

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

November 16, 2020

This Meeting was conducted telemetrically using the Zoom webinar platform pursuant to [Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 No. 5](#)

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the following members present:

Paul McGivern
George Karagozian
Lori Eslick
Paul Torres
John Przekota
Wayne Youkhana

Members Absent:

Mark Thannert

The following staff members were in the audience: Vicki Goldberg, Lisa Brody, Kelli Murphy, Brian Hood, Amalia Keane, Jennifer Summers, Christina Botten, Maureen Levin, Jill Brocar, Sydney Starwalt, Jody Shelist, Jen Nolan, Liz Frake, Kate McShane, Debbie Wiggins, Kate Mazukelli, Erin Cepa, Laura Hansen, Justine Reich, Suzanne Jonota, Andy Eckhorn-Martinez, Margaret Reynolds, Mindy Debes, Corrie Cogan, Annie Byrne, Krissy Lochner, Christine Pllum, Rebecca Kovacs, and Connie Schroeder. Also in attendance were Katie Douglas, Coordinator of Special Education; Matt Condon, Principal; Kelly Allen and Darcy Willis, Assistant Principals; Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Brian Galuski, Director of Technology; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary, and Jesse Chatz, Communications Director. Also in attendance were Laura Dounis, Anne Paul, Jeremy and Stephanie Wilson, and Jacob Seal.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Audience
To
Visitors*

None

***Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
9/21/20,
Committee of
The Whole,
10/26/20
11/2/20
11/9/20***

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on October 19, 2020, and the Committee of the Whole Meetings for October 26, 2020, November 2, 2020, and November 9, 2020 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 19, 2020.

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

***Approval of
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the deposits for the month of October 2020.

Student Fees	\$28,338.00
Student Lunches	\$159.35
Preschool Tuition	300.00
Donations – Credit Union	\$1,000.00
Other Local Rev – iPad Sales	\$11,456.75
Student Activity Reimbursement	<u>\$1,060.50</u>
TOTAL	\$42,314.60

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

***Approval of
Payables***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the payment of bills for the month of October 2020 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$117,242.84
Fund 20 – O&M	\$65,709.71

Fund 40 – Transportation	<u>\$13,005.76</u>
TOTAL	\$195,958.31

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

Treasurer’s Report

An unofficial year-to-date financial report was included in the Board Packet.

Education Report

Dr. Mayer stated that MAP testing will be conducted in mid-December. Communication will be made to parents regarding their role. There will also be ACCESS testing, IAR (which replaced PARCC), and Illinois Science Testing. These tests are currently required to be administered in person. However, with the new U.S. President there will be a new U.S. Secretary of Education and that may change.

Mr. Condon thanked the school board for lunch. He and assistant principals Ms. Allen and Ms. Willis have been attending classrooms looking for both excellence that can be shared and opportunities for improvement. The district is doing well with remote learning but is always looking to improve. Virtual parent-teacher conferences will be held Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. Information was sent out in newsletters. If parents have problems, they can call the school.

Special Education Report

Mr. Karagozian discussed the Molloy renovation project. The bond sale will occur February 2nd after all districts decide how to pay.

Mr. Voehringer stated that NTDSE has a Program of Recognition called “Friends of NTDSE” to recognize others who have gone above and beyond to provide a NTDSE student, staff member, or classroom with an exceptional experience. Our school nurse, Annie Byrne, was nominated because she is an excellent collaborator and goes above and beyond in caring for staff and students.

NTDSE is going to all remote learning until January.

Super-Intendent Report

Mr. Voehringer stated that, “November 15th is National Board Appreciation Day: Board members are dedicated volunteers who work for the betterment of our schools and our community. This year our Board of Education has had to make tough decisions that go beyond traditional educational outcomes. While they still continue to champion academic success for students, they have also been called on to make decisions about the health and well-being of our entire school

community. On behalf of the students, staff and citizens of our community, I say thank you and appreciate all that you do.” He then presented them with a small gift.

Mr. Voehringer stated that the district began an adaptive pause last Wednesday. This pause was recommended to go through November 30th. However, after conferring with local health officials and other school districts in the area, the district is recommending remaining on adaptive pause until Tuesday, January 19th (the day after Martin Luther King Day). This will account for families and staff traveling and congregating over the holidays as that date is beyond the quarantine period. This is consistent with Golf School District 67 and NTDSE and is recommended by the Cook County Department of Public Health and the Skokie Department of Public Health. There will be a new director of the Skokie Department of Public Health and they are developing a protocol for school returns. From an academic perspective, staff can plan more effectively and students will have more consistency.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

2020-2021 Enrollment Report as of October 31, 2020:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
PreK-5	552
6-8	<u>289</u>
TOTAL	841
In-person	407
Remote	<u>434</u>
	841

***Lunchroom
Report***

2336 lunches were sold during the months of October 2020.

***FOIA
Requests***

Request received via email on October 19, 2020 from Vince Espi, LocalLabs. Response sent via email on October 20, 2020. No action is needed from the Board.

***Facilities
Update***

The facilities committee met and discussed projects. The main projects are the Molloy project, Parkview’s roof, LED lighting, and life safety items. If the district can repair the HVAC units (rather than replace) over the smaller gym, there will be funds to replace the roof over the large gym. LED lighting is good

for the environment and the payback is under two years. There also may be a grant being offered by ComEd.

Mrs. Majchrowski presented three options to pay for the districts portion of the Molloy project. Option one is to pay all at once. Option two is to pay over 10 years. Option three is to pay over 20 years. The district is recommending 10 year option because there is less interest than over 20 years, and paying all up front will limit funds for building repairs if needed. There is a 1.96% interest rate.

Action Items

***Approval of
2020 Tax Tax Levy***

Resolution A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the 2020 – 2021 Tax Levy Resolution which includes a 4.98% request.

Roll Call: Members Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Przekota, Youkhana, and McGivern voted aye. The motion carried.

***Approval of
Payment Plan
For Molloy
Renovation***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the 10 year payment plan for the Molloy Renovation.

Roll Call: Members Karagozian, Eslick, Torres, Przekota, Youkhana, and McGivern voted aye. The motion carried.

***Old
Business*** None

***New
Business*** None

***Audience
To***

Visitors Connie Schroeder asked how many positions are open for the board in the spring. Mr. Voehringer replied that there are four open positions.

Laura Dounis asked Matt Mayer if the middle school teachers will be reviewing/changing the students current remote learning schedule. Mr. Voehringer replied that they will look into that.

Jacob Seal, a resident asked if the levy can be lowered during recessions. Mr. Voehringer replied that if the district lowers the levy, there are long-term ramifications and that he and Mrs. Majchrowski can meet with him to discuss

how the levy is calculated and that he should email us to schedule if he would like.

Jacob Seal also asked if there is a way the board meeting can be more interactive. Mr. Voehringer replied that the meetings are following the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act and questions are answered by calling in on the phone or submitting them during the virtual meeting.

Adjournment A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Secretary

Approved by:

President