

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

**May 18, 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 7:03 p.m. with the following members present:

Paul McGivern  
Mark Thannert  
George Karagozian  
Paul Torres  
John Przekota  
Wayne Youkhana

Members Absent:

Lori Eslick

Also present were Matt Condon, Principal; Erin Majchrowski, Business Services Coordinator; Brian Galuski, Director of Technology; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Darcy Willis, Assistant Principal; Jody Shelist, Liz Frake, Katie Douglas, Kelli Murphy, Kate Mazukelli, Kat Harrison and Deb Wiggins, Teachers; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

***Audience***

***To***

***Visitors***       None

***Approval of***

***Minutes***

***Regular Mtg.***

***4/20/20***

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on April 20, 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 April 20, 2020.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, 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 April 2020.

Student Fees	\$690.00
Student Lunches	\$100.50
Preschool Tuition	-\$3,450.00
TIF Payments	\$1,517.47
Other Local Revenue	\$519.23
IDEA Grant	\$17,283.00
Rentals	\$4,832.31
Unemployment Insurance	\$287.00
Food & Supplies – Rebate	\$57.91
Regular Transportation – Taxi	\$7,049.39
Field Trips Buses – Reimbursement	<u>\$917.14</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$29,803.95</b>

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, 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 April 2020 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$599,356.39
Fund 20 - O&M	\$31,233.71
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$123,116.98
Fund 60 – Capital Projects	<u>\$115,488.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$869,195.08</b>

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, 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***

Mr. Condon shared details about 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. The students and staff are creating a video with speeches. There will be a procession on Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. where students can drive by the school and receive their diploma. There will also be a procession at the school on the last day of

school, Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> where the staff will wave to them. Dr. Mayer discussed electives. PowerSchool has a plug in where students can elect their classes on-line and parents can see what their children are choosing. Dr. Mayer has been working with Hannah Barry on a summer learning platform with Curriculum Associates. They have math and language arts lessons that are student driven. These will also be available to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Summer reading for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders were sent out on May 14<sup>th</sup> from the high school. He also shared that he is part of a network of Curriculum and Instruction professionals that are continuing to plan for various scenarios in the fall. He is also working on a survey with the staff about things that worked and things that did not work, so they will be better prepared for whatever happens in the fall. Mrs. Willis spoke about the virtual summer school. Due to virtual learning, she and Katie Douglas have put together a limited virtual program. There are about 65 students in the program with a student teacher ratio of 3 to 1 so these small groups can give students a boost. This will also be a chance to instruct in a different format and see what works for the fall.

***Special  
Education  
Report***

Board Member Karagozian gave a summary of the most recent NTDSE Board meeting. Of note, the Molloy Renovation Project was approved. The timeline will depend on the financial health of districts. There will be remote learning during the summer. They received books from the Skokie library. They also approved a contract with their transit carrier at 80% of the cost.

***Super-  
Intendent  
Report***

Mr. Voehringer shared details about summer food for families. The district has been providing meals on Mondays and Wednesdays. He also shared that the district’s workers compensation coverage went down 20% over last year. He stated that there will be at least two more bills for the roof repairs.

***Informational  
Items***

***Enrollment  
Report***

2019-2020 Enrollment Report as of April 30, 2020:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
M	473
F	<u>421</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>894</b>

***FOIA  
Request***

No FOIA requests were received.

## ***Action Items***

### ***Approval of District Guidance Document***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the District Guidance Document as presented.

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

### ***Approval of Consolidated Plan***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Consolidated Plan as presented.

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

### ***Approval of Rental Fees***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the rental fees as presented.

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

### ***Approval of Student Fees***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the student fees as presented.

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

### ***Approval of New cleaning Contract***

Working with the district's law firm, the district went out to bid for nighttime cleaning services to replace the current provider. The bid opening was held on May 11th at 10:00 a.m. Six companies submitted proposals. The annual cost of the proposals ranged from \$92,820 to \$285,000. The law requires us to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. However, the lowest bidder was not responsive as they did not meet all the requirements set forth in the bid scope. The second lowest bidder was a former cleaning company that was not successful. Therefore, the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder was Citywide Building Maintenance at a cost of \$128,000. All references that have been called have been very positive.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the new cleaning contract as presented.

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

***Approval of  
Salary Increases  
For Exempt  
Employees***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the salary increases for exempt employees as presented.

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

***Approval of  
Hiring***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to approve the hiring of Colleen Gray, a part-time (.2 FTE) school nurse, for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

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

***Approval of  
Hiring***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Torres to approve the hiring of Olivia Hobson, a third grade teacher, for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

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

***Approval of  
Retirement***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the retirement of Ivanka Emerson, a teaching assistant for the ELL program, effective at the end of the 2019 – 2020 school year.

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

***Approval of  
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Karagozian to approve the resignation of Rob Allen, Assistant Principal, for the 2020 – 2021 school year.

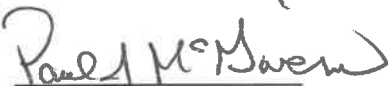
Roll Call: Members Thannert, Karagozian, Torres, Przekota, Youkhana, and McGivern voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

*Old  
Business* None

*New  
Business* None

*Audience  
To  
Visitors* None

**Adjournment** A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Karagozian to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Approved by:   
President

  
Secretary