

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD AT PARK VIEW SCHOOL**

**August 27, 2015**

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

Mark Thannert  
George Karagozian  
Wayne Youkhana  
Leah Kintner  
Aneta Greiner  
Paul McGivern

Also present were Eric Poders, MGV; Barbara Saks, Liz Frake, Connie Schroeder, Jen Drozd-Nolan, Lisa Brody, Maureen Levin, Keetra Tipton, Krissy Lochner, Norm Neihaus, Christine Parry, Mindy Debes, Ellen Brugliera, Casey Styons, Michael Novak, Justine Reich, Corrie Cogan, Margaret Reynolds, Teachers; Jenny Montgomery, Emily Macejak, Tina Haskos, Laura Dounis, Magda Fong, Grant Gilbert, Suzanne Schwartz, Kimmy and Paul Yaras, Pete and Janine Witko, Parents and Residents of District 70; Anthony Ruelli, Payroll Coordinator; Alana McCloskey, Admin Assistant; Ivy Sukenik, Principal; Phil Collins, Superintendent; and Erin O'Connor, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance.

***Audience  
To  
Visitors***

A group of approximately 10 staff members (Lisa Brody, Ellen Brugliera, Corrie Cogan, Mindy Debes, Maureen Levin, Krissy Lochner, Norm Neihaus, Jen Nolan, Michael Novak, Christine Parry, Connie Schroeder, Keetra Tipton) each took turns reading a letter from staff to the Board of Education sharing their opinion that Dr. Collins provides strong leadership qualities to District 70. The staff members asked the Board to refuse acceptance of his resignation through a Board vote.

Emily Macejak, Resident and Parent – She stated that during her long history with the school, it has always been a revolving door with Administration. She wants to continue the forward progress under the current leadership. She shared she did like she and other parents are being left in the dark regarding leadership changes.

Janine Witko, Resident and Parent – She stated that Park View is currently an excellent school thanks to the leadership of Dr. Collins and his administrative team. She shared that Dr. Collins is always seen at Village events and goes out of his way to show he is a part of this community.

Paul Yaras, Resident and Parent – He stated that he is the father of four kids in Park View. He shared that Dr. Collins came in to adjust the curriculum and move Park View forward. He is concerned there is a deeper problem within the district since there are so many changeovers in staff.

Kimmy Yaras, Resident and Parent – She stated that she enjoys having Dr. Collins as a Superintendent. She shared her son is more prepared with the new curriculum Dr. Collins brought to District 70. She stated she enjoys the “Coffee with the Superintendent” Dr. Collins implemented and shared that she believes Dr. Collins is a phenomenal superintendent.

Darcy Bloom, Resident and Parent – She stated that she loves Park View. She also shared she is amazed and pleasantly surprised with all the changes and improvements Dr. Collins has implemented, including the 1:1 iPad initiative and the tweeting that Dr. Collins does to keep everyone up-to-date in real time about school/district news. She shared that Dr. Collins is a great supporter of Village activities, sports games, and school performances.

Laura Dounis, Resident, Parent, and Staff Member – She stated that Dr. Collins is a part of the Morton Grove Community. She shared he has accomplished much in the few years he has been superintendent.

Jenny Montgomery, Resident and Parent – She stated that she has attended 90% of the board meetings for the past 7-10 years. She shared that she encourages everyone to continue to attend board meetings regularly.

### ***Action Items***

#### ***Superintendent***

***Resignation*** A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Greiner to accept the resignation of Dr. Phil Collins, Superintendent effective June 30, 2016.


Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Youkhana, Kintner, Greiner and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.


#### ***Superintendent***

**Search Firm** A motion was made by Member Greiner and seconded by Member Thannert to approve School Exec Connect to conduct the Superintendent search.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Youkhana, Kintner, Greiner and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Approved by:   
President

  
Secretary

