

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

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

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

Members Absent:

None

Seventy six people were in attendance virtually; including Matt Condon, Principal; Erin Majchrowski, Business Services Coordinator; Brian Galuski, Director of Technology; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Audience
To
Visitors* None

*Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
6/15/20*

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on June 15, 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 June 15, 2020.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Przekota, and McGivern voted aye. Youkhana 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 June 2020.

Student Fees	\$1,105.00
Student Lunches	\$76.30
Preschool Tuition	\$2,400.00
Other Local Revenue	\$900.00
NTDSE Room Rental	\$15,000.00
Regular Transportation – Taxi	\$2,685.49
School Maintenance Grant	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$72,166.79

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

Approval of Payables

Mr. Voehringer shared with the board that some invoices were paid on behalf of MCC which are reimbursed through the Title 1 grant. A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the payment of bills for the month of June 2020 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$112,728.73
Fund 20 - O&M	\$39,595.13
Fund 30 - Debt Service	\$250.00
Fund 40 - Transportation	\$28,413.98
Fund 60 - Capital Projects	<u>\$85,796.40</u>
TOTAL	\$266,784.24

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

None

Special Education Report

None

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

The Superintendent Report consisted of the Fall Transition to school report. This will be completed later with a resolution.

***Informational
Items***

***FOIA
Requests***

No FOIA requests were received.

Fall Transition

Framework

The purpose of this report is to get feedback from the board, staff, and parents. In March, the pandemic began and all schools went to remote learning. The staff did an outstanding job. In early June, Illinois went into Phase 4 and on June 24th guidance from ISBE and the Illinois Department of Public Health was received. The guidance stated that schools are encouraged to open in person as long as they can comply with social distancing, wearing masks, gatherings of no more than 50 people, temperature checks or self-certification, and extra cleaning and disinfecting. A task force has been created and includes two union presidents, a board member, a communications director, and a facilitator. The purpose of this task force is to ask guiding questions. There are three subcommittees; Teaching and Learning, Health and Safety, and Operations and Facilities. Thirty staff members have volunteered and there are parents and administrators on each committee.

A parent survey was sent out to get a sense of what the community wants. Four hundred parents responded. The results were 56% want in person instruction and 44% want remote instruction. If parents choose remote instruction the commitment is for the entire semester. If parents choose in person instruction, they can change their mind, but then they cannot change their mind to come back to in person instruction until the next semester.

Everyone will have remote instruction until Labor Day. In person instruction will begin after Labor Day. Students will gradually be transitioned to school with all students who elect in person instruction being in school by the end of September. In person instruction will take place from 8:20am to 12:20pm. There will be no lunch. Staff will move from classroom to classroom. There will be one hour of virtual instruction from 1pm to 2pm each day. Middle school students will have a homeroom with a block schedule. Special education and related services and transportation will be addressed. However, only 24 students will be allowed on a bus. Specials, such as art, and physical education will push into the classroom. The district does not want students moving around the building. There will be AM kindergarten only and it will be the normal hours. Preschool will also be normal hours. Students who chose remote learning will have a structured day with a similar schedule. There will be no rugs or extra furniture. All guidelines will be followed, i.e. masks, self-certifying temperature, social distancing, etc.

There will be detailed communication to staff and parents sent out on Tuesday, July 21st. There will be a staff meeting on Wednesday, July 22nd. Parents have until July 31st to make a decision. If the district does not hear from parents by then, the students will be enrolled in the in person instruction. The parents can then choose to opt for remote learning. Grading and attendance will be built into the plan.

There will be a hotline for parents following the Illinois Department of Public Health guidance.

Action Items

Approval of FY21 Tentative Budget

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the FY21 Tentative Budget as presented.

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

Approval of Policies

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the policies in the board packet.

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

Approval of Resignation

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the resignation of Hannah Barry, Technology Integration Coach, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 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 Youkhana to approve the hiring of Kelly Allen, Assistant principal, 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

Member Eslick thanked the board for their work on the Superintendent evaluation.

**New
Business** None

**Audience
To
Visitors**

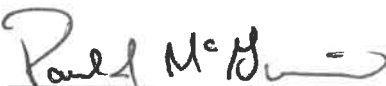
Jacob Seal, resident – will classroom cap limits be enforced? Yes.

Jody Shelist, union representative – thank you to all the parents and students who helped with this process.

Kelli Murphy, teacher – this is a stressful time but if we all work together, we can do great things.

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 7:46 p.m.


Secretary

Approved by: 
President

