

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

March 18, 2019

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

Mark Thannert
Lori Eslick
Paul Torres
Leah Kintner
Paul McGivern

Denyse Stoneback, People for a Safer Society; John Przekota, Kimmy Yaras, Emily Macejak, Residents; Laura Dounis, Staff Member and Resident; Valerie Farbman and Allison Rubenstein, Teachers; Tina Ewanio, District Office; Darcy Willis Assistant Principal; Matthew Condon, Principal; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Erin Majchrowski, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

***Audience
To***

Visitors

Denyse Stoneback, People for a Safer Society – Asked the Board of Education to help raise awareness about a new gun shop and range opening in Niles.

***Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
2.20.19***

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on February 20, 2019, 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 February 20, 2019.

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

***Approval of
Minutes
Closed Mtg.
2.20.19***

Copies of the Minutes from the Closed Meeting on February 20, 2019 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 February 20, 2019.

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

***Approval of
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Kintner to approve the deposits for the month of February, 2019.

Student Lunches	\$13,125.45
Teacher Lunches	\$147.90
Student Fees	\$6,705.50
3 rd Grade Supplies - Reimbursement	\$887.67
Orchestra Supplies – Reimbursement	\$537.86
Textbooks – Refunds	\$826.10
Field Trip Buses – Reimbursement	\$675.66
Workers Comp Dividend Check	<u>\$955.54</u>
TOTAL	\$23,861.68

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

***Approval of
Payables***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Kintner to approve the payment of bills for the month of February 2019 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$743,401.07
Fund 20 – O & M	\$53,417.99
Fund 40 – Transportation	<u>\$90,028.96</u>
TOTAL	\$886,848.02

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Eslick, Torres, Kintner 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.

Member McGivern shared the expenses and fund balances with the board.

***Education
Report***

Mr. Condon reported that the results of the student perception survey came back very positive and that he will have the data compiled for the board by the next board meeting.

***Special
Education
Report***

Member Eslick shared that the taste of Morton Grove donated \$2,000 to the SEED Foundation. She reported that the SEED Foundation trivia night is coming up on April 13th. She mentioned that NTDSE had their first International Night on March 7th and are looking to host a block party for their 50th anniversary in September. She shared that the satellite program at Park View started PALS, Circle of Friends, and the warrior service club. She also stated that the Park View student council fundraised for NTDSE, and they used the money to buy a special scooter for one of their students.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Voehringer mentioned that the student council is selling socks for national down syndrome awareness day. He shared that the IASB spring dinner is on Wednesday. He reported that there are fifteen students on a waiting list for the preschool program, so he is looking into opening an additional morning section. He reminded the board that they should be receiving an email from the cook county clerk about completing their statements of economic interest. He shared that the wellness committee is working to update the wellness policy and will be specifically looking at food allergies. He reported that the district had a compliance visit last week with positive results that will be shared at the April board meeting. He mentioned that the SEED Committee trivia night is on April 13th and International Night is on April 12th. He also mentioned that spring break starts this Friday, and the roofing company will begin preliminary patching work on the roof during this time.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

2018-2019 Enrollment Report as of February 28, 2019

	<u>PreK-8</u>
M	492
F	434
TOTAL	926

***Lunchroom
Report***

6,993 lunches were sold during the month of February.

***FOIA
Requests***

Request received via email on February 28, 2019 from Selena Garcis. Response sent via email on March 1, 2019. No action is needed from the Board.

Request received via email on March 7, 2019 from John Laadt, New York University. Response sent via email on March 7, 2019. No action is needed from the Board.

Action Items

Resignation

Administrator A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the resignation of Aaron Gross effective June 28, 2019.

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

Resignations

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Kintner to approve the resignations of Debbie Handler, Jessica Schultz and Allie Rubenstein effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year.

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

***Intent to
Retire***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to accept Mrs. Goldberg's irrevocable intent to retire letter and allow her to participate in the service recognition plan as described by the collective bargaining agreement.

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

***Reduction
In Force***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the reduction in force resolution as presented.

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

***Old
Business***

Member Eslick asked the board to let her know if they are interested in a table for trivia night on April 13th.

Member Thannert discussed his thoughts about the math program at Park View.

Member Torres congratulated Emily Macejak and the PTO for organizing a great fundraiser event.

***New
Business***

Member Eslick asked the board to look out for a Superintendent evaluation survey that she would be sending to them shortly after spring break.

Mr. Voehringer shared that the district is looking into buying accident insurance for students that will help families pay for medical bills when students are injured at school.

The board agreed that this is something the district should consider offering.

Mr. Voehringer shared that fifteen students are on the waiting list for preschool, and the district would like to offer an additional section of preschool to accommodate these students. He stated that it would benefit the district to start educating these students as early as possible. He mentioned that there is the possibility that the district may receive a preschool for all grant to help pay for the additional expense.

The board agreed that this is something the district should look into further.

Member Torres shared that he wants to find a better way of hearing from teachers in the building about the decisions the board is making.

The board discussed possible ways that this could be accomplished.

Mr. Voehringer mentioned that the board reorganization meeting will likely take place on April 29th.

**Audience
To Visitors**

Kimmy Yaras, Resident – She asked the board to think about doing more community outreach with question/answer sessions. She also asked the board to come to PTO meetings and be more involved in the community.

Emily Macejak, Resident – She thanked the board members and administration for coming out to the auction. She told the board members that they have an open invitation to attend the PTO meetings.

**Move to
Closed
Session**

At 7:55 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 and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Return to
Open
Session**

At 8:20 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 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 8:21 p.m.


Secretary

Approved by: 
President