

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

February 20, 2024

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

Paul Torres
Mark Thannert
Pamela Alper
Kate Pichon
Jeremy Wilson

Absent:
George Karagozian
Claudia Popielarczyk

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; John Wawczak, Principal; Nicole Cardillo-Kerr, Director of Curriculum and Professional Learning; Mark Schwarz, Assistant Principal; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Jill Brocar, Board Secretary; and Matt Condon, Superintendent were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Wendy Rice, Kate Mazukelli, Margaret Reynolds, Kat Harrison, Marci Heymann along with students Dari K., David S. and Deen K.

Audience To Visitors

None

Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting 1/16/2024

Copies of the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on January 16, 2024, were included in the Board Packet. A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 16, 2024.

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

Approval of Minutes, Facilities Meeting 2/8/2024

Copies of the minutes from the Facilities Meeting on February 8, 2024, were included in the Board Packet. A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes of the Facilities Meeting on February 8, 2024.

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

Approval of Deposits

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the deposits for the month of January 2024.

Preschool Tuition	\$8,100.00
Student Lunch	\$9,574.85
Adult Lunch	\$20.00
School Fess	\$1,440.00
Rebates and Refunds	\$1,140.99
TOTAL	\$20,275.84

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

Approval of Payables

A motion was made by Member Torrs and seconded by Member Alper to approve the payables for the month of January 2024.

Fund 10 – Education	\$90,892.47
Fund 20 – O & M	\$54,138.56
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$91,504.53
TOTAL	\$236,535.56

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

Treasurer’s and Business Report

Director of Business Services, Erin Majchrowski, presented the Treasurer’s Report.

Education Report

Mrs. Kerr shared the following information:

- HRS Conference she attended in San Antonio about the framework to continuously monitor the systems in place
- Attended Teacher Leader Admin Academy, about how to build teacher leaders within our building
- EL Consultant, Carol Gibbs, presented at our February early release day
- Data review meetings process

Mr. Wawczak provided updates on the following:

- Read -a-Thon
- Erin's Law presentations
- Upcoming International Night (Friday, March 1st)
- 5Essentials Survey is out and will be open till March 29, 2024, and encourages all staff and parents to take the survey
- 8th grade students had their counselor appointments on February 6th, at Niles West. he is working with Niles West to have more presentations for our 8th grade students throughout the end of the year
- One of our 3rd grade students, Renato, published a book on Amazon and Miss Reynolds organized a book signing that was attended by approximately 85 students

Mr. Schwarz shared the following information:

- Middle school students attended Valentine's Day activities. 7th & 8th grade students had music, ping pong, Jenga and 6th grade students had an open gym. Elementary grades had classroom parties.
- Students are responding well to service projects and they currently have approximately 200 hours of service logged since December 2023.

Park View Ambassadors, David S., Dari K and Deen K., presented on what the ambassadors have been working on this year. Focusing on service and to be role models for the rest of the school. Thank you to Mrs. Mazukelli, Mrs., Rice, Ms. Harrison and Mr. O'Neill for your support and guidance.

Special Education Report

Mrs. Alper stated that there was no meeting in February.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Condon shared the following information:

- He will be attending several college job fairs to make sure we have the most robust applicants to put the District in the best position to hire the most qualified candidates
- Reported that the facilities committee met about the potential expansion and discussed how to reach more families and how to coordinate focus groups
- Water main project was delayed by 3 weeks. The project should be finished closer to March 8, 2024
- Bargaining dates have been set with all parties
- Looking into the idea of creating an EL/MTSS Coordinator position. This individual would oversee the EL Department, as well as working with reading specialists, math specialists, school psychologists and Student Services Coordinator to ensure that the District is appropriately and efficiently supporting our students. We currently have approximately 150 EL students
- Celebrated second grade teacher, Ms. Thanas and third grade teacher, Ms. Faubert, on their Those Who Excel Awards of Meritorious Service

Informational Items

Enrollment Report

There were 879 students enrolled as of January 2024.

Lunch Report

There were 4905 lunches sold in January 2024.

FOIA Requests

There were no FOIA requests for January 2024.

Action Items

Approval of NIIPC Joint Agreement

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the NIIPC Restated Articles of Joint Agreement and Bylaws.

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

Approval of Cleaning Service Contract Renewal

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the cleaning service contract renewal with Citywide Building Maintenance Inc for 2024-2025.

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

Approval of Employee Resignation

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by member Thannert to approve the resignation of Jennifer Spiegel effective February 29, 2024.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Audience To Visitors

None

Motion for Closed Session

At 8:01 p.m. a motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to go to closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational or educational setting, or a specific volunteer of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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

Return to Open Session


At 8:13 p.m., a motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Wilson to return to open session.

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

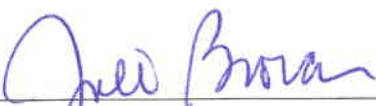
Adjournment

At 8:15 p.m., a motion was made by Member Pichon and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:



President



Secretary