

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

January 18, 2023

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

George Karagozian
Paul Torres
Mark Thannert
Pamela Alper
Kate Pichon
Jeremy Wilson

Absent:

Paul McGivern

Matt Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Jacquelyn Le-Mon, Assistant Principal; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Jane Melnick and Jennifer Minelli. Cheryden Juergensen, Partner with Eder, Casella & Co, CPA firm was also in the attendance.

Audience

***To
Visitors*** None

***Approval of
Minutes***

***Regular Mtg
12/12/22***

And

***Recommendations
For Closed Session***

Minutes Copies of the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on December 12, 2022 were included in the Board Packet. There was also a recommendation to keep the Closed Session Minutes from September 19, 2022 and November 14, 2022 closed. A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 12, 2022 and to keep the Closed Session Minutes from September 19, 2022 and November 14, 2022 closed.

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

***Approval of
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the deposits for the month of December 2022.

Preschool Tuition	\$1,350.00
Student Lunch	\$9,194.25
School Fees	\$1,478.00
Revenue Sharing Agreement	\$233,383.00
School Maintenance Grant	\$50,000.00
Background check refund	\$28.25
Taxi Reimbursement	\$740.00

TOTAL **\$296,173.50**

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

***Approval of
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Karzgozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the payables for the month of December 2022. A board member conference reimbursement was included.

Fund 10 - Education	\$36,489.53
Fund 20 - O&M	\$55,808.51
Fund 40 - Transportation	\$77,736.17

TOTAL **\$170,034.21**

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She also mentioned that the district received a large amount of property tax revenue in December, but with the due date being the end of the month, there will be another large deposit in January. The district is expected to receive \$77,433 in levy adjustment funds for 2022 due to errors or appeals.

Mr. Wilson brought up the quality of the lunches at the December board meeting. Mrs. Majchrowski has been working with Georgia Senensky, Food Service

Director. They will put out a survey to students to see what lunch options they would like to see served in the cafeteria.

The district had the bid opening last Thursday morning for the second to the last phase of the roofing project. Five companies submitted bids. The lowest bidder, including the alternate bid to demolish the chimney, was G.E. Riddiford Company at \$394,600. The district architect, STR, has worked with them on multiple occasions and recommends them for the project.

The full FY22 audit is included in the board packet and each board member received a hard copy. Cheryden Juergensen from Eder, Casella & Co was there to go over the findings from the audit.

Ms. Juergensen thanked Mrs. Majchrowski and the business office staff for their cooperation with the audit. The audit was delayed due to the delay in property tax information. The district has an unmodified opinion. The financial records are free from material misstatement. There are no issues with internal controls. There was also a single audit for the federal ESSER grant and no issues were found. The district received a financial profile score of 4.0, which is the highest rating possible.

Education Report

Ms. Le-Mon presented the Education Report. She reported that the 7th grade families received registration information for the 7th grade students to go to Springfield. That trip is scheduled for March 14th, 6am-9:30pm. The district has also sent out information to 8th grade families about a Washington, DC trip. It is coordinated by WorldStrides for a trip on May 26th to May 28th. The starting cost is \$1,595 for a group of 20 and gets cheaper for each additional 10 students who sign up. This is not a district sponsored trip. Graduation photos are tomorrow. Also, Niles West is hosting a Curriculum and Activities Night. At that meeting, parents will find out information about the upcoming counselor appointments on February 1st. The PTO is putting on an 8th grade dance on Friday, May 19th at Park View. The 8th grade graduation will be on Tuesday, May 30th at 7pm in the auditorium at Niles West.

Ms. Le-Mon then shared a presentation that was previously shared with the staff called "Why Does Model PLC Matter?" Model PLC (Professional Learning Communities) status recognition means that the district has demonstrated improvement in student outcomes for at least three years. There needs to be independent validation that the district is utilizing practices aligned with answering the four critical questions of the PLC process. Yearly artifact submission is required. It does not mean that the commitment to the work of the PLC has been complete. It is a cycle of continuous improvement. There are also subsets of growth, one of which is students of low socio-economic status. ECRA data is used to determine student growth. For English Language Arts, students in the district were in the 70th percentile in Illinois in 2017-2018, the 78th percentile

in 2018-2019, and in the 81st percentile in 2021-2022. For math, students in the district were in the 67th percentile in Illinois in 2017-2018, the 77th percentile in 2018-2019, and in the 79th percentile in 2021-2022. Out of 865 school districts in Illinois, Park View is in the top 165 school districts in the state in student achievement in ELA and in the top 181 school district in math. Park View has joined the elite group of 419 school districts in the country to receive model PLC status historically.

Dr. Mayer shared that the district is working with an ELL (English Language Learner) expert, Carol Gibbs, to establish an implementation plan for the recommendations that came out of the ELL audit finalized last year.

***Special
Education
Report***

Mrs. Alper gave an NTDSE update that included information about the updating of the Articles of Agreement that govern the special education cooperative. They must be accepted by three fourths of the districts in the township by June. Tarin Kendrick, Executive Director of NTDSE can come to a board meeting to explain how NTDSE works with the township districts. NTDSE is almost fully staffed now.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Voehringer shared that there is a new committee called the Appreciation Committee. They made a poster for the Board of Education to express their appreciation for their time and commitment.

Mr. Voehringer also shared the details of the principal search process. A search firm vetted candidates and presented the district with three outstanding candidates. There were three committees that interviewed each candidate. One consisted of staff, parents, and administrators. One consisted of students in fourth through eighth grade. One consisted of top district administrators. All three committees chose the same candidate. This candidate has accepted verbally and a contract is being developed. That contract will be voted on at the next board meeting. This candidate has several years of experience and comes highly recommended.

Mr. Voehringer also shared that the district is pursuing adding another preschool class at Park View for next year. Currently, District 73.5 houses special education preschool classrooms on behalf of the entire township. Next year, they will not be able to do so. District 70 has several students there with special needs. Therefore, the district is opening another preschool classroom at Park View for next school year. The morning session will be a self-contained special education program. The afternoon session will be a blended preschool program. The district is still working out the details. Preschool registration should start this Friday.

Mr. Voehringer reminded the board that the February board meeting will also be on a Wednesday due to Presidents' Day and that a consultant from IASB will conduct a board training for one hour afterward in a closed session with Mr. Condon.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

There were 871 students enrolled as of December 31, 2022.

***Lunch
Report***

There were 4497 lunches sold in December 2022.

***FOIA
Requests***

There were no FOIA requests for the month of December 2022.

Policy Review

First Reading

Mr. Voehringer stated that the first reading of the PRESS policies is tonight. Most have minor changes. There is a new policy, 4:190 that requires districts to file threat assessment procedures with the regional office of education.

***Action
Items***

***Approval
Of
FY22 Audit***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the FY22 Audit.

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

***Approval
Of
Bids***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the bid for the second to last phase of the roofing project to G.E. Riddiford Company for \$394,600 to begin in June 2023.

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

***Approval
Of
Administrator
Contract***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the three year contract extension for the Director of Business Services, Erin Majchrowski.

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

***Approval
Of
2023-24
School
Calendar***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar.

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

***Acceptance
Of
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to accept the resignation of Gary Covington as a part-time custodian effective immediately.

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

***Acceptance
Of
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to accept the resignation of Dr. Matthew Mayer as Assistant Superintendent effective June 30, 2023.

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

***Old
Business***

Member Wilson asked if consideration was given to installing air conditioning in the gyms. Mr. Voehringer stated that it would cost \$500,000 and that the architect said that now is not the time to buy steel. The district has a running list of projects that need to be completed and air conditioning is on it, but also on it is a new intercom system, updated security, a new chiller, and new plumbing. Due to supply chain issues, the LED lighting project has been put on hold. There was a bid that was put out but no one responded so the bid was pulled. Many companies do not want to deal with a small district. The architect does not recommend solar panels for the building.

New Business None

Audience To Visitors None

Adjournment At 7:55pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:

Deirdre Koehler
~~President~~
Secretary

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President

