

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

March 15, 2021

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 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Members Absent:

John Przekota

Matt Condon, Principal; Kelly Allen and Darcy Willis, Assistant Principals; Katie Douglas, Coordinator of Special Education; Annie Byrne, Nurse; Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Brian Galuski, Director of Technology; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Laura Dounis, Kelli Murphy, Jennifer Summers, Jody Shelist, Katlin McShane, Andy Eckhorn-Martinez, Debbie Wiggins, Christine Pellum, Lisa Brody, Christina Botten, Maureen Levin, Jill Brocar, Sydney Starwalt, Jen Drozd-Nolan, Jane Melnick, Laura Matug, Vicki Goldberg, Cheryl Menke, and Tracy Paskiewicz. Also in attendance were Kristey Chalabi, and Jeremy and Stephanie Wilson.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Audience
To
Visitors
Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
2/17//2021
Committee of*

None

***The Whole
Meetings
2/22/2021
3/1/2021
3/8/2021***

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on February 17, 2021, and the Committee of the Whole Meetings from February 22, 2021, March 1, 2021, and March 8, 2021 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on February 17, 2021, and the Committee of the Whole Meetings from February 22, 2021, March 1, 2021, and March 8, 2021.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Youkhana, and McGivern voted aye. 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 February 2021.

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| Student Fees | <u>\$3,858.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$3,858.00 |

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Eslick, Torres, Youkhana, and McGivern voted aye. Karagozian abstained. 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 February 2021 presented in fund totals as follows:

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Fund 10 - Education | \$79,414.59 |
| Fund 20 - O&M | \$42,672.08 |
| Fund 40 - Transportation | <u>\$30,631.24</u> |
| TOTAL | \$152,717.91 |

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, 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. Mayer reported that the testing window has been moved back and that most of April and May will be spent administering MAP, ACCESS, and IAR tests. These are Federal and State mandated tests. There are no waivers and if less than 95% of students take the test, the district may be penalized on the school report card.

Students have to take the ACCESS and IAR tests in person. ISBE came out with new guidelines that students must be 3 feet apart (6 feet when eating) so this will be a challenge to get all the students back in the school.

The district is working on having a normal summer school as well as a virtual summer school. This will be no cost to the families as it will be paid for with Federal funds.

Mr. Condon shared pictures of the Find the Warrior visits throughout the community. He said kids were very excited to see Wally the Warrior show up at their house. There was a lot of participation.

For the institute day on March 1st, the elementary grades focused on the 15 day challenge unit planning. The teachers determined what they want the students to know in 15 days and worked on ways to get them there. They also worked on model PLC (professional learning communities). The middle school teams worked on refining and improving their PLCs. Mr. Condon expressed a special thank you to parent Tim Cottini for providing lunch for the entire staff for institute day.

Mr. Condon shared some upcoming dates: May 26th is graduation, and the district is planning something similar to last year. April 8th is eighth grade pictures. May 12 and 13 is an outdoor band and orchestra concert.

***Special
Education
Report***

There were some personnel contract renewals and on March 3rd the special bond sale was completed. Project dates and deadlines are being set for the construction project.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Voehringer shared that workers' compensation claims had another good year and our rates will decrease. A three to five year trend analysis will be presented in June.

The school board election is April 6th and the new board has to be seated between 21 and 28 days after the election. The district can keep the original meeting on April 19th and have an additional meeting to seat the new board or it can move its April meeting back. The board decided to have one meeting and the April 19th meeting will be changed to Wednesday, April 28th. This meeting will be held virtually.

New guidance was released from ISBE and the IDPH on Tuesday, March 9th. It stated that students can stay 3 feet away (6 feet when eating). The school can fit more students so the district will be allowing remote families the option to come

back after spring break. The number of students that can come back depends on the grade. Some grades have more in-person students than others and some classrooms can fit more students than others. By the end of April all staff who want to be vaccinated will be. The new guidance also allows immunized staff to be 3 feet away from students. In the fall, the district will no longer have to precertify staff and students or take temperatures.

Mr. Voehringer has a transportation meeting tomorrow to discuss the contract extension.

Informational Items

Enrollment Report

2020-2021 Enrollment Report as of February 26, 2021:

| | <u>PreK-8</u> |
|-----------|---------------|
| PreK-5 | 549 |
| 6-8 | <u>289</u> |
| TOTAL | 838 |
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| In-person | 424 |
| Remote | <u>414</u> |
| | 838 |

Lunchroom Report

2700 lunches were sold during the month of February.

FOIA Requests

Request received via email on February 11, 2021 from ABC7. Response sent via email on February 16, 2021. No action is needed from the Board.

Action Items

Approval of Policies

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by member Thannert to approve the policies.

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

Dismissal of First Year Probationary

Teachers A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by member Karagozian to approve the dismissal of first year probationary teachers.

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

**Dismissal of
Part-time
Teachers**

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by member Thannert to approve the dismissal of part-time teachers.

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

**Approval of
Teacher
Resignation**

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by member Eslick to approve the resignation of Tiffany Bugara effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**Approval of
Teacher
Resignation**

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by member Thannert to approve the resignation of Justin Haretoun at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

**Old
Business**

None

**New
Business**

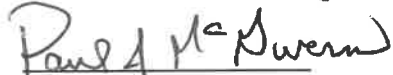
There was a discussion about reopening plans for all students.

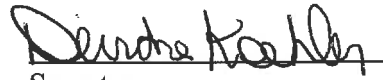
**Audience
To
Visitors**

Kristey Chalabi asked Mr. Condon if there would be a parade of teachers like last year. Mr. Condon said he is considering it and will get communication out soon.

Adjournment A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Torres to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Approved by:


President


Secretary