

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois**

August 17, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 7:30pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, August 17, 2026.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, and Mr. Sticklen. Absent - Mrs. Khan and Mrs. Schilling.

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Dr. Bongle, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, Ms. Bachar, Mr. Cieciva and Mrs. Coyle. District guests included: Mrs. Crenshaw

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

STAFF RECOGNITION

Newly tenured staff and new certified staff were recognized at the meeting on Monday night.

The Board of Education took a short break at 7:43pm to meet and greet with staff. The regular meeting resumed at 7:56pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Sticklen, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented in Board Report 3.1. The following items were contained in the consent agenda:

3.1 - Minutes of a Regular Meeting, June 15, 2026

3.2 - Minutes of a Special Meeting, July 14, 2026

3.3 - Approval of Finance Reports

- Agenda of Bills
- Payroll
- Budgetary
- Treasurer's Report

3.4 - Approval of Personnel

- New Hires
- Resignation
- Leave of Absence
- Change in Assignment

3.5 - Approval of Board Estimated Expenses for NSPRA Conference for Jennifer Khan

A link to this report may be found on the website under Board section.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, and Mrs. Dahlke.
Absent – Mrs. Khan and Mrs. Schilling. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR - PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no presentations from the floor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report from Mrs. Jenkins to the District 70 Board of Education highlighted the incredible work happening across the district as our staff prepared for an exciting start to the new school year.

The district also welcomed our newest team members during a fantastic New Staff Orientation. New staff participated in a full day of training, while certified staff had two additional days to dive deeper into curriculum and collaborate with their mentors.

The momentum continued with Staff Institute Day, featuring important legal updates, a celebration honoring our retiring staff members, and an inspiring keynote from Dr. Joe Sanfelippo on the importance of educators sharing their stories and highlighting the incredible work happening in our schools every day.

Meanwhile, final touches were completed on Butterfield School's remodeled main office and refreshed classrooms, adding to the excitement as the district prepared to welcome students back.

APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN

Districts are required to develop a 2026-2027 Consolidated District Plan and have it approved by the School Board. Approval was requested at the meeting on August 17, 2026.

This plan is one of the formal documents that will connect the state and federal grants and school improvement plans. No signatures were required but the date of August 17, 2026 was added to the Consolidated District Plan upon approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mr. Sticklen, that the Board of Education approve the Consolidated District Plan as presented in Board Report 6.1.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. McGhee, and Mrs. Dahlke.
Absent – Mrs. Khan and Mrs. Schilling. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

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FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY

The Policy Committee brought forward the following Policy for First Reading:

- 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
- 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

- 5:70 Religious Holidays
- 5:240 Suspension
- 6:70 Teaching About Religions
- 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
- 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 8:10 Connection with the Community - Unchanged, 5-Year Review
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

2026 D70 SUMMER SCHOOL

Dr. Bongle presented an overview of the 2026 D70 Summer School, which ran from June 8 through July 2. The presentation highlighted the successful season, noting high levels of satisfaction from both families and staff.

FOIA REPORT

There were 4 FOIA requests this month

1. Daniel Cramer with Upgraid RE requested utility statements and facility information.
2. Shermin Ali-Andani with Whitted Takiff requested staff training information and threat assessment procedures and information.
3. Illinois School Accountability requested public staff records.
4. Catarina Mascarenhas from Judiciocracy requested information regarding email servers and services.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mr. Lawton provided an ED-RED update.
2. Board Member Mrs. Grove provided a SEDOL update from the recent meeting and mentioned the upcoming fundraisers.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board of Education correspondence.

OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary