

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

**March 21, 2022**

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

Pamela Alper  
Paul McGivern  
Paul Torres  
Jeremy Wilson  
Mark Thannert

Absent:

George Karagozian

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Matt Condon, Principal; Darcy Willis, Assistant Principal, Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance in person: Vicki Goldberg, Marci Heymann, and Zoe Luksa. The following staff membes were in attendance virtually: Kelly Murphy, Laura Dounis, Katie Douglas, Laura Hansen, Katie McBrien, Debbie Wiggins, Chris Kennelly.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Audience  
To  
Visitors*

None

*Approval of  
Minutes  
Regular Mtg.  
2/23/2022*

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on February 23, 2022 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on February 23, 2022.

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

***Approval of  
Minutes  
Closed Mtg.  
2/23/2022***

Copies of the Minutes from the Closed Session from February 23, 2022 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the Minutes of the Closed Meeting on February 23, 2022.

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

***Approval of  
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the deposits for the month of February 2022.

Preschool Tuition	\$20,653.00
School Fees	\$13,868.00
Lunches – adults	\$145.00
Sale of iPads	\$25,975.25
Taxi Reimbursements	\$2,676.00
Workers Comp Dividend	\$1,453.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,770.60</b>

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

***Approval of  
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the payables for the month of February 2022.

Fund 10 - Education	\$119,217.44
Fund 20 - O&M	\$58,376.58
Fund 40 - Transportation	\$98,125.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$275,719.32</b>

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

***Treasurer's  
And Business  
Report***

Mrs. Majchrowski went over the Treasurer's Report.

***Education  
Report***

Mr. Condon reported that according to a parent survey, there is an overwhelming desire to have a traditional 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony at Niles West High School instead of the virtual ceremonies of the past two years. Graduation will be May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Condon also reported that Katie McBrien has introduced student-led IEP meetings starting with 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This helps the students be more invested in the process and can follow them to high school. He also reported that Laura Hansen was featured on WGN for being teacher of the month.

***Special  
Education  
Report***

Member Alper reported that the Molloy construction is going very well and some other projects are even being moved up in the schedule. She also reported on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program and the transition program.

***Super-  
Intendent  
Report***

Mr. Voehringer shared that the Golden Apple selection committee was at Park View today interviewing staff, students, and parents in support of Mr. Condon's Golden Apple nomination. The results will be announced in April or early May.

Mr. Voehringer also reminded the Board about filing their statement of economic interests with the Cook County Clerk's office by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Voehringer shared that there is an open board seat. There is an application on the website. The due date is April 11<sup>th</sup>. Candidates will be interviewed on April 18<sup>th</sup> and the chosen candidate will join the board at the May 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Mr. Voehringer reminded everyone that next week is spring break.

***Informational  
Items***

***Enrollment  
Report***

The total enrollment as of February 2022 is 862 students broken down as follows:

PreK-5	553
6-8	293
PreK-8	846
Total (including NTDSE)	862

***Lunchroom  
Report***

8234 lunches were sold during the month of February 2022.

***FOIA  
Requests***

REQUEST – received via email on February 12, 2022 from Kate DeWitt  
katedewitt1@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Voehringer,

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, and The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140). I request that a photocopy of the following documents be provided to me:

A photocopy of your Public Official Surety Bond required by Illinois (15 ILCS 405/3) (from Ch. 15, par. 203).

A photocopy of the governing board of education blanket surety bond if your board requires the members to be bonded under a blanket bond.

A photocopy of your Errors & Omissions (E&O), a Surety Liability Insurance policy, and the Duty of Care policy if applicable.

A photocopy of your school board General Obligation Bonds if applicable.

A photocopy of your general long term bond for the school board if applicable.

A photocopy of your school board Crime Policy if applicable.

A photocopy of your Risk Management Policy if applicable.

A photocopy of the following documents if applicable:

ACORD 125

ACORD 126

ACORD 127

ACORD 128

These documents above should indicate the policy number and the insured amount of the policy.

A photocopy of the Certificate of Liability if applicable.

Public Officials and/or any other bonds pertaining to proof of liability and policies. \*\*Based on any and all losses of financial responsibility due to negligence or dishonesty. Any and all based on the contract of terms and conditions.

A photocopy of the Faithful Performance Bond if applicable.

A photocopy of the Fidelity Bond if applicable.  
A photocopy of the Public Employee Dishonesty Policy if applicable.  
A photocopy of the Public Employee Blanket Bond if applicable.  
A photocopy of the Statutory Bond if applicable.  
A photocopy of the Official Bond if applicable.  
A photocopy of the power of attorney for the surety bond company.  
A photocopy of the Blanket Bond power of attorney for the surety bond company if applicable.  
A photocopy of your oath of office.

I am a private citizen seeking information concerning your public official surety bond, or the Errors & Omissions (E&O), and or the Duty of Care policy that you are required by the state of Illinois to obtain before swearing the oath of office. (15 ILCS 405/3) (from Ch. 15, par. 203) Sec. 3. Oath and Bond: Before entering upon the duties of his or her office, the Comptroller shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by Article XIII, Section 3 of the constitution and shall give bond payable to the People of the State of Illinois in the sum of \$1,000,000 by inclusion in the blanket bond or bonds or self-insurance program provided for in Sections 14.1 and 14.2 of the Official Bond Act. The bond shall be conditioned (i) on the faithful discharge of the Comptroller's duties, (ii) on the delivery of all papers, books, records, and other property appertaining to his or her office, whole, safe, and undefaced, to the successor in office, and (iii) on the Comptroller giving such additional bonds as may be legally required.

Public Official Surety Bond requests fall under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, The Sunshine Act 5 U.S.C. § 552b, The Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), and by law you are obligated to supply me with this information.

It is public knowledge in the State of Illinois that all school boards in the state and the superintendents are required to be bonded, carry a surety liability insurance policy, an Errors & Omissions, or a Duty of Care policy.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
Kate DeWitt

RESPONSE – Sent via email on February 22, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION – No action is needed from the Board

***Update on  
Building  
Projects***

The district architect, Alan Armbrust, presented a plan for replacing lighting throughout the building. There are good rebates now for light fixtures. The challenge is everyone wants these grants. Also, there may be problems with supply chain. The district can go out for bid in mid-April. If the bids are too high, it can be revisited next year. The fixtures and installation are paid for first and then the rebates come from ComEd. The board indicated its approval in pursuing this.

***Action  
Items***

***Approval of  
Policies***

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the policy updates that were presented at the last board meeting for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

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

***Approval of  
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to approve the resignation of Nahrain Behnam, a second grade teacher.

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

***Approval of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to approve the hire of Katie Foos as a Kindergarten teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a replacement.

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

***Approval of  
Change of  
Position***

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to approve the change of position of Zoe Luksa from teacher aide to Kindergarten teacher for the 2022-2023 school year. This is a replacement.

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

***Approval of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to approve the hire of Margaret LoBue as a School Psychologist for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

**Approval of  
Resignation**

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the resignation of Rebecca Kovacs as a teacher at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**Approval of  
New Hire**

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to approve the hire of Abigail Irizarry as a lunch/recess monitor for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**Old  
Business**

None

**New  
Business**

None


**Audience  
To  
Visitors**

None

**Adjournment** At 7:28pm, a motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member McGivern to move to closed session. All members were in favor.

Approved by:

  
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President

  
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Secretary

