

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

October 17, 2022

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

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

Absent:

Paul McGivern

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Matt Condon, Principal; Jacqui Le-Mon, Assistant Principal; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Margaret Reynolds, Jennifer Hestrup, and Laurie Katz.

Pledge of Allegiance

Audience
To
Visitors None

Approval of
Minutes
Regular Mtg
& Closed Mtg
9/19/2022

Copies of the Minutes from the Regular and Closed Board of Education Meeting on September 19, 2022 were included in the Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Closed Meeting on September 19, 2022.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Torres, Thannert, Pichon, 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 September 2022.

Preschool	\$17,162.00
Student Lunch	\$12,931.10
Adult Lunch	\$29.00
School Fees	\$57,056.00
Summer School	\$80.00
Park View PTO	\$800.00
Unemployment Refund	\$2,608.00

TOTAL **\$90,666.10**

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

***Approval of
Payables***

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

Fund 10 – Education	\$78,051.74
Fund 20 - O&M	\$79,394.27
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$79,415.72
Fund 60 – Capital Projects	\$48,790.90

TOTAL **\$285,652.63**

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

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

Mrs. Majchrowski went over the Treasurer's Report. The fund balance is lower this year because tax revenue has not been received yet. Typically, it starts coming by the end of September, but it will be at least another month before it starts coming this year.

Mrs. Majchrowski explained that typically the tentative tax levy would be approved at the October board meeting and the final levy would be approved at the November board meeting. However, since the 2021 tax extension is not available, there is no choice (confirmed by the attorneys) but to wait until November for the tentative levy and the final in December in hopes that the 2021

extension will be available by then. Mrs. Majchrowski called the Cook County Clerk's office last week, and they were hopeful the reports are available by the first week in November.

Mrs. Majchrowski also reported that this year since CPI for 2021 was 7%, the district can levy for 5% plus new property, which would put the request over 5% and would require a public hearing. She talked this through at the finance committee last week, which Mr. Wilson attended, and her plan is to present the tentative levy at the November meeting, put the notice in the newspaper, and then hold the public hearing for the levy in December. It is important that there is a quorum at this meeting.

Mrs. Majchrowski then addressed the School Maintenance Grant approval. The district was awarded this School Maintenance Grant last year and has also received it in previous years. It is a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing awards up to \$50,000 for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings. The district is in the process of applying for the School Maintenance Grant to be used toward the next phase of the roof project that is scheduled to begin this summer. The board needs to approve the application and then it can be submitted.

Education Report

Margaret Reynolds gave a presentation on Kagan strategies. The basic principles of Kagan include positive interdependence, individual accountability, equal participation, and simultaneous interaction. Partners work together using a structure designed so that everyone is heard and has a chance to talk. It ends with a positive affirmation. Kagan strategies will be presented to the teachers at the next early release day.

Jacqui Le-Mon, Assistant Principal, gave a presentation about the mentor-mentee program and how they are using John Hattie's Visible Learning research to achieve the great growth in student learning. Jacqui's presentation stated that, "John Hattie conducted a meta-analysis ranking 138 influences that are related to learning outcomes from very positive effects to very negative effects; this was initially published in his book *Visible Learning*. When implemented with fidelity, practices with an effect size of .4 or greater result in increased student achievement and growth." Some strategies that have been identified as the most effective instructional practices include jigsaw method, classroom discussion, scaffolding, summarization, teacher clarity, and feedback.

Mr. Condon reported that parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 27th and October 28th and will be in person this year. He also reported that in accordance to the Character portion of the district Credo, the girls' volleyball team gave hair ties to an opponent they were playing and the staff at the school was very impressed with the girls' character when facing an opponent.

***Special
Education
Report***

There was no meeting in October but articles of agreement are being revised and Erin Majchrowski and Katie McKee are on those committees.

***Super-
Intendent
Report***

Mr. Condon sat in for Brad Voehringer. Mr. Condon reminded the board that the Triple I Conference is November 18th through November 20th. He also reminded them that reelection materials are available through IASB. If they have any questions, they should direct them to Brad. Gina Siemieniec from ECRA will be at the November board meeting to discuss student progress.

***Informational
Items***

***Enrollment
Report***

There were 867 students enrolled as of September 30, 2022.

***Lunch
Report***

There were 6,143 lunches sold in August and September 2022.

***FOIA
Requests***

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

***Action
Items***

***Approval of
School
Maintenance
Grant***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Alper to approve the school maintenance grant application.

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

***Acceptance
Of
Retirement***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to accept the retirement of Jody Shelist at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Torres, Thannert, Pichon, 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 hiring of Colleen McNaughton as a teacher's aide for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

***Acceptance
Of
Leave of
Absence
Request***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to accept the leave of absence request of Emily Stankovic for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

***Acceptance
Of
Leave of
Absence
Request***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to accept the leave of absence request of Taylor Tobey for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

***Acceptance
Of
Retirement***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to accept the retirement of Marci Heymann at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Torres, Thannert, Pichon, Wilson, 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 Abigail Irizarry effective October 7, 2022.

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

**Old
Business**

None

**New
Business**


Mrs. Alper relayed that some parents were disappointed that there was no curriculum night this year. Mr. Condon said there would be one next year. There has not been for a while due to Covid. Mr. Wilson asked about the status of the new LED lighting retrofits. Mrs. Majchrowski said that the architect is looking in to this and will report by next month.

**Audience
To
Visitors**

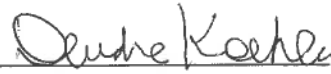
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Adjournment At 7:52pm, a motion was made by Member Karagozian to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:



President



Secretary