

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

**December 12, 2022**

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

Pamela Alper  
Kate Pichon  
Jeremy Wilson  
Paul McGivern

Absent:

George Karagozian  
Paul Torres  
Mark Thannert

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Matt Condon, Principal; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Katie McKee, Special Education Coordinator; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were in attendance. The following staff members were also in attendance: Laura Hansen, Kate Cobb, Michelle Brodsky, Shana Finkelstein, and Wendy Rice. The following residents were also in attendance: Petra Maton, Andy Radia, Stephanie Wilson, Melanie Flores, Vasiliki Frake, Jamie Mette, Michelle Wang, Amy Opensky, and Heidi Stilling. (All residents, except for Vasiliki Frake, left after public comment.

At 6:55pm, Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Brodsky and the band and orchestra performed two holiday songs.

***Motion to  
Appoint  
President***

***Pro-Tempore*** A motion was made by Member Alper and seconded by Member Pichon to appoint Member McGivern the President Pro Tempore for the meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

***Audience  
To  
Visitors***

The following parents all brought up their disappointment at the lack of field trips, particularly the 5<sup>th</sup> grade outdoor education field trip, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade Springfield trip, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington, D.C. trip. Mr. Voehringer mentioned that there are still field trips.

Melanie Flores  
9106 Luna  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

Jamie Melte  
9000 Mason Ave  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

Michelle Wang  
9100 Cinder Ave  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

Amy Opensky  
8910 Meade  
Morton Grove, IL 60053

***Approval of  
Minutes  
Regular Mtg  
11/14/22  
Closed Mtg  
11/14/22***

Copies of the Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on November 14, 2022 were included in the Board Packet. Copies of the Minutes from the Closed Meeting were included in the Confidential Board Packet.

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Alper to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and the Closed Meeting on November 14, 2022.

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

***Approval of  
Deposits***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Alper to approve the deposits for the month of November 2022.

Preschool Tuition	\$ 8,025.00
Student Lunch	\$ 9,636.30
Adult Lunch	\$ 20.00

School Fees	\$ 5,032.00
iPad sale	\$15,886.00
Student Activity Reimbursement	\$ 61.83
Rebate – Food Service	\$ 136.33
Taxi Reimbursement	\$ 700.00
Workers Comp Dividend Check	\$ 775.68
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 40,273.14</b>

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

***Approval of Payables***

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Alper to approve the payables for the month of November 2022. A board member conference reimbursement was included.

Fund 10 – Education	\$1,040,726.15
Fund 20 - O&M	\$34,655.55
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$55,573,42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,130,955.12</b>

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

***Treasurer’s And Business Report***

Mrs. Majchrowski reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. She also conducted the tax levy hearing. The district is asking for a 7.95% increase to capture all new property. This is not the amount the district will receive. The district expects to receive a 5.25% increase. The existing EAV property pool will only increase by a maximum of 5% per PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law). The additional request is to cover any new property. Cash Reserve Balances are as follows:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Cash Balance as of 6/30/22 (FY22)</b>	<b>Cash Balance as of 11/30/22</b>
Education	\$13,727,895	\$10,578,138
Operations&Maintenance	\$1,852,840	\$1,343,486
Debt Service	\$274,317	\$293,954
Transportation	\$1,730,144	\$1,426,118
IMRF/SS	\$303,169	\$97,242
Capital Projects	\$392,805	\$253,272
Working Cash	\$2,314,838	\$2,330,880

***Education  
Report***

Mr. Condon shared recent highlights including winter concerts and early release professional development opportunities. The middle school focused on Kagan strategies which included methods for teambuilding, class building, and classroom management. Mr. Condon also shared that there are currently more clubs than ever.

***Special  
Education  
Report***

Mrs. Alper shared the NTDSE/special education report which included updates on the articles of agreement revision process. The final approval will be in March and it will be brought to the districts in April. The goal is to have 75% of the township approve the articles of agreement.

***Super-  
Intendent  
Report***

Mr. Voehringer reminded the Board that winter break is December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 6<sup>th</sup>. He also shared an update about the principal search process. The search firm screened eight candidates of which four were very strong. The next step is for the administration, staff, parents, and students to interview the three or four candidates. He announced that Dr. Mayer has been named as the new superintendent in Fox River Grove School District #3. He also announced that the district was named a model PLC (Professional Learning Community) school district. The district is one of 29 districts in the state to have this status. It must be renewed every year. PLC is a collaborative model that focuses on continuous improvement. Solution Tree, the company that runs the model PLC will come out to make sure students continue to grow. The district is 1<sup>st</sup> in the township in math and third in the township in English Language Arts. In 2017, the district was 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the district respectively in these areas. The district is in the 79<sup>th</sup> percentile in the state in math and in the 81<sup>st</sup> percentile in ELA. The low income students outgrew other low income students in the state. The district is one of the few in the state that did not lose ground during the COVID pandemic.

***Informational  
Items***

***Enrollment  
Report***

There were 869 students enrolled as of November 30, 2022.

***Lunch  
Report***

There were 5,048 lunches sold in November 2022.

***FOIA  
Requests***

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

**Action  
Items**

**Approval of  
Tax Levy**

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Alper to approve the tentative tax levy. The cash reserve balances were disclosed in the levy hearing.

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

**Approval  
Of  
New Hire**

A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the hiring of John Scanlon as a lunch/recess monitor for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

**Old  
Business**

None

**New  
Business**

Member Wilson brought up using SuperEval for the superintendent evaluation. Mr. Voehringer said he would follow up with the attorney to make sure it matches the contract language as well as cost information. Member Wilson also brought up the policy of not letting outside groups use the facilities after school. Mr. Voehringer responded that this goes against our security policy. Member Wilson brought up an issue about the quality of the school lunches. Mr. Voehringer said he would follow up.

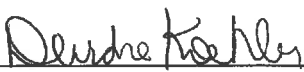
**Audience  
To  
Visitors**

None

**Adjournment** At 7:37pm, a motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Wilson to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:

  
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President

  
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Secretary

