

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

September 21, 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 7:01 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Twenty four people were in attendance virtually; including Jody Shelist, Connie Schroeder, Deborah Wiggins, Maureen Levin, Tracy Paskiewicz, teachers; Matt Condon, Principal; Kelly Allen and Darcy Willis, Assistant Principals; 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. Also in attendance were Laura Dounis, Jeremy Wilson and Anahid Karagozian.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Audience
To
Visitors* None

*Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
8/17/20*

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on August 17, 2020 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 August 17, 2020.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Przekota, 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 August 2020.

Student Fees	\$24,570.00
Preschool Fees – Deposit Refund	-300.00
Student Lunches	\$938.30
Other Local Revenue – iPad Sales	\$15,850.75
Food Service Dues - Refund	<u>\$152.50</u>
TOTAL	\$41,211.55

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 August 2020 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$131,577.39
Fund 20 – O&M	\$35,624.48
Fund 60 – Capital Projects	\$27,220.00
Fund 80 – Tort Immunity	<u>\$4,694.00</u>
TOTAL	\$199,115.87

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. Mayer shared that MAP testing was completed the first two weeks of school and was done remotely. The results were uploaded to ECRA. They have a new algorithm that will determine student achievement loss due to the shutdown. A staff survey was sent out to determine what will be needed relating to professional development. A parent survey was sent as well and the results were overwhelmingly supportive. This will also be used to plan professional development. The district is in contact with the Learning Technology Center of Illinois to help interpret the results and plan for future development. Betsy

DeVos, the U.S. Secretary of Education stated that there will be no waiver of federally mandated testing. The students will be taking the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, which replaced the PARCC test, in mid-April. The Professional Learning Communities work which was taking place prior to the pandemic will pick up and move forward. The state has issued a new curriculum document with focus areas. Teachers will use this in conjunction with the standards they already have. Dr. Mayer is attending the Illinois Bilingual Directors Conference this week.

Mr. Condon reported that he and Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Willis are attending PLC meetings and are auditing classrooms. Mr. Condon stated that they need parent feedback so they can focus on growth areas. The transition with the students back in the building has been going well and there have been very few issues.

***Special
Education
Report***

Member Karagozian reported that there have been many new hires so there was a new staff orientation. Their reopening plan is similar to ours.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Voehringer congratulated the newly tenured staff: Annemarie Byrne, Andrew Eckhorn-Martinez, Brittany Graber, Laura Hansen, Jennifer Hestrup, Rebecca Kovacs, Chelsea Massari, Jennifer Oats, Jennifer Summers, and Elizabeth Teresi. Board members Ms. Eslick and Mr. Youkhana were congratulated for attaining Level II Master Board status through the Illinois Association of School Boards. For the 4th year in a row, the district received awards for outstanding achievement in communications: the “District 70 Details”, “The Condon Catch-up”, and the “This is Park View” video all received awards.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

2020-2021 Enrollment Report as of September 16, 2020:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
PreK-5	544
6-8	<u>289</u>
TOTAL	833

***Policy
Review
First
Reading***

A summary of policies was provided to the policy committee for review prior to the meeting. Mr. Voehringer gave a brief summary of the policies. Policies will be presented to the board for adoption at the October board meeting.

***FOIA
Requests***

No FOIA requests were received.

Public Hearing

At 7:30pm the Board held a Public Hearing regarding the FY21 final budget.

Mrs. Majchrowski presented an overview of the FY21 budget. She shared that the budgeted revenues are \$14,822,923 and the budgeted expenditures are \$15,168,102. The expenditures exceed the revenues by \$345,179 (including \$346,000 spent on capital projects). Revenues are up from last year by \$145,000 and that is a conservative estimate. Expenses decreased by \$316,000 due to a decrease in capital projects. The ending fund balance is projected to be \$17,361,168 (which is \$345,179 lower than last year due to capital projects).

The public hearing adjourned at 7:39pm.

Action Items

FY21 Budget A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the 2020 – 2021 Final Budget.

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

***Approval of
Resolution***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the resolution reimbursing the transfer from the working cash fund to the education fund.

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

***Approval of
Agreement***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Morton Grove Park District regarding use of the parking lot.

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 Michael Hoffman, a Teacher's Assistant, effective September 25th.

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

Old Business

The topic of future board meetings was discussed. Mr. Voehringer pointed out that the return to learn plan specifies that no one is in the building that does not have to be. It was also pointed out that attendance has been up since the board meetings have been virtual. This allows more members of the community and staff to attend. The only downside is that celebrations do not translate well remotely. The board agreed to keep the board meetings remote until further notice. The Skokie Department of Public Health also agreed that if meetings can be held virtually, we should continue to do so to not put people at unnecessary risk.

New Business

None


Audience To Visitors


None

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 8:02 p.m.

Approved by:


President


Secretary

