LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

September 28, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 5:30pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, September 28, 2026.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Sticklen and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - None.

A motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, to move to closed session. On a roll call votes: Ayes - Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, and Mrs. Dahlke. Nays - None. Absent - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed session started at 5:31pm in the workroom and ended at 6:02pm.

The Public Budget Hearing began at 6:05pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville, IL 60048.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - None.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
There were no presentations from the floor.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
Ms. Bachar presented the FY 2026-2027 final budget.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education adjourn the budget hearing.

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

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The Regular Meeting began at 6:12pm in the boardroom.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Sticklen and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - None.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

STAFF RECOGNITION

The Board of Education was thrilled to welcome a talented group of new non-certified staff to our district team this year. They were welcomed by name by Mr. Theis.

The Board of Education took a short break at 6:15pm to meet and greet with new staff. The regular meeting resumed at 6:21pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented in Board Report 8. The following items were contained in the consent agenda:

8.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 17, 2026

8.2 - Approval of Finance Reports

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

8.3 - Approval of Personnel

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

8.4 - Approval of Board Actual Expenses for NSPRA Conference

- Jennifer Khan, Board President

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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 D70. We celebrated Safety Week across all buildings, during which students and staff conducted essential safety drills. At Copeland Manor School, 4th-grade students engaged in a special culminating activity for their personal narrative unit.

Following their reading about a young girl with polio and the origin of Candyland, students participated in a Candyland-themed day where they shared their own personal narratives and created customized versions of the board game. At Highland Middle School, the marching band prepared for the Libertyville High School Homecoming Parade which was sadly canceled. Students in Mrs. Koenig's class at Adler Park School continue to build strong relationships through consistent circle time. At Little Sprouts, our youngest learners are practicing their early literacy skills. At Rockland School, they hosted their Bike to School Day with over a hundred participants. At Butterfield School, Mr. Weppler did a fantastic job teaching 5th graders the treble clef through the use of parody songs.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

Board Report 11.1 sought formal approval of the following School Board Policies, subsequent to their first reading on August 17, 2026:

- 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
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

Motion was made by Mrs. Dahlke, seconded by Mr. McGhee, that the Board of Education approve the policies as presented in Board Report 11.1.

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

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APPROVAL TO HOLD SPECIFIC CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

As part of our regular records management process, administration requested Board approval to hold closed meeting minutes. The Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to review closed meeting minutes. At such meetings, a determination must be made and reported in an open session that:

1. The need for confidentiality still exists as to all or parts of those minutes, or
2. The minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection.

District 70 Superintendent, Mrs. Jenkins, reviewed all recent closed session minutes. All closed session minutes below are to remain closed due to the confidential nature and personnel specifics addressed throughout. The minutes to be held include: February 23, 2026, March 16,

2026, April 27, 2026 and June 15, 2026.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the destruction of closed minutes as presented in Board Report 9.2.

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

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APPROVAL OF FY 2026-2027 BUDGET

By statute, the Board of Education must adopt a budget by the last day of September and file said budget with the Lake County Clerk's Office, Lake County Regional Superintendent's Office, and the Illinois State Board of Education. The budget has been placed on display for thirty (30) days in the Educational Resource Center by Board action at their June 15, 2026 Board Meeting. A notice was published announcing the public hearing scheduled just prior to the convening of the Board Meeting on September 28, 2026. Therefore, it was recommended that the Board of Education consider and approve the attached Libertyville School District #70 Budget for FY 2026‑2027 as presented in Board Report 11.3.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the schedule of meeting dates as presented in Board Report 9.3.

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

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HORNETS LEAVE THE HIVE PRESENTATION

Kerstin Cholewin presented "Hornets Leave the Hive" , a trip to Costa Rica, highlighting an unforgettable mix of adventure and cultural immersion for students. Highlights of the journey included thrilling outdoor activities like ziplining, whitewater rafting, swimming in waterfalls, and relaxing in natural hot springs. The group also engaged in rich cultural experiences, visiting an animal sanctuary, coffee and pineapple plantations, taking a dancing class, participating in a traditional art workshop, and enjoying a folklore evening. Looking ahead, the next "Hornets Leave the Hive" adventures include trips to Paris in 2027 and Japan in 2028.

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FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY

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

- 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Mrs. Grove mentioned the upcoming SEDOL Board Tours.
2. Mr. Lawton mentioned the ED-RED Kick-Off Luncheon and highlighted a few upcoming policies ED-RED will be focusing on.
3. Mrs. Dahlke provided an update from the Foundation regarding their upcoming Casino Night, Mini-Grants, and School Showdown.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Education was invited to the Highland Middle School Outdoor Ed and received invitations from Dr. Hallmark on Monday night.

OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:59p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Khan, Board President

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Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary