

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

November 14, 2022

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

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

Absent:

Paul Torres

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Matt Condon, Principal; Mark Schwarz, Assistant Principal; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Jessica Kahn. Gina Siemieniec from the ECRA Group was also in attendance to give a presentation on student achievement.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience
To
Visitors None

Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg
10/17/22

Copies of the Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on October 17, 2022 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 17, 2022.

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

***Approval of
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the deposits for the month of October 2022.

Preschool	\$3,375.00
Student Lunch	\$18,078.35
Adult Lunch	\$68.80
School Fees	\$19,202.00
Picture rebate	\$93.64
Taxi reimbursement	\$400.00
TOTAL	\$41,217.79

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

***Approval of
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the payables for the month of October 2022.

Fund 10 – Education	\$75,344.39
Fund 20 - O&M	\$54,699.07
Fund 30 – Debt Service	\$75,632.25
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$98,225.49
TOTAL	\$303,901.20

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She reported that the fund balance is lower this year because the district still does not have any tax revenue yet, but hopefully it will be seeing that soon. She shared that the district received the \$50,000 construction grant from the state. That will be applied toward the next section of the roof project.

Mrs. Majchrowski also presented the 2022 tax levy. Funds must be levied by the district. Property taxes account for approximately 76% of the district's revenue. The determination is established through the adoption of the tentative tax levy at the November meeting. If the taxing agency's current year's tax levy request is greater than 5% of the prior year's extension, proper notice must be published in a newspaper and a public hearing must be held prior to adoption. The district is

asking for a 7.95% increase to capture all new property. CPI is 5%, the levy request is 7.95%, and the actual levy increase is predicted to be approximately 5.25%. If the levy is set too low, lost money is foregone in the first year and compounds significantly in every future year and it can never be caught up because the annual increase is limited by PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law).

Mrs. Majchrowski also reported that the district will be using a new credit card. The district currently uses Fifth Third Bank for the P-Card, but there have been several issues with reporting and payment, and the district should have a card with better controls. BMO Harris has a partnership with IASBO and works with many school districts across the country. They seem to know what districts need and this would be a better option. The resolution that needs to be approved to make the switch to BMO is included in the board packet.

Education Report

Dr. Siemieniec from the ECRA group, presented the student achievement report. She went over academic proficiency, academic growth, student groups, projection-based goals, and a summary.

Dr. Siemieniec's ECRA summary reported that ELA and math proficiency levels are lower in 2022 compared to 2019, but relative performance against other school districts in Illinois increased. The District has a percentage of students meeting state standards that is the same or better than 81 percent of Illinois schools in ELA and 79 percent in math. The average students in the district perform at the 70th national percentile in reading, and the 68th national percentile in math. Overall, academic growth is significantly higher in math, and in the expected range for ELA, compared to pre-pandemic rates. Some student groups have higher than expected growth in math, but continued focus is needed to accelerate growth for students with IEPs, specifically in ELA. Students with better attendance rates had higher proficiency rates overall, and significantly higher growth in math compared to students with excessive absences.

Of the 9 districts in Niles Township, Park View student performance is 1st in mathematics on the IAR and tied for 3rd in ELA.

Mr. Condon described how the district uses student data in the PLC process. He referred to the book *Handbook for Response to Intervention*. He described how teams meet and set benchmarks every 8 to 10 weeks. Tier 1, Tier II, and Tier III students are discussed. Tier 1 students get instruction right away. Tier III students have IEPs or 504 plans. Tier II students need a little more instruction or need to be retaught a different way. After 8 to 10 weeks, the teams discuss what they have done and what they can continue to do for the students. Instructional technology is used.

***Special
Education
Report***

Mrs. Alper reported that the articles of agreement are coming along. Two of the three committees have met and the third committee will meet on November 16th. Then in January through March each school district will vote on them. NTDSE will attend district board meetings if that is desired and they will offer tours of NTDSE with the new construction. The next meeting is January 12th.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Voehringer reported that the Joint Annual Conference, which is sponsored by the Illinois Association of School Boards, begins at 11am on Friday, November 18th. He and Mr. Condon, along with most board members, will be attending.

Mr. Voehringer also reported that a survey link was sent to all parents and staff to determine the desired characteristics for the new principal. That data is being used to screen candidates and develop interview questions. The search firm will begin screening candidates in early December. A slate of finalists will be interviewed after winter break. Parents, students, staff, and administration will interview candidates during the final round. The goal is to have an identified candidate by the end of January with a Board approved candidate at the February meeting.

Mr. Voehringer reported that the district is continuing to offer SHIELD Covid testing to interested students as a courtesy. The district will continue to offer it as long as it is free to the district.

Mr. Voehringer gave the newer board members (Mrs. Alper, Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Pichon) a copy of a book called *Cultures Built to Last: Systemic PLCs at Work*. He gave this book to the other board members before. He explained that PLC (Professional Learning Communities) is a continuous improvement framework.

Finally, Mr. Voehringer reminded everyone that the district is closed the week of Thanksgiving.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

There were 868 students enrolled as of October 31, 2022.

***Lunch
Report***

There were 5385 lunches sold in October 2022.

FOIA

Requests

There were no FOIA requests for the month of October 2022.

**Action
Items**

**Approval of
Tentative
Tax Levy
Resolution**

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the tentative tax levy resolution.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Wilson, McGivern, and Karagozian voted aye. Member Thannert voted nay. The motion carried.

**Approval of
Procurement
Card
Resolution**

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the new procurement card resolution.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Thannert, Pichon, Wilson, McGivern, 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 hiring of Gary Covington as a part-time custodian for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

**Approval
Of Title I
School
Wide
Waiver**

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Title I School Wide Waiver. For the last six school years, the district has submitted a waiver to the Illinois State Board of Education that afforded the district much more flexibility on how Title I funds are utilized. The district has this option because the low income percentages fall between 21 and 40 percent.

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

Old Business None

New Business None


Audience To Visitors None

Move to Closed Session At 8:40pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to move to closed session. All members were in favor.

Return to Open Session At 9:05pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to return to open session. All members were in favor.

Adjournment At 9:06pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:


President


Secretary