

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

December 18, 2017

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

Mark Thannert
Lori Eslick
Paul Torres (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Leah Kintner
Wayne Youkhana
Paul McGivern

Also present were Vicki Goldberg, Teacher; Amalia Keane, Psychologist; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Kimmy Yaras, Resident of District 70; Aaron Gross, Assistant Principal; Michelle Friedman, Principal; Matthew Mayer, Director of Learning & Programs; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Erin O'Connor, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience
To
Visitors None

Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
11.20.17

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on November 20, 2017 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on November 20, 2017.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Eslick, Kintner and McGivern voted aye. Member Youkhana abstained. Nays none. The motion carried.

*Approval of
Minutes
Closed Mtg.
11.20.17*

Copies of the Minutes from the Closed Meeting on November 20, 2017 were distributed to Board Members prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes of the Closed Meeting on November 20, 2017.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Eslick, Kintner and McGivern voted aye. Member Youkhana abstained. 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 November 2017.

Student Lunches	\$2,086.60
Teacher Lunches	\$623.30
Student Fees	\$5,807.00
Other Local Revenue	\$65.00
Medical Insurance - COBRA	\$651.59
Supplies – Art	\$124.75
Textbooks	\$393.89
Transportation – PTO Reimbursement	\$130.05
Business Insurance – WC Dividend	<u>\$1,174.50</u>
TOTAL	\$11,056.68

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

*Approval of
Payables*

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the payment of bills for the month of November 2017 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$511,371.88
Fund 20 - O&M	\$52,986.91
Fund 40 – Transportation	<u>\$89,257.32</u>
TOTAL	\$653,616.11

Included in the bills were reimbursements to individual board members for expenses incurred at the state school board conference. These expenses fall within our school board policy 2:125.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Eslick, Kintner, 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***

The Board recognized Amalia Keane for attaining tenure.

Dr. Mayer gave a presentation on strategic priorities and how the objectives are being met.

Michelle Friedman shared that the ELL Parent Center is bringing English classes to parents at Park View. She mentioned that Park View is participating in a kindness challenge for the month of December. She also shared that the administration is doing a 12 days before break countdown for the staff.

Aaron Gross shared that the new warrior mascot has been making appearances at events. He also mentioned that a door decorating contest took place last week, and members of student council are voting on the best door on Thursday.

***Special
Education
Report***

Member Kintner reported that NTDSE participated in a holiday giving event and raised over \$2,000 for families in need. She shared that there was a NTA meeting last week where they discussed soliciting a gen ed teacher from each school as a liaison to relay information between the district and NTDSE. She also mentioned that the township is going away from AIMSweb and implementing a system called FastBridge instead. She shared that there was a presentation from the music therapy group at NTDSE to show the amazing things they are able to do for nonverbal students.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Brad Voehringer stated that both the lead testing and air quality tests came back fine. He mentioned that the facilities committee met last Thursday and finalized the scope of the facilities study and that Alan Armbrust, STR Partners, will attend the January Board Meeting for a first reading of the plan. He shared that he received a thank you note from the Illinois Reading Council for Laurie Katz and Val Leopard who presented at the conference. He mentioned that each board member was given a holiday card designed by the student who won the holiday card design contest. He stated that winter break starts this Friday and students come back on January 8th. He stated he is aware of conversations in the community about future projects with the Park District, but he wants to make it clear that there are no plans in place at this time.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

2017-2018 Enrollment Report as of November 30, 2017:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
M	489
F	<u>416</u>
TOTAL	905

***Lunchroom
Report***

5,639 student lunches were sold during the month of November 2017.

***FOIA
Requests***

Request received via email on December 9, 2017 from Doris Janusek. Response sent via email on December 12, 2017. No action is needed from the Board.

Action Items

None

***Old
Business***

None

***New
Business***

Member McGivern shared that he went to a session at the school board conference about leading a successful board meeting, and one thing he implemented tonight and wants to continue moving forward is a set-up where everyone is able to see each other.

***Kindergarten
Discussion***

Brad Voehringer explained that exploring full day kindergarten is included in the strategic plan, so he has started looking at a full day kindergarten pilot for at-risk students. He mentioned that data supports full day kindergarten for at-risk students but not necessarily for typical students. He shared that Deerfield started their kindergarten program for at-risk students first and then expanded to full day kindergarten for all. He stated that he is currently in the thinking stage for this project and wants to see if the board would be interested in a formal proposal in January or February.

The Board shared that they would like to see a more formal presentation on full day kindergarten including costs, space, and end goals.

Member McGivern mentioned that the board has always thought about offering full day kindergarten but haven't done anything because the research doesn't support it. He mentioned he thinks this could provide a jump start for at-risk students if they are offered full day kindergarten and is something that should be considered.

***Audience
To
Visitors***

Vicki Goldberg, Teacher – She thanked the Administration and Board for recognizing full day kindergarten might be a benefit for at-risk students.

***Move to
Closed
Session***

At 7:38 p.m. a motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Kintner to move to a closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

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

***Return to
Open
Session***

At 8:19 p.m. a motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to return to open session.

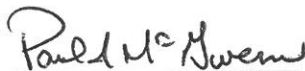
Roll Call: Members Thannert, Eslick, Torres, Kintner, Youkhana and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Adjournment A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Secretary

Approved by:



President