

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

**June 21, 2021**

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

Mark Thannert  
Pamela Alper  
Paul Torres  
Jeremy Wilson  
Paul McGivern  
George Karagozian

Members Absent:

John Przekota

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: Kelli Murphy, Lisa Brody, Jody Shelist, Vicki Goldberg, and Kate Cobb.

Pledge of Allegiance

***Audience  
To  
Visitors***      None

***Approval of  
Minutes  
Regular Mtg.  
5/17/2021***

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on May 17, 2021, were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes of the Board Meeting on May 17, 2021.

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

***Approval of  
Minutes of  
Committee of  
The Whole  
Meeting  
5/24/2021***

Copies of the Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 24, 2021 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting from May 24, 2021.

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

***Approval of  
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the deposits for the month of May 2021.

PreK Fees	\$300.00
Student Fees	\$6,528.00
Graduation activities refund	\$335.01
Summer School	<u>6,155.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,318.01</b>

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

***Approval of  
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the payment of bills for the month of May 2021 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$84,127.11
Fund 20 - O&M	\$43,315.55
Fund 30 – Debt Service	\$250.00
Fund 40 – Transportation	<u>\$53,387.40</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$181,080.06</b>

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski went over the Treasurer's report. She explained that the fund balances are lower this year than the same time last year because the summer payrolls were paid out in May since school ended in May and they are normally paid out in June. Next month, they will return to a more typical fund balance. Mrs. Majchrowski also shared that the transportation contract is being renewed at an increase of 2.75%.

***Education  
Report***

Dr. Mayer shared that the district recently submitted the model PLC application and received positive feedback, but additional work needs to be completed prior to achieving this status. The district knew that this was likely and the feedback will help guide the district to becoming a model PLC.

The district will be resuming the math pilot this fall. It is for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The staff is engaged in summer learning via two different online formats. The middle school staff is focused on completing work centered on Learning by Doing, which is the foundational text for the PLC process. The elementary staff is engaged in completing work focused on Response to Intervention within our PLC framework.

In the near future, information will be sent out to students entering grades 6-8 to make their electives selections for next year.

In-person Summer School Part 1 started week 3 of 4 today. There are about 180 students attending. This does not include sports camps. 40 middle school students participated in volleyball the last 2 weeks, and basketball with 37 students started today. Remote classes for EB (ELL) students and reading intervention are also on week 3, and includes 25 students. Last week a google form was sent to parents to sign up for asynchronous resources, and links will be shared starting Tuesday. 130 parents have signed up so far, and students can be added on a rolling basis over the next few weeks. Summer School Part 2 is scheduled for August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>, with about 75 students attending full time. Additional students are being invited in for 45 minute reading intervention groups based on spring ECRA and BAS data.

***Special  
Education  
Report***

Member Alper gave the NTDSE report including information about a new IEP program, de-escalation training and information about the early childhood alliance.

***Super-Intendent Report***

Mr. Voehringer reported that there will be IASB training on July 6<sup>th</sup> in the library at 6pm. Dr. Dee Molinare will be presenting and a light supper will be provided.

A letter is being sent on behalf of school districts throughout the state to the Governor, ISBE, and IDPH seeking clarification on several topics relating to re-opening in the fall. These topics include social distancing, masking, and quarantine.

The district hosted a vaccine clinic for students age 12 and up. It was for non-Skokie districts since Skokie has its own health department.

The district is partnering with the Kenneth Young Centers to help support kids with their return to in-person learning (Social Emotional Learning). This will be paid for with federal funds from the ESSER grant.

***Informational Items***

***Enrollment Report***

2020-2021 Enrollment Report as of May 31, 2021:

	<u>PreK-8</u>
PreK-5	555
6-8	<u>290</u>
TOTAL	845
In-person	485
Remote	<u>360</u>
	845

***Lunchroom Report***

3425 lunches were sold during the month of May.

***FOIA Requests***

No requests received this month.

***Policy Review First Reading***

PRESS has released some revision to policies. The district has a policy committee which consists of Mr. Voehringer and two board members. Mr. Voehringer recommended that the board adopt all changes as presented. The changes will be voted on as an action item at the July 19, 2021 board meeting.

***Action  
Items***

***Approval of  
FY22  
Transportation  
Contract***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Thannert to approve the FY22 Transportation Contract.

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

***Approval of  
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Wilson to approve the resignation of Jaklin Haddad, recess supervisor, effective immediately.

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

***Approval of  
Hiring  
Certified  
Staff***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Thannert to approve the hiring of Lily Ruklick, fourth grade teacher, for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

***Approval of  
Dismissal***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member McGivern to approve the dismissal of Robert VonBuelow, custodian, effective immediately.

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

***Approval of  
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Thannert to approve the resignation of Amalia Keane, School Psychologist, effective immediately.

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

**Old**

**Business** Member Karagozian stated that instead of the weekly Committee of the Whole meetings, the board would follow Mr. Voehringer's weekly board updates. Then as school comes closer to opening in August, it will be determined if the board will just continue to follow the weekly board updates or schedule weekly Committee of the Whole meetings.

**New**

**Business** None

**Audience**

**To**

**Visitors** None

**Adjournment** A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.


**Closed**


**Session** The board moved to closed session for the purpose of a litigation matter.

**Return to**

**Open Session** The board returned to open session. A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Approved by:

  
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President

  
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Secretary