

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

October 21, 2019

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

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

Also present were Muhammad Rizwan, resident; Gina Siemieniec, ECRA Group; Erin Majchrowski, Business Coordinator; Rob Allen, Assistant Principal; Matthew Condon, Principal; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Tina Ewanio, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Audience
To
Visitors*

None

*Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
9.16.19*

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on September 16, 2019 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 September 16, 2019.

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

*Approval of
Deposits*

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the deposits for the month of September 2019.

Student Lunches	\$16,321.60
Staff Lunches	\$319.50
Student Fees	\$5,300.00
Preschool Tuition	\$15,825.00
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	\$2,791.49
Other Local Revenue	<u>\$12,465.97</u>
TOTAL	\$53,023.56

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 September 2019 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$159,397.54
Fund 20 - O&M	\$43,809.67
Fund 40 – Transportation	<u>\$83,141.78</u>
TOTAL	\$286,348.99

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

Dr. Gina Siemieniec from the ECRA group provided an overview of the data analytic model being used by the district for student growth and achievement. She also noted the strong performance from last school year. She commented that whatever the district did last year that was different from prior years had a very positive impact on student achievement and growth. Dr. Mayer reported on the farmer’s market event and the *Those Who Excel Award* banquet. Mr. Condon reported on his participation in the Morton Grove 5K, *Race to the Taste*. He also shared information from the AVID presentation given to the 8th grade from Niles West. Upcoming reminders included the Halloween Parade on Oct. 31st at 1:45pm.

Special Education Report

Mr. Karagozian reported on key highlights from the Niles Township District for Special Education board meeting which included that Molloy applied for a grant with the Skokie foundation for their afterschool program and their proposed building construction. The superintendent and business manager plan to attend

participating schools' board meetings, Ms. Kendrick and Ms. Gavin will attend Morton Grove's Board Meeting in November.

Super-Intendent Report

Mr. Voehringer shared that the delegate assembly resolutions were available and he will review with the Board's Delegate prior to the Triple I Conference. He also reported that the Boy Scouts donated a tree to the school and they planted it by the district office. Mr. Condon and Mr. Allen were presented with a banner from the students and a gift from the Board of Education to show their appreciation and celebrate Illinois Principal Appreciation week, which is October 20 – 26, 2019.

Informational Items

Enrollment Report

2019-2020 Enrollment Report as of September 30, 2019:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
M	464
F	414
TOTAL	878

Lunchroom Report

8,309 lunches were sold during the months of August and September 2019.

FOIA Requests

Request received via mail on September 25, 2019 from DRG Holdings LLC. Response sent via email on September 30, 2019. No action is needed from the Board.

Tentative Levy

Mr. Voehringer presented the tentative tax levy to the board. Based on current factors presented at the Board meeting the District will be recommending that the Board levy 4.98% over the 2018 aggregate extension.

Board Member Thannert expressed that he would like the district to levy for the same dollar amount that was received last year. Mr. Thannert wanted to go on record that if the district recommends a 4.98% increase for the final levy he will vote no. Mr. McGivern expressed his concerns with levying for less revenues; his main concern was ensuring the district has enough revenues to cover expenses to avoid the possibility of a Referendum. The Business office will provide financial projections at a board meeting in the spring.

Action Items

***Resignation of
a Teacher's
Assistant***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the resignation of Jessica Kath, teacher's assistant, effective immediately.

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

***Resignation of
Food Service
Employee***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the resignation of Laticia Smith, food service employee, effective immediately.

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

***Hiring of
a Teacher's
Assistant***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the hiring of Naomi Kaplan, teacher's assistant, for the 2019 – 2020 school year.

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

***Hiring of
Food Service
Employee***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the hiring of Nick Janowiak, food service employee, for the 2019 – 2020 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*** None

Audience

To
Visitors None

Adjournment
To Closed
Session

A motion was made by Member McGivern to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21pm to closed session, For the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees for 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. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1); seconded by Member Thannert.


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


Reconvene
Regular
Meeting

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to reconvene the regular board meeting at 8:51pm.

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

Adjournment A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.


Secretary

Approved by: 
President