

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

August 16, 2021

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

Pamela Alper
Paul Torres
Jeremy Wilson
Paul McGivern
George Karagozian
John Przekota

Members Absent:

Mark Thannert

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brian Galuski, Director of Technology; Matt Condon, Principal; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Kelly Allen, Assistant Principal; AnneMarie Byrne, nurse; Jill Brocar, secretary; and Chris Kennelly, Sue Jonota, and Jennifer Hestrup; teachers. Yvette Borrego was also present. The ECRA staff was also in attendance to present the results of our Achievement Status and Academic Growth.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience
To
Visitors None

Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
7/19/2021

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on July 19, 2021 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 19, 2021.

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

***Approval of
Minutes
Closed
Meeting
7/19/2021***

Copies of the Minutes from the Closed Meeting from July 19, 2021 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the Minutes of the Closed Session on July 19, 2021.

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

***Approval of
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the deposits for the month of July 2021.

Student Fees	\$3,885.00
Summer School	\$385.00
Student Lunch	\$60.00
Refunds	\$56.02
TOTAL	\$4,386.02

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, and Karagozian voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Approval of
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the payment of bills for the month of July 2021 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$222,330.44
Fund 20 - O&M	\$64,724.87
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$5,604.12
TOTAL	\$292,659.43

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, and Karagozian voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Treasurer's
And Business
Report***

Mrs. Majchrowski presented the treasurer's report. She explained that the fund balances were higher last year at this time because the property tax bills were received sooner last year.

***Education
Report***

Mr. Condon discussed the new teacher orientation. It included the new teacher from this year and the new teachers from last year since they did not get a real orientation in the building due to COVID. The orientation included a tour of Park View and of Morton Grove because it's important to know the community. Student ambassadors are four 8th grade students who are giving tours to new students. They showed them what to expect and what the lunchroom will look like. Wednesday, August 18th is Kindergarten orientation. Teacher Institute Days are Thursday and Friday, August 19th and 20th. The first day of school is August 23rd. There is a back to school bash on August 17th and Mr. Condon, Mrs. Allen, and Mrs. Willis will be in the dunk tank. Mr. Condon also shared that a comprehensive back-to school letter will be going out to parents this week.

Dr. Mayer introduced Dr. Gina Siemieniec from the ECRA group who presented on student performance from the 2020-2021 school year. She explained what the data shows. Proficiency references attainment at one point in time. Growth examines how much students learn across multiple assessments over time. Growth is how a student performed relative to all other students with the same performance history. ECRA also studies unfinished learning due to COVID. The objectives are to quantify the magnitude of unfinished learning due to COVID school closures and remote learning and to develop a framework for school leaders to drive growth recovery. The conclusions of the ECRA analysis are that District 70 academic growth is consistent with pre-pandemic rates despite COVID. Some student groups have more unfinished learning than others. Students attending school in-person have less unfinished learning than students learning remotely. District leaders are planning for learning recovery by using personalized learning and monitoring, response to intervention, district and school improvement, and program evaluation. Seventy five to eighty five percent of the students took the test.

***Special
Education
Report***

Member Alper shared the special education report. NTDSE extends a thank you for the satellite and new classroom. They are considering requiring all of their staff to be vaccinated because a large percentage of their student population is medically fragile. They presented their budget and it is on their website. Mrs. Alper also gave information about SEED training and the bid process for renovations at Molloy School. The bid opens August 27th for the Molloy project.

Super-Intendent Report

Mr. Voehringer gave a presentation of the board approved CREDO and the overview of the return to learn procedures that are in place. The CREDO was developed as an extension of the strategic plan. The purpose is for kids to come and learn at high levels. Not everyone will learn at the highest level, but they will learn at the level that is highest for them. The CREDO includes Excellence through professional development and the PLC process. The CREDO includes Character by partnering with the Kenneth Young Centers to help with social emotional development and using 8th grade students as ambassadors. There are class meetings and students' achievements are recognized. The CREDO includes Stewardship through achieving the highest financial recognition by ISBE. The CREDO includes Community. The district wants to go back to indoor activities but has to see how things go first.

Mr. Voehringer also presented the return to learning plan. All students will come back to school full time per ISBE and IDPH guidance. The district will also follow the guidelines set out to stay safe during COVID. Students will wear masks inside all day. When possible, they will remain 3 feet apart. Lunch is grab and go. There will be no hot lunches. The district has procedures in place in case a student has to be quarantined. There will be buses in the morning and afternoon. There will be after school care but it is limited to 35 students. Kinder-Odyssey will be at the Park District until October and then it will be in the building by the pool in Harrer Park. The school will limit who comes into the building and there will be no large indoor gatherings. IESA and the Little 9 Conference makes the rules about sports and the district will follow those rules. There will be masks indoors and no spectators. There will be limited spectators outside. Clubs are back but only ones sponsored by district staff. As long as mitigation rules are followed, clubs and sports can continue.

Informational Items

FOIA Requests None

2020-2021 EIS Salary & Benefits Report. The 2020-2021 EIS Salary & Benefits Report was included in the board packet and will be posted on the website.

***Action
Items***

***Approval of
Morton Grove
School District 70
e-Learning
Program
Plan***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Alper to approve the Morton Grove School District 70 e-Learning Program Plan which allows the district to use e-learning in lieu of having an emergency day. Using emergency days extends the school year, e-learning does not.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, and Karagozian voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Approval of
FY22 Tentative
Budget***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the FY22 Tentative Budget.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, and Karagozian voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Approval of
Student Fees***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the student fees including an iPad fee of \$30 that will be added for primary students for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, and Karagozian voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Approval of
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the resignation of Iryna Mysko, teacher assistant.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, and Karagozian voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

***Old
Business***


Member McGivern asked if there would be an evaluation process for Kenneth Young. Mr. Voehringer said that details are still being hammered out for what it will look like. But we will establish a monitoring system.

*New
Business* None

*Audience
To
Visitors* None

Adjournment At 8:06pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to move to adjourn. All members were in favor.

Approved by:



President



Secretary