

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
7:00 P.M.

The Board Meeting for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 will be held at Park View School, Library, 6200 Lake Street, Morton Grove, Illinois 60053.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Audience to Visitors
5. Approval of Minutes
 - A) Regular Meeting – December, 2023 (page 3)
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14. New Business

15. Audience to Visitors

16. Adjournment

**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
TOTAL	\$36,760.02

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
TOTAL	\$308,301.69

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 1st. 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 11th 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 3rd 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.
Science of Reading Illinois
9902 Falcon Drive
Richmond, Illinois 60071
773-259-8401
kcasey@sorillinois.com

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:

Secretary

President

To: The Board of Education

From: George Karagozian

Re: Closed Session Minutes to be Made Available to the Public or to Remain Closed

Date: January 16, 2024

The Open meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06) requires that a public body periodically review written minutes of all closed sessions. The decision to open these minutes to the public or to keep them closed must be made in open session.

Below is a list of closed session minutes and my recommendation that the need for confidentiality still exists for a part of or for the entire set of these minutes.

DATE OF MINUTES	TOPIC	RECOMMENDATION
AUGUST 21, 2023	LITIGATION	REMAIN CLOSED

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Education approve the recommendations above for the closed minutes listed to remain closed.

Treasurer's Report - December 23

	Beg of Year Fund Bal	Rev to Date	Month Exp	Exp to Date	Transfers	Current Fund Bal (23-24)	December Fund Bal (22-23)	End of Year Fund Bal (22-23)
EDUCATION	\$14,361,529	\$6,467,121	\$901,238	\$6,070,107		\$14,758,543	\$12,784,775	\$14,361,529
STUDENT ACTIVITY	\$20,129	\$17,445	\$4,123	\$25,228		\$12,346	\$26,430	\$20,129
BUILDING	\$1,035,529	\$675,931	\$78,399	\$680,371	(\$87,394)	\$943,695	\$1,579,824	\$1,035,529
BOND & INTEREST	\$281,623	\$169,899	\$338,950	\$415,645	\$87,394	\$123,271	\$46,840	\$281,623
TRANSPORTATION	\$2,112,202	\$628,781	\$101,050	\$457,468		\$2,283,515	\$1,613,101	\$2,112,202
IMRF/SS	\$261,734	\$136,118	\$27,887	\$148,391		\$249,461	\$118,510	\$261,734
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$1,221,902	\$10,203	\$0	\$64,779		\$1,167,326	\$303,589	\$1,221,902
WORKING CASH	\$2,457,686	\$65,678	\$0	\$0		\$2,523,364	\$2,357,444	\$2,457,686
TORT IMMUNITY	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
LIFE SAFETY	\$653	\$6	\$0	\$0		\$659	\$644	\$653
TOTAL	\$21,752,987	\$8,171,182	\$1,451,647	\$7,861,989		\$22,062,180	\$18,831,157	\$21,752,987

Informational Item A

To: The Board of Education

From: Matthew Condon, Ed. S.

Re: Enrollment Report

Date: January 16, 2024

The enrollment report as of December 31, 2023 is attached.

Number of Students by Teacher and Grade 2023-2024

12/31/2023

Grade	Teacher	Total
K	Cusella AM	14
K	Heymann AM	14
K	Heymann PM	17
K	Luksa AM	15
K	Luksa PM	17
K	Cusella EDK *	5
Kindergarten Total		77
6th Day	74	Prev month 76

Grade	Teacher	Total
3	Faubert	23
3	Nelson	23
3	Schwab	25
3	Starwalt	23
3rd Grade Total		94
6th Day	93	Prev month 94

Grade	Teacher	Total
6	Brody	24
6	Davlin	22
6	Levin	25
6	Schroeder	23
6th Grade Total		94
6th Day	93	Prev month 94

1	Connelly	21
1	Girioni	21
1	Hansen	18
1	Melnick	19
First Grade Total		79
6th Day	82	Prev month 79

4	DiFronzo	23
4	Esp	24
4	Lucci	24
4	Trail	24
4th Grade Total		95
6th Day	94	Prev month 95

7	Farbman	21
7	Katz	19
7	Lazar	19
7	Lerner	26
7	Oats	19
7th Grade Total		104
6th Day	105	Prev month 106

2	Botten	18
2	Frake	21
2	Reynolds	21
2	Thanas	21
Second Grade Total		81
6th Day	80	Prev month 81

5	Cogan	23
5	Nolan	23
5	Oles	23
5	Reich	22
5th Grade Total		91
6th Day	88	Prev month 91

8	Friman	19
8	Hobson	19
8	Mazukelli	20
8	Pape	20
8	Rice	20
8th Grade Total		98
6th Day	96	Prev month 98

Blended AM	13
Instructional AM	6
Blended PM (2 classes)	31
NTDSE D70 **	10
NTDSE non D70 **	2

Total	
PreK-5	567
6-8	296
PreK-8	863
TOTAL (incl. D70 NTDSE)	873

*students already counted in AM class

** not included in classroom totals

Informational Item B

To: The Board of Education

From: Matthew Condon, Ed. S.

Re: Lunchroom Report for 2023-2024

Date: January 16, 2024

Enclosed is the monthly lunchroom report for the 2023-2024 school year.

**MORTON GROVE DISTRICT 70
STUDENT LUNCH COUNT**

STUDENT ENROLLMENT	YEAR	PRICE	AUG/SEP*	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY/ JUNE
767	01-02	\$ 1.85	8129	5975	5306	4571	5025	5362	4134	4733	4599
779	02-03	\$ 2.00	5034	7392	6647	4005	4546	4069	3846	4578	6047
716	03-04	\$ 2.00	5542	4329	3020	3337	4071	3870	4160	4437	4942
777	04-05	\$ 2.00	6927	5279	4426	3560	4976	4976	4605	5051	5357
765	05-06	\$ 2.00	4834	4792	4370	4323	4724	4443	4334	4616	6283
789	06-07	\$ 2.25	5930	4491	3120	3745	4165	3964	3814	4811	5469
812	07-08	\$ 2.25	6010	6817	5318	4525	5686	5134	4537	6451	7049
819	08-09	\$ 2.35	6792	6509	4251	4156	5827	4870	5070	5846	7472
796	09-10	\$ 2.35	5958	5216	3712	3558	4768	4379	5113	4460	5925
821	10-11	\$ 2.35	5220	4796	3892	2905	4861	4230	3779	4177	6232
832	11-12	\$ 2.50	5786	4531	3955	3977	3533	4948	3398	4281	5037
858	12-13	\$ 2.50	7623	6750	5405	4744	5859	5358	4603	6085	6823
853	13-14	\$ 2.60	5935	6609	4799	4828	4677	5409	4855	5965	7221
857	14-15	\$ 2.65	8189	6522	4189	4535	5140	4884	5169	5923	6909
850	15-16	\$ 2.65	6227	6141	4529	4099	5674	5426	5462	5765	7904
855	16-17	\$ 2.75	6956	4825	4534	4855	4651	5478	4436	5278	7601
860	17-18	\$ 2.85	7556	6910	5639	5232	5586	5773	5778	6783	7180
890	18-19	\$ 2.90	8081	7815	5659	5444	5736	6993	5911	7405	8692
877	19-20	\$ 3.00	8309	7908	5096	5573	6979	7094	3738		
845	20-21	\$ 3.05	1029	2336	1335	814	1368	2700	3004	3034	3425
854	21-22	Free	8072	8014	6410	5404	7760	8234	8249	7660	9017
898	22-23	\$ 3.30	6143	5385	5048	4497	4895	6245	5858	5506	7476
871	23-24	\$ 3.55	8703	6584	5111	4838					
MONTHLY AVERAGES			6478	5910	4599	4240	5023	5175	4721	5374	6508

*Starting in 14-15 the total combines August & September
2023 only, not Sept 2023

Informational Item C

To: The Board of Education

From: Matthew Condon, Ed. S.

Re: FOIA Report

Date: January 16, 2024

There we no FOIA requests for the month of December 2023.

Action Item A

To: The Board of Education

From: Matthew Condon, Ed. S.

Re: 2024-2025 Calendar

Date: January 16, 2024

Using information obtained from a variety of sources that included the Niles Township High School District 219 calendar, the Niles Township Superintendent Association guidelines and feedback from staff, the calendar committee developed the draft calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Of note, winter and spring breaks remain consistent with the high school district; the calendar continues to be religious neutral; and school should end on May 29, 2025.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Education approve the calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

Proposed Calendar Recap
2024-25 School Year

August

Thursday 15-Teacher Institute
Friday 16-Teacher Institute
Monday 19-First Day of Student Attendance

September

Monday 2-Labor Day, no school

October

Monday 14-Columbus Day, no school

November

Friday 1-P/T Conferences
Monday 4-P/T Conferences
Tuesday 5 – Election Day
Monday 25-Fall Break
Tuesday 26-Fall Break
Wednesday 27-Fall Break
Thursday 28-Fall Break (Thanksgiving Day)
Friday 29-Fall Break

December

Monday 23-Winter Break
Tuesday 24-Winter Break
Wednesday 25-Winter Break
Thursday 26-Winter Break
Friday 27-Winter Break
Monday 30-Winter Break
Tuesday 31-Winter Break

January

Monday 1-Winter Break

Tuesday 2-Winter Break

Wednesday 3-Winter Break

Monday 20-MLK Day, no school

February

Monday 17-Presidents Day, no school

March

Monday 24-Spring Break

Tuesday 25-Spring Break

Wednesday 26-Spring Break

Thursday 27-Spring Break

Friday 28-Spring Break

April

Thursday 24-TI

Friday 25-TI

May

Monday 26-Memorial Day, no school

Thursday 29-last day of student attendance*

June

Thursday 5-last Day of student attendance if 5 days of emergency days used

*if no emergency days used

Action Item B

To: The Board of Education

From: Matthew Condon, Ed. S.

Re: Approval of Verkada Physical Security Proposal

Date: January 16, 2024

In collaboration with Chief Technology Officer, Brian Galuski, and Director of Buildings and Grounds, Dan Thompson, we met with Verkada to review physical security options for outdoor cameras around Park View School. After entertaining other companies, we are recommending that District 70 accept the proposal for the Verkada 5 year contract for outdoor cameras at the cost of \$42,195.74.

SUGGESTED MOTION:


I move that the Board of Education accept the proposal for the Verkada 5 year contract for outdoor cameras at the cost of \$42,195.74



SUPERIOR



Physical Security
PROPOSAL
November 16, 2023

Parkview Elementary
Morton Grove, IL
 Verkada

2.1 General

Company:	Superior Communication Services, LLC
Address:	929 Worcester Road Framingham MA 01701
Phone:	508.877.2080
Contact Person:	John Menges
Title:	Sr Manager
E-mail:	jmenges@scs08.com
Phone:	(508) 397-9747
S-License:	SS-002336
MA Tax ID	26-3204747

2.2 Company Profile

2.2.1 Background and Lines of Business

TEL/DATA CABLING	AUDIO VISUAL	SECURITY	SPECIALTY
Horizontal Cabling Fiber Splicing Coax Distribution Backbone Cabling Telecom Room Buildout Rack, Stack and Patch Outside Plant Cabling	Video Conferencing Paging/Intercom Sound Masking Digital Signage Satellite TV Systems Audio Systems	IP Video Surveillance Access Control Systems Intrusion Detection Identity Management Wireless Technology	Wireless Distributed Antenna Systems Small Cell Emergency Call Systems

SUPERIOR employs its own design engineers with BICSI RCDD and AVIXA CTSD certifications. Our engineers use Auto CAD and Visio for all design and as-built support.

SUPERIOR employs field managers capable of directing our own installers. Field managers are qualified to deploy, commission and trouble-shoot multiple types of technologies (Wireless, Structured Cabling, Audio Visual).

SUPERIOR is continuing to attract the best and brightest engineers and project managers and technicians in the industry.

Action Item C

To: The Board of Education

From: Matthew Condon, Ed. S.

Re: Approval of EL FTE

Date: January 16, 2024

Given the current and increasing number of students requiring EL (English Language) support, the District would be well suited to provide an additional EL FTE (Full Time Staff Equivalent) for this current school year (SY2324) and moving forward.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board of Education approve the additional EL FTE.