

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

July 19, 2021

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

Pamela Alper
Paul Torres
Jeremy Wilson
Paul McGivern
George Karagozian
John Przekota
Mark Thannert (arrived at 7:01pm)

Members Absent:

None

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Matt Condon, Principal; Jesse Chatz, Director of Communication; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Paul Connelly, Wendy Rice, Margaret Reynolds, and Vicki Goldberg.

Pledge of Allegiance

*Audience
To
Visitors* None

*Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg.
And Closed
Meeting
6/21/2021*

Copies of the Minutes from the Board of Education Meeting on June 21, 2021, and the Closed Meeting from June 21, 2021, were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and the Closed Session on June 21, 2021.

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

***Approval of
Minutes
Closed Meeting
7/6/2021***

Copies of the Minutes from the Closed Meeting on July 6, 2021 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting from July 6, 2021.

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

***Recommendation
For Closed Minutes
To Remain
Closed***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to have the closed meeting minutes from January 20, 2021, February 17, 2021, April 26, 2021, June 21, 2021, and July 6, 2021 remain closed.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Thannert, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, 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 June 2021.

Student Fees	\$2,985.00
Scholastic refund	\$1,933.86
Summer School	\$390.00
NTDSE Classroom Fee	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$20,308.86

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Thannert, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, 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 June 2021 presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 10 - Education	\$38,085.88
Fund 20 - O&M	\$48,034.97

Fund 40 – Transportation	\$166,440.91
Fund 60 – Capital Projects	<u>\$102,662.00</u>
TOTAL	\$355,223.76

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski went over the Treasurer's Report. The fund balances have increased over last year but that is because this past year was unusual due to the pandemic. There was less professional development and less extra duty and there was \$300,000 of federal funds. Tax rate reports have not been received because the equalization factor was late. Therefore, the tentative budget will be presented in August instead of July. There is still enough time to present the tentative budget in August and the final budget in September. The district will have a single audit because it received over \$750,000 in federal awards this year because IDEA funds are coming directly to the district instead of being flow through funds and the district received ESSER Grant Funds. The auditors will have to do a more thorough analysis of the federal grants which will cost about \$5,000 more.

***Education
Report***

Matt Condon shared that the Park District is hosting a Back To School bash on August 17th from 5:30pm to 8:30pm at Harrer Park. District 70 is participating. Kindergarten Orientation will be August 18th and institute days will be August 19th and 20th. Tours are being scheduled for some students because they have never been in the school before due to the pandemic or are new to the community.

Dr. Mayer reported that he has spent a large portion of July working on federal grants for the coming school year. The district currently has three different federal grants to provide funding to address issues related to COVID. Those grants total almost \$1,150,000. The district also has federal title grants that total almost \$115,000 and are used for professional development and support the social emotional needs of the students. The district will soon be having it's EL grant opening and these funds will be used to support English Language Learners in a number of different ways. The district received preliminary data from the state regarding IAR performance. Dr. Siemieniec will be at the August board meeting and will provide a comprehensive overview of the performance.

***Special
Education
Report***

There was a board orientation, and a building tour. NTDSE stated it would be happy to give other administrators and board members tours of the building.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Voehringer mentioned that each of the board members received “A School Board Member’s Handbook” from the district’s law firm. The facilities committee met and went over some projects. The Molloy project will cost \$87,000 a year for ten years. The roofing project will be done in 2023 and then it will be another six years before any roof work will need to be done. There is a LED replacement project and the district is waiting to hear about grants. The water piping in the building is very old and will be a major project.

There will be a recognition on August 19th for the retirees of 2019-2020 and for people who have reached milestones in their careers. At the August board meeting, the learning plan for snow days will be presented.

ISBE came out with some guidance on July 9th. It states that “The CDC is right: vaccination is the best preventive strategy. As school board members, parents, teachers, and superintendents plan for a return to in-person learning in the fall, we strongly encourage those who are not vaccinated to continue to mask...” In-person instruction is a top priority. The ISBE report covered mask guidance, additional updates, the difference between guidance and mandates, and implications of not adhering to guidance. On July 24th, a new executive order is supposed to come out further clarifying the guidance from the State.

***Informational
Items***

***FOIA
Requests***

REQUEST – received from foia.blind@gmail.com “Pursuant to FOIA, we request the following information for paraprofessionals or instructional assistants in your District: Starting Wage Rate for FY22; starting Wage Rate for FY22; percentage or dollar increase for FY22; current employee contribution toward health insurance premium; copy of collective bargaining agreement (if unionized); whether you offer dental and/or vision. If so, what is the employee percent contribution to either or both. We would appreciate a response as soon as possible. Thank you.”

RESPONSE – Sent via email on June 23, 2021

RECOMMENDATION – No action is needed from the Board.

REQUEST – received via email on June 28, 2021 from Bernadette Soto, Research Development & Compliance, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters, 12 East Erie St., Chicago, IL 60611 (312)951-1522 bstoto@carpentersunion.org, www.carpentersunion.org “Dear FOIA Officer, My name is Bernadette Soto, with the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters. I am requesting the following information including but not limited to: Please provide the executed contract(s) between Morton Grove SD 70 & Chicago Doorways, Contour Landscaping,

Crown Coverings, Inc. and Professional Remodeling LLC for FY 2019. Please provide any correspondence such as e-mails, submittals, certified payroll and pay out requests. Please provide any documents disclosing and or identifying general contractors/subcontractors. Please provide a list of the school's work performed for the FY requested. Please submit request(s) electronically to bsoto@carpetersunion.org. I appreciate your assistance in advance and look forward to hearing from you.”

RESPONSE – Sent via email on June 28, 2021

RECOMMENDATION – No action is needed from the Board.

***Director of
Communications
Report***

The Director of Communications, Jesse Chatz gave a report about how the district plans to communicate to stakeholders. There is internal communication which is done through TGIF, Condon's Catch-up, Board Briefs, ad-hoc email updates, staff meetings, and grade level meetings. For external family communication there is Condon's Catch-up, parent-teacher communication, updates from D70 Superintendent, the website, social media, videos and media, mass phone call alerts, remind/text messaging application, Google Classroom/Email, and help@mgsd70.org. For external community communication, there is the website, newsletters (printed/digital), press releases/media coverage. For collecting feedback (surveys, feedback, and data), there is 5Essentials, Miracle Moments, email feedback (help@mgsd70.org), district-led surveys (targeted groups and districtwide). There was a 2021 In-Person Learning Survey. There were 108 respondents with representation across all grade levels. The overall theme of the survey is that parents want in-person learning for the upcoming school year, increased opportunities for social interactions among students, community gatherings and events, and increased utilization of the outdoors as a learning space. The overall feedback was extremely positive.

***Action
Items***

***Approval of
Policies –
Second
Reading***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Alper to approve the changes to the attached policies.

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

***Approval of
Hiring***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Wilson to approve the rehiring of Nahrain Behnam for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

**Approval of
Agreement
With Kenneth**

Young Center A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by member Alper to approve the agreement with Kenneth Young Center.

Roll Call: Members Thannert, Alper, Torres, Wilson, Przekota, and Karagozian voted aye. Member McGivern voted nay. The motion carried.

**Old
Business** None

**New
Business** None


**Audience
To
Visitors** None

Adjournment At 8:24pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to move to closed session. All members were in favor.

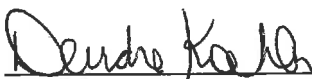
**Closed
Session** At 8:27pm, the board moved to closed session for the purpose of a personnel matter. At 9:14pm, Member Karagozian moved to adjourn the closed session. Member McGivern seconded and all were in favor.

**Return to
Open Session** At 9:15pm, the board returned to open session. A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:



President



Secretary