

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

June 20, 2023

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

George Karagozian
Mark Thannert
Pamela Alper
Kate Pichon
Claudia Popielarczyk

Absent:

Paul Torres
Jeremy Wilson

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Matt Condon, Principal; Katie McKee, Special Education Coordinator; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. Bari Cohn from the Niles Township Treasurer's office was also in attendance.

***Audience
To
Visitors*** None

***Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg
5/15/2023***

Copies of the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on May 15, 2023 were included in the Board Packet. A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 15, 2023.

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

***Approval of
Minutes
Reorganization
Meeting
5/15/2023***

Copies of the minutes from the Reorganization Meeting on May 15, 2023 were included in the Board Packet. A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting on May 15, 2023.

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

***Approval of
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the deposits for the month of May 2023.

Preschool Tuition	\$2,625.00
Student Lunch	\$12,007.95
Adult Lunch.	\$5.00
School Fees	\$6777.00
Summer School	\$4,140.00
Taxi Reimbursement	\$5,100.00
Rebates and Refunds	\$5,351.09
TOTAL	\$36,006.04

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

***Approval of
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Karzgozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the payables for the month of May 2023.

Fund 10 – Education	\$58,891.19
Fund 20 - O&M	\$40,609.78
Fund 30 – Debt Service	\$250.00
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$106,231.59
TOTAL	\$205,982.56

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

The district received its renewal for workers' compensation coverage for next year from Assured Partners, (insurance brokers). The district will receive close to a 3% increase through Accident Fund starting in July. This comes to an estimate of \$25,300.

The finance committee met with Mr. Thannert and Mr. Wilson on June 8th to talk about the district's callable bonds. There would be an interest savings of \$15,900 for the district if they are paid off early. The recommendation from the committee is to present the information to the board at the August meeting for discussion and then bring it to the September meeting for final approval.

The facilities committee met with Mrs. Popielarczyk and Mr. Torres on June 5th to talk through some of the major capital projects that the district wants to complete in the next two years including the following: completing the final phase of the roof project which is the front office roof and mechanicals, upgrading the plumbing in the building, installing LED lighting, purchasing a generator for technology, installing a new intercom system, and installing the new chiller that was purchased.

***Education
Report***

Mr. Condon reported that the Kagan workshop went well. About 40 people participated. Kagan uses proven strategies to boost student learning and engagement. It is mostly for elementary school, but can be used for kindergarten through 12th grade. Kindergarten orientation will be held on August 15th. There will be a 6th grade orientation this year. There is a service learning club that will work with 6th and 7th graders on service opportunities in the community.

Mrs. McKee reported that summer school is going extremely well so far as students are heading into week two. The district is happy to be able to provide two sections of Getting Ready for Kindergarten and EL courses in addition to math and reading intervention classes. Overall attendance has been strong and the district is excited to be able to continue offering this program to students and families. The enrollment is around 100 students.

***Special
Education
Report***

Board Member Alper gave the NTDSE report. Summer school is at Meyer School and Edison School due to the Molloy Education Center construction. There was a presentation about the NTDSE's purchased services. NTDSE will no longer be the fiscal agent for the Early Childhood Alliance.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

On April 25th, the North Cook ROE #5/ISC #1 Compliance Team inspected the facilities, records, policies, programs, credentials, and curriculum to determine the Morton Grove School District 70 Recognition Status as outlined in the online IARSS/ISBE system. The ROE thanked Superintendent Voehringer and Assistant Superintendent Mayer for being readily available to answer questions and provide information.

The compliance team commended Morton Grove School District 70 on the following: the district has received model PLC (Professional Learning Communities) status which is a national recognition and D70 is one of 29 districts in the State to receive this status. This is an embedded philosophy that starts with the interview process and is built into the professional development that all staff members receive. The district added a buildings and grounds position in 2022-2023. Language Arts and Math adoptions have happened. A District 70 Credo document was created with five priorities to ensure all students learn at high levels. The Board of Education is supportive of the Credo document and all staff development is focused on the Credo's priorities. The district has moved from being 7th in the township to #1 in Math and #3 in ELA (out of 9 elementary districts). The Superintendent has built a solid team over the years and that will continue with an internal superintendent who takes over July 1, 2023. The systems that have been over the years and will continue to grow. Cameras have been installed in common areas throughout the school. The North Cook ROE #5/ISC #1 team found no areas of noncompliance.

The ROE found two areas for improvement: The concussion oversight team should meet annually and three evacuation drills instead of two should be completed annually. Some recommendations for the future include: full day kindergarten, and have the majority of teachers acquire their ESL endorsement in order to support students. The ROE has determined that Morton Grove School District #70 is in "FULL COMPLIANCE" and this recommendation will be forwarded to ISBE.

The district's annual report is almost finished. Once it is finalized it will be mailed to tax payers.

Mr. Voehringer received a communication from the Association of Illinois School Library Educators stating that we should have a certified librarian in the library. Mr. Voehringer responded that the new librarian is more than qualified.

Mr. Voehringer met with new board member, Mrs. Popielarczyk, to help with her transition onto the Board.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

There were 883 students enrolled as of June 2, 2023.

***Lunch
Report***

There were 7476 lunches sold from May 1st through June 1st, 2023.

***FOIA
Requests***

To whom it may concern, I am writing to you on behalf of Local Labs, which is an online publication that reports on and informs the citizens of Illinois about their local and state government activities. Please provide the following information:

Copies of all records (transactions, invoices, etc) and email correspondences with Lurie Children's Hospital from July 1st, 2022 to present day. Please provide the records in electronic format csv, xlx, or similar. Preferably transferred via email (you may just respond to this one) or an online file service (such as Dropbox). As a media organization requesting these records primarily for the benefit of the general public, we request that any fees be waived. Thank you for your prompt assistance in providing these records.

Kind regards, Vince Espi Local Labs

RESPONSE – Sent via email on May 10, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION – No action is needed from the Board.

To whom it may concern, I am a news reporter from Prairie State Wire, a media organization committed to providing comprehensive and accurate news coverage on local governmental affairs. I am requesting the following records under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, preferably in electronic format: Any contracts or agreements entered into between your school district and vendors providing Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) services from January 1st, 2019, to the present day. Invoices, payment records, or financial documentation related to payments made to DEI vendors during the specified period. Any reports, assessments, or evaluations conducted by DEI vendors, including their findings and recommendations. Communications, including emails, letters, and memos, exchanged between your school district and DEI vendors, discussing the provision of services or any related matters. As a member of the media, I qualify for media exemptions under FOIA, which entitles me to access certain records for news reporting purposes. Please let me know if you have any questions, Vince Espi Prairie State Wire

RESPONSE – Sent via email on June 13, 2023.

RECOMMENDATION – No action is needed from the Board.

***Action
Items***

***Approval
Of
Policies***

2nd Reading A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the PRESS policies changes that were presented.

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

***Approval
Of
FY24 Staffing
Plan***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the staffing plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

***Approval
Of
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the resignation of Olivia Hobson effective June 2nd, 2023.

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

***Approval
Of
Retirement***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the retirement request of Marika Mammias effective June 2nd, 2023.

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

***Approval
Of
Change of
Position***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the change of position for Sarah Nelson from teacher aide to third grade teacher for 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, 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 Thannert to approve the hire of John Lazar as a middle school science teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a one year position.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, 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 hire of Evan Lerner as a middle school math teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, 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 Thannert to approve the hire of Sydney Esp as a fourth grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. This is a one year position.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, 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 Pichon to approve the hire of Mary Davlin as a sixth grade math/science teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, 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 Thannert to approve the hire of Shaiyna Gulati as a special education teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, 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 Thannert to approve the hire of Brynn Schwab as a third grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

**Old
Business**

None

**New
Business**

Mr. Karagozian asked Mrs. Majchrowski if other districts in the township charge for buses. Mrs. Majchrowski said she would find out.


Mr. Condon and Mr. Karagozian thanked Mr. Voehringer for his years of service. Mr. Voehringer thanked the board for their support over the years.

**Audience
To
Visitors**

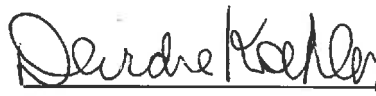
None

Adjournment At 7:43pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:



President



Secretary