

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

**March 20, 2023**

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

George Karagozian  
Paul Torres  
Mark Thannert  
Pamela Alper  
Kate Pichon  
Jeremy Wilson

**Absent:**

Paul McGivern

Matt Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Matt Condon, Principal; Jacquelyn Le-Mon, Assistant Principal; Jill Brocar, Principal Secretary; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Connie Schroeder, Kate McBrien, Justine Reich, Danielle Faubert, and Chrissy Botten. Also in attendance was Dr. Gary Zabilka.

***Audience***

***To***  
***Visitors***       None

***Approval of***  
***Minutes***  
***Regular Mtg***  
***2/22/23***

Copies of the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on February 22, 2023 were included in the Board Packet. A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 22, 2023.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, Torres, and Karagozian voted aye. Member Wilson abstained. Nays none. 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 February 2023.

Preschool Tuition	\$2,410.00
Student Lunch	\$14,360.14
School Fees	\$670.00
Rebates and Refunds	\$205.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,645.81</b>

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

***Approval of  
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Karzgozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the payables for the month of February 2023. A board member conference reimbursement was included.

Fund 10 – Education	\$129,121.16
Fund 20 - O&M	\$78,040.95
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$99,068.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$306,230.92</b>

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

***Education  
Report***

Mr. Condon shared information about International Night. Approximately 700 community members attended. He thanked Mrs. Arias, Ms. Hussaini, Mrs. Sulic, and Ms. Wiggins. He also stated that the Springfield trip was a success. Last Friday was Coffee with Mr. Condon. The new principal, Mr. Wawczak was also there. The discussion was about tradition and branding for Park View.

Ms. Le-Mon, Mrs. Schroeder, Ms. Faubert, Mrs. Reich, Mrs. McBrien, and Mrs. Botten shared a presentation about the recent professional development opportunity they attended. It was a workshop with a book study of "Yes We Can!" which is about general and special education teachers collaborating in a Professional Learning Community. The focus was revisiting prioritized standards

in the units of study remaining for this school year and making adjustments by asking: Does everyone clearly understand the standard and what students should know and be able to do? Do the current assessments align with the standard and its rigor? Is there clear learning progression with appropriate scaffolds? Then there is a need to reflect on this year's units to think about next steps for planning summer work with PLC and planning next year's work on units with PLCs. One important takeaway from the conference was ensuring all special education teachers are recognized as teachers in the classroom. In order to do this, the department wants to rebrand themselves to help with this recognition. Along with rebranding, the department would like to carve out more time to reunite and work on vertical articulation and standards-based IEP goals. PLCs need continued time to vertically articulate with one another in order to align common strategies and resources, and consider the learning progression of standards based upon the previous and next grade level standard. The district is doing great things already and these steps will help to continue in the right direction.

Dr. Mayer reported that students in third through eighth grades will be taking the Assessment of Readiness when the students return from spring break. He also reported that Carol Gibbs, the EL expert, will be in the building tomorrow to work with the EL leadership team on professional learning planning for the district. Dr. Mayer met with Mrs. Kerr, the Professional Learning and Curriculum Director to go over their transition.

***Special  
Education  
Report***

Member Alper gave the NTDSE update that included information about the Articles of Agreement revisions. Tarin Kendrick and Kathy Gavin will be at next month's board meeting to go over them. She also mentioned that they completed their EL audit and North Cook audit which went over their practices. NTDSE is also evaluating staffing and fees for service for next school year. They are in negotiations because the current Collective Bargaining Agreement expires in June.

***Super-  
Intendent  
Report***

Mr. Voehringer reminded the Board about completing their Statement of Economic Interests by May 1<sup>st</sup> and that spring break is next week. He shared that there will be some projects going on in the building.

Dr. Gary Zabilka gave a presentation on SuperEval which is a tool for board members to evaluate the Superintendent.

***Informational  
Items***

***Enrollment  
Report***

There were 882 students enrolled as of February 28, 2023.

***Lunch  
Report***

There were 6245 lunches sold in February 2023.

***FOIA  
Requests***

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests in February 2023.

***Action  
Items***

***Approval  
Of  
Leave of  
Absence  
Request***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the leave of absence request for Brittany Graber for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the hire of Sarah Nelson as a teacher aide for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

***Approval  
Of  
Honorable  
Dismissal***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the honorable dismissal of a part-time first year teacher for reasons other than reduction in force pursuant to Section 24-11 of the School Code.

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

**Approval  
Of  
Resignation**

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the resignation of Jessica Kahn, School Media Specialist.

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

**Approval  
Of  
Resignation**

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the resignation of Lily Ruklick, fourth grade teacher.

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

**Approval  
Of  
MOU**

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the MOU with the Park View Council of Teachers. The District is offering course work for qualified staff in order for them to earn an Illinois teaching endorsement for English as a Second Language (ESL). The MOU establishes the process of application for the program and details regarding a promissory note that staff members will need to sign if they are selected for the program. The District will cover the costs of registration and materials for the courses necessary.

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

**Old  
Business**

Mr. Voehringer reviewed the Morton Grove School District 70 Board Agreements. He reviewed the highlights of the recent Board development workshop that was held in February. He reiterated that a board meeting is a business meeting held in public. There are two chances for the public to comment; once in the beginning of the meeting for items on the agenda, and once at the end of the meeting for anything else. It is not a town meeting and there is not a dialogue between the board and the public. There is a chain of command which the board uses to communicate with staff and public.

**New  
Business**

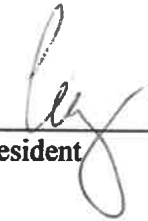
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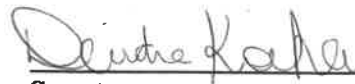
**Audience  
To  
Visitors**

None

**Adjournment** At 7:55pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:

  
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President

  
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Secretary