

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

**December 18, 2023**

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  
George Karagozian

Absent:

Claudia Popielarczyk

Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; John Wawczak, Principal; Nicole Cardillo-Kerr, Director of Curriculum and Professional Learning; Mark Schwarz, Assistant Principal; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Deirdre Koehler, Business Office Specialist; Jill Brocar, Board Secretary; and Matt Condon, Superintendent were in attendance. Cheryden Juergensen from Eccezion was also in attendance.

***Audience***

***To***

***Visitors***      None

***Approval of  
Minutes***

***Regular Mtg  
11/13/2023***

Copies of the minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting on November 13, 2023 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 Meeting on November 13, 2023.

Roll Call: Members Aper, Pichon, Thannert, Karagozian, Torres, and Wilson 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 November 2023.

Preschool Tuition	\$18,225.00
Student Lunch	\$10,887.15
School Fees	\$6,420.00
Taxi Reimbursement	\$920.00
Rebates and Refunds	\$307.87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,760.02</b>

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

***Approval of  
Payables***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the payables for the month of November 2023.

Fund 10 – Education	\$169,007.72
Fund 20 – O&M	\$41,050.03
Fund 40 – Transportation	\$98,243.94
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$308,301.69</b>

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, Karagozian, Torres, 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. Revenue through November total \$3,409,216. Expenditures through November total \$6,410,341. Monthly expenditures for November total \$1,201,871. The current fund balance, which is as of the end of November 2023, is \$18,751,862 and the fund balance in November of 2022 was \$16,428,473. There is a larger fund balance this year than last year at this same time because the due date for property taxes was earlier this year (beginning of December vs. end of December).

The district is expected to receive \$87,154 in levy adjustment funds for 2023. This went into effect two years ago and is funding received by the district to account for refunds made in the previous year for various errors and appeals.

Cheryden Juergensen from Eccezion presented the audit, which is on the agenda as an action item for tonight. The district has a modified opinion, which is the best

a district on a cash basis can have. Eccezion files the AFR to ISBE on behalf of the district. The district has a 4 for the financial rating, which is the highest rating.

The district had the bid opening for the LED Lighting replacement project on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Seven companies submitted bids. The lowest bidder, including both alternate bids (gyms and cafeteria, 3/4/5 grade hall, and middle school hall), was Ogni Group at \$171,130. Ogni Group specializes in these LED lighting replacement projects, and our architect, STR, recommends them for the project.

***Education  
Report***

Mrs. Kerr reported that Christine Davis, from Solution Tree, and Instructional Math Coach for North Houston District in Texas, worked with kindergarten, fourth grade, and seventh and eighth grade math on creation of yearlong scope and sequence, planning for common assessments, and alignment with the math resources.

Mr. Wawczak reported that the band and orchestra concerts were a success. The hard lockdown drill went well. Orchesis is a new and exciting club. They had their first performance and it was great. Chess club is a hit and we are offering another opportunity for students to sign up. Eighth grade students were presented with world language options for next year. They were also informed about AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). This is a program to help students develop the skills they need to be successful in college. Over 25% of the AVID program at Niles West consists of Park View students. There is a new business class that students are learning about that also carries over to the high school.

Mr. Schwarz reported that service learning is being encouraged for eight graders. On December 22nd, the whole eighth grade class is going to Feed My Starving Children.

***Special  
Education  
Report***

There was no meeting this month.

***Super-  
Intendent  
Report***

Mr. Condon reported that the district is looking to purchase security cameras for the outside of the building. He is working with the architect and waiting for estimates for plans for possible building expansions. There will be a Business Inc. field trip and open house on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:20am to 11:30am. State Senator Ram Villivalam visited Park View after two students wrote him a letter. They were very excited that a state senator responded to their letter. Two school districts have reached out to Park View after our high test scores to ask if they can sit in on team meetings to see what the staff is doing to achieve this success. Mr. Condon and Mrs. Kerr are working on a crisis management plan. Mrs. Kerr worked on this in her previous district.

Mr. Condon reported High Reliability Schools (HRS) is a framework for administration to build systems and processes that focus on the system and wellness. The HRS framework shows how best practices work together and provides indicators to empower districts and schools to measure their progress on attaining five increasing levels of reliability. This includes a safe, supportive, and collaborative culture; effective teaching in every classroom; guaranteed and viable curriculum; standards-referenced reporting; and competency-based education. This will make Park View an even better place to go to school, send children, and work.

Mr. Condon reported that Park View was showcased by ISBE for becoming a Model Professional Learning Community, for achieving remarkable growth on the 2023 Illinois Report Card, and for strategically reallocating local funds to sustain the most impactful initiatives in preparation for federal pandemic relief funds to expire.

***Informational  
Items***

***Enrollment  
Report***

There were 874 students enrolled as of November 30, 2023.

***Lunch  
Report***

There were 5111 lunches sold in November 2023.

**FOIA  
Requests**

Guiding Question: What have been the most recent Freedom of Information Act requests since the last report to the Board of Education?

Policy Reference: 2:250 – Access to District’s Public Records

Description: Included are the most recent FOIA request. Please know the District has responded appropriately for all requests or is in the process of responding.

REQUEST – received via mail on November 16, 2023

Dear FOIA Officer,

Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140, I am requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records related to the literacy curriculum used within your district. Specifically, I am looking for: 1) the names of the universal/core curricula currently used to teach reading in Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 2) the grade levels these are used if there are multiple reading curricula, 3) the dates the reading curricula were purchased, 4) and if there are plans to purchase different literacy curricula in the future.

If there are any fees for searching or copying these records, please inform us of an estimated cost. This information is being sought for research purposes for a project funded by the Science of Reading Illinois to better understand literacy instruction in Illinois, and is not being sought for commercial purposes.

The Illinois Freedom of Information Act requires a response to this request be made within five business days. If access to the records we are requesting will take longer than this amount of time, please contact us with information about when we might expect copies or the ability to inspect the requested records.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite the specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Katharine Casey, Ed. S.  
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RESPONSE – Sent via email on November 27, 2023

RECOMMENDATION – No action is needed from the Board.

***Action  
Items***

***Approval  
Of***

***FY23 Audit*** A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the final audit for fiscal year 2023.

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

***Approval  
Of  
LED Lighting  
Project Bid***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to approve the LED Lighting Project Bid.

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

***Approval  
Of  
Policies***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Pichon to approve the second reading of the PRESS policies which went through a first reading at the October board meeting. These polies relate to Board Governance and Open Meetings as well as District Operations.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Torres to approve the hire of Munira Chatriwala as a lunchroom/recess supervisor.

Roll Call: Members Alper, Pichon, Thannert, Torres, Karagozian, and Wilson 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 Brett Friel as a kindergarten teacher aide.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Wilson to approve the hire of Steve Meinecke as a lunch/recess supervisor.

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

***Approval  
Of  
New Hire***

A motion was made by Member Karagozian and seconded by Member Thannert to table the approve of the hire of a one-to-one teacher aide.

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

***Old  
Business***

None

***New  
Business***

None


***Audience  
To  
Visitors***

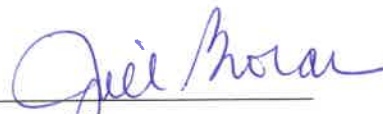
None

***Adjourn-  
ment***

At 7:46pm, 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

  
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Secretary

