

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

April 28, 2021

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 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Members Absent:

None

Kelly Allen and Darcy Willis, Assistant Principals; Katie Douglas, Coordinator of Special Education; Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Brian Galuski, Director of Technology; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Laura Dounis, Kelli Murphy, Jody Shelist, Katlin McShane, Andy Eckhorn-Martinez, Debbie Wiggins, Christine Pllum, Jane Melnick, Laura Matug, Vicki Goldberg, Amalia Keane, Margaret Reynolds, and Monika Majcher. Also in attendance were Pamela Alper, Jeremy and Stephanie Wilson, and Jacob Seal.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience

To

Visitors

None

Approval of

Minutes

Regular Mtg.

3/15//2021

Committee of

***The Whole
Meetings
3/22/2021
4/5/2021
4/12/2021
4/26/2021***

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on March 15, 2021, and the Committee of the Whole Meetings from March 22, 2021, April 5, 2021, April 12, 2021, and April 26, 2021 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on March 15, 2021, and the Committee of the Whole Meetings from March 22, 2021, April 5, 2021, April 12, 2021, and April 26, 2021.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, 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 March 2021.

PreK	\$1,500.00
Student Fees	\$5,758.00
Unemployment Insurance	723.00
Special Education Transportation	<u>5,385.63</u>
TOTAL	\$13,366.63

Roll Call: Members Thannert, 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 March 2021 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$128,683.42
Fund 20 - O&M	\$33,599.83
Fund 40 - Transportation	<u>\$44,173.50</u>
TOTAL	\$206,456.75

Roll Call: Members Thannert, 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**

Mrs. Willis

Mrs. Douglas shared an update on summer school. There will be three options. Two of the options are in person. The first session will run from June 7th through July 1st. The second session will run from August 2nd through August 12th. Both sessions will run from Monday through Thursday from 8:40am to 11:40am. The focus will be on creative writing and reading with bilingual intervention. It is tuition free and is paid for through the CARES grant. The third option is four weeks of asynchronous reading and math. Families do not have to enroll in this option.

Mrs. Willis shared that 178 students have signed up for the June session and 120 students have signed up for the August session so a few more teachers will have to be added to the summer school staff. There will be a nurse and several of the lunchroom supervisors to help.

Mrs. Allen shared that conferences went well and that Zoom conferences can be helpful even after the pandemic is over because several parents were able to participate who were not able to before. This option will be offered in the future. IAR testing for reading and math is complete and science is almost complete. Forty two percent of the remote students came to the building to participate in the testing. There will be end of year celebrations including having outdoor activities where remote students can participate. There will be a 2021 farewell wave. For 8th grade graduation, teachers will deliver signs to students' homes. There will be a parade for 8th grade around Harrer Park. Remote students can participate. For graduation there will be an enhanced version of last year. Cars will drive up and the students will get out and receive their diploma and have their picture taken.

**Special
Education
Report**

The Morton Grove Board of Trustees approved the Malloy Renovation project.

**Super-
Intendent
Report**

House Bill 7 comes up every year and suggests the consolidation of school districts. It fails every year but each year comes closer to leaving the House. Niles Township is keeping an eye on this since there are several small school districts. Consolidating school districts takes away local control. The superintendents of Niles Township sent a letter to legislators to oppose this bill.

Our district has been a member of the Chamber of Commerce for 40 years. This shows that the district is active in the community. Mr. Voehringer, Mrs. Majchrowski, and Mrs. McCloskey attended a community event at Cooper's Hawk with community leaders.

Mr. Voehringer had his annual talk with students at Elmhurst University who want to become teachers.

The school calendar was accepted by the regional office. August 19th and 20th are institute days and students return on August 23rd.

On June 16th IASB and Dee Molinari will host an in-person in-service. Jesse Chatz will update the photos and biographies of the board.

*For Board
cleanup*

The roof project should be completed by next Wednesday.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

2020-2021 Enrollment Report as of March 26, 2021:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
PreK-5	556
6-8	<u>290</u>
TOTAL	846
In-person	488
Remote	<u>358</u>
	846

***Lunchroom
Report***

3004 lunches were sold during the month of March.

***FOIA
Requests***

Request received via email on March 12, 2021 from Joe Sutton at jj.sutton85@gmail.com. Response sent via email on March 15, 2021. Response was undeliverable. Three attempts were made. No action is needed from the Board.

Request received via email on April 6, 2021 from Torrie Wofford at 1S280 Summit Ave. Suite A2 Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 (630)916-4600 twofford@unifiedconcepts.com. Response sent via email on April 6, 2021. No action is needed from the Board.

***Action
Items***

***Approval of
FY22 Salaries
For Exempt
Employees***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by member Karagozian to approve the salaries for exempt employees.

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

***Approval to
Appoint
President
Pro Tem***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Eslick to appoint Member McGivern as the President Pro Tem.

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

***Old
Business***

None

***New
Business***

The outgoing board members, Lori Eslick and Wayne Youkhana were recognized for their dedication to School District 70. They both have served for eight years and have been Master Board Members several times and have helped the district grow and achieve its strategic plan.

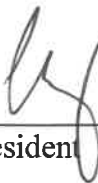
***Audience
To***

Visitors

Several people thanked Members Eslick and Youkhana for their service. Jody Shelist read a thank you speech on behalf of the union. Members Eslick and Youkhana expressed how much it meant to them to serve on the board.

Adjournment A motion was made by Member Youkhana to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Approved by:



President



Secretary

