

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

**May 15, 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  
Paul McGivern  
Jeremy Wilson

Absent:

None

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Matt Condon, Principal; Mark Schwarz, Assistant Principal; Katie McKee, Special Education Coordinator; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff member was also in attendance: Tracy Paskiewicz, teacher. The following community members were in attendance: Claudia and Bill Popielarczyk.

*Audience  
To  
Visitors*

None

*Approval of  
Minutes  
Regular Mtg  
4/17/2023*

Copies of the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on April 17, 2023 were included in the Board Packet. A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 17, 2023.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, Torres, McGivern, 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 April 2023.

Preschool Tuition	\$4,065.30
Student Lunch	\$14,343.75
Adult Lunch	\$33.80
School Fees	\$2,413.85
Rebates and Refunds	\$928.84
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$21,785.54</b>

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, McGivern, Torres, Wilson, 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 April 2023.

Fund 10 – Education	\$1,102,294.79
Fund 20 - O&M	\$54,334.48
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$96,221.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,252,851.03</b>

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Majchrowski reported that the transportation contract for this year was a 7% increase from last year. The contract for next year is a 3.75% increase. The student fees will be the same for next year as this year except the heart rate straps are \$1 less due to using a different strap. Lunch prices were calculated using the Paid Lunch Equity tool and will be \$3.55 due to the high CPI. The ESSER III plan is on the website. The district needs to outline how the funds will be spent. The Consolidated District Plan includes information on the district's federal grants, specifically Title I, Title II, and Title IV. The chiller bid went to TEC for \$129,900. This is just for the chiller. The installation still has to be bid.

***Education  
Report***

Mr. Condon reported that Park View is a Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Distinguished Program Recipient. PLTW Distinguished Program Recognition celebrates districts and schools committed to helping students own their education by increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in their PLTW programs.

There is a new Warrior Legacy Scholarship. It is a collaboration between the administration and the PTO. The scholarship recipients raised \$6,000 for St. Jude's, completed over 700 community service hours, and raised \$120,000 for running financial literacy workshops for high school students.

The courtyard has been beautified. There was a kindness crew working with Park View middle school classes and elementary "buddy" classes. Students decorated rocks and placed them in the courtyard. The district has plans to use the courtyard as classroom space in the future.

The Park View Student Council raised \$851 for the American Cancer Society. Two 4<sup>th</sup> grade students approached Mr. Condon with the plan. They sold Squishmallows in a raffle for one week. Mr. Condon reported that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Niles West High School. Finally, Mr. Condon invited everyone to come to the Park View Retirement Party on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:45pm.

Mr. Schwarz reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are going this week and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are going next week. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are viewing an exhibit about leaving a positive legacy and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are viewing an exhibit about being an upstander.

***Special  
Education  
Report***

Member Alper gave the NTDSE report. The Board has been reorganized and there are some new faces. The contract with the union was ratified and will go through 2026. NTDSE is working on Extended School Year. There is also going to be summer construction. There is a coaching program that helps teachers with behavioral and classroom practices.

***Super-  
Intendent  
Report***

Mr. Voehringer reported about the new residential developments being proposed to the planning commission and urged the Board to start attending those meetings regularly to represent the district's interests. There is a townhouse development that is being proposed in the TIF district that is estimated to bring about 25 additional students to Park View. That would be a cost of at least \$130,000 a year to the district due to having to add another bus and teacher. The planning commission meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. Mr. Voehringer suggested that a Board member and/or an administrator go to make the most impact. The Village is also planning to move into a building on Dempster and if they leave the old Grove School, the school district should ask for the building back.

Mr. Voehringer also confirmed that the June Board meeting will be on the 20<sup>th</sup> due to the holiday on the 19<sup>th</sup>. He shared that COVID testing is now over at Park View. There were only about 30 students participating. He reminded Board members to inform the district if they plan to attend the annual conference in November. The registration opens on June 5<sup>th</sup>. The Board also agreed to purchase SuperEval to conduct the superintendent evaluation in the future. The free trial has expired and the cost is \$2,700 for the first year and \$2,500 after that as a subscription. It can also be used down the road for other administrators. The policies that are in the packet as a first reading were changed mostly due to Faith's Law.

***Informational  
Items***

***Enrollment  
Report***

There were 886 students enrolled as of April 30, 2023.

***Lunch  
Report***

There were 5506 lunches sold in April 2023.

***FOIA  
Requests***

There were no Freedom of Information Act requests during the period.

***Action  
Items***

***Approval  
Of  
FY24  
Transportation  
Contract***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the FY24 transportation contract.

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

***Approval  
Of  
Student Fees  
For FY24***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the student fees for FY24.

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

***Approval  
Of  
FY24  
Salaries  
For  
Exempt  
Employees***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the FY24 salaries for exempt employees.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, McGivern, 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 Torres to approve the resignation of Andy Eckhorn-Martinez, teacher, effective June 2, 2023.

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

***Approval  
Of  
Resignation***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the resignation of Helen Smith, recess supervisor, effective April 28, 2023.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the hire of Katherine Stief as a School Psychologist for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to approve the hire of Vera Ratner as SEL Specialist for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the hire of Lauren Robek as a band teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the hire of Hana Ataya as a recess supervisor effective May 9, 2023.

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

***Approval  
Of  
Revised  
Retirement  
Date***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the revised retirement date for Jody Shelist at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. This is a one time, non-precedential change.

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

***Approval  
Of  
ESSER  
Grant  
For FY24***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the ESSER grant for FY24.

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

***Approval  
Of FY24  
Consolidated  
District Plan***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the FY24 Consolidated District Plan.

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

***Approval  
Of Bid for  
New Chiller***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the awarding the chiller bid to TEC for \$129,900.

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

***Appointment  
President  
Pro Tem***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member McGivern to appoint Paul Torres as the President Pro Tem for the Special Organization Meeting.

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


***Old  
Business***      None


***New  
Business***      None

***Audience  
To  
Visitors***      None

***Adjournment*** At 7:38pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:

  
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President

  
Secretary