675 per quarter and approximately half of the parents have not paid. Since the schools have been closed, the instruction has been virtual, but preschool is also about child care and that is not being provided. Mr. Voehringer wanted direction on if the district should try to collect these fees. Member Thannert recommended that the district not collect the fees, refund the parents who have paid, and continue the virtual learning. The board concurred. There was also a suggestion that parents who have paid can roll the payment forward to next year. There are also some student and technology fees which have not been paid and the district sent reminders today. The total in unpaid fees is \$1,315.

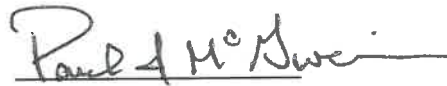
Audience

To

Visitors None

Adjournment A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.


Secretary

Approved by: 
President