

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

January 16, 2024

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

Paul Torres
Mark Thannert
Pamela Alper
Kate Pichon
Jeremy Wilson
Clauda Popielarczyk

Absent:
George Karagozian

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; John Wawczak, Principal; Nicole Cardillo-Kerr, Director of Curriculum and Professional Learning; Jacqui Le-Mon, Assistant Principal; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Jill Brocar, Board Secretary; and Matt Condon, Superintendent were in attendance.

Audience To Visitors

None

Approval of Minutes, Regular Meeting 12/18/23

Copies of the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on December 18, 2023, were included in the Board Packet. A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 18, 2023.

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

Approval of Closed Minutes Recommendation

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to keep the closed minutes from August 21, 2023 closed.

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

Approval of Deposits

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the deposits for the month of December 2023.

Preschool Tuition	\$2,700.00
Student Lunch	\$13,305.99
Adult Lunch	\$10.05
School Fess	\$2,140.00
Taxi Reimbursement	\$1,272.50
iPad	\$2,224.50
Rebates and Refunds	\$912.94
TOTAL	\$22,565.98

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

Approval of Payables

A motion was made by Member Torrs and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the payables for the month of December 2023.

Fund 10 – Education	\$60,701.80
Fund 20 – O & M	\$7,061.38
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$101,646.16
TOTAL	\$219,409.34

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

Treasurer's and Business Report

Director of Business Services, Erin Majchrowski, reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The district has a larger fund balance this year than last year at the same time because the due date for property taxes was earlier this year (beginning of December vs end of December). The school maintenance grant the district submitted in October was approved. The district will use those funds toward the last phase of the roof replacement.

Education Report

Mrs. Kerr gave an update on "Yes We Can" work, which will happen on 1/24/24 at the early release. Map testing, I-Ready, and Access testing will be taking place over the next several weeks.

Mr. Wawczak reported that we had several events including the variety show, choir performance, business showcase, and ELA position papers. He was impressed with all of the students and it was nice to have parents attend the events. He also gave an update on the first e-learning day of the school year and reported it went well. Lastly he introduced our newest Warriors.

Ms. Le-Mon reported on the upcoming EL Family Bingo night, 2/1 and International Night, 3/1. Elementary students will be attending their grade level Warrior Way assembly on 1/26. Fifth grade has begun the Lead the Way program with resource officers from Morton Grove Police Department.

Special Education Report

Mrs. Alper gave the Special Education report. The NTDSE Board approved a new architectural firm, Arcon. They also approved the 2024-2025 school calendar. They stated that it is helpful when the township schools align their calendars, which District 70 is already doing. They moved their audiological services to Luries Outpatient located in Skokie.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Condon reported on the snow day protocol and applauded the Township for coming together and making the decision early to have a snow day to let staff and parents know for planning purposes. Thanks to Dan, Jim and Gherson for coming in and working to remove snow and check the building. Also thanks to Alana for coming in and fielding phone calls.

Mr. Condon reported that the e-learning came together with the help of all staff members. Member Alper and Member Torres were complementary on how well e-learning was handled and very well communicated.

Mr. Condon reported that he attended a village meeting regarding the water main. Work is scheduled to begin 1/29 and be completed near the end of February. They do not anticipate much disruption to families and students, as the work will be near the District Office.

Informational Items

Enrollment Report

There were 873 students enrolled as of December 31, 2023.

Lunch Report

There were 4838 lunches sold in December 31, 2023.

FOIA Requests

There were no FOIA requests for December 2023.

Action Items

Approval of FY25 School Calendar

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the calendar for the 2024-2-25 school year.

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

Approval of Additional EL FTE

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to approve the addition of an English Language Full Time Equivalent staff member.

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

Approval of Verkada Security

A motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the purchase of Verkada Physical Security cameras.

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

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Audience To Visitors

None

Motion for Closed Session

At 8:01 p.m. a motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to go to closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational or educational setting, or a specific volunteer of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational,

or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Return to Open Session

At 8:41 p.m., a motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to return to open session.

Adjournment

At 8:42 p.m., a motion was made by Member Torres and seconded by Member Alper to adjourn the meeting. All members were in favor.

Approved by:



President



Secretary