LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

October 19, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 4:35pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, October 19, 2026.

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

A motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, to move to the finance and facility workshop. On a roll call votes: Ayes - Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, and Mrs. Dahlke. Nays - None. Absent - Mrs. Grove. All in favor. Motion carried. The workshop started at 5:31pm in the boardroom and ended at 5:33pm. Mrs. Grove arrived at 5:22pm.

A motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Schilling, to move to closed session. On a roll call votes: Ayes - Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, and Mrs. Dahlke. Nays - None. Absent - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed sessions started at 5:33pm in the workroom and ended at 6:07pm.

The Regular Meeting began at 6:08pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville, IL 60048.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - Mr. Sticklen (left at 6:08pm).

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no presentations from the floor.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Board of Education recognized Pablo, a 5th grader at Rockland School, and Evan, a 3rd grader at Butterfield School, for winning their respective grade levels in the 53rd Fire Prevention Poster Contest. This year's competition focused on charging safety and included entries from students in grades 1–5 across eight area schools.

The Board of Education also recognized 15 middle school students from Highland Middle School who were sworn in as student board members. They will meet with the superintendent, participate in leadership activities, and attend board meetings to provide student perspective and voice.

The Board of Education took a short break at 6:15pm to meet and greet with students. The regular meeting resumed at 6:30pm.

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 9. The following items were contained in the consent agenda:

9.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 28, 2026

9.2 - Approval of Finance Reports

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

9.3 - Approval of Personnel

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

9.4 - Approval of Board Estimated Expenses for 2026 Joint Annual Conference

- Jennifer Khan, Board President
- Nanette Dahlke, Board Member
- Kate Grove, Board Member
- Brian Lawton, Board Member
- Steve Sticklen, Board Member

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent's Report from Mrs. Jenkins to the District 70 Board of Education highlighted the engaging and exciting learning opportunities and events across the district. District 70 4th graders brought their CKLA reading curriculum to life through a Medieval Times field trip and a visit from the Rotary Iron Lung Educational Exhibit trailer. Copeland Manor students enjoyed an energetic inaugural Fun Run and showcased their talents in the annual school Variety Show. Highland Middle School selected Canines 4 Comfort as its featured charity following a school-wide vote and will be raising money to support them throughout the school year. Adler

Park 5th graders applied their social studies learning by designing custom island maps with specific geographic features, while Rockland School 1st graders partnered with Highland eighth-grade students in the Consumer Education Child Care class for hands-on activities. Finally, Butterfield fourth and first-grade students teamed up as Bulldog Buddies to build meaningful cross-grade connections and practice speaking and listening skills.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

Board Report 12.1 sought formal approval of the following School Board Policies, subsequent to their first reading on September 28, 2026:

- **5:125:** Personal Technology and SOcial Media; Usage and Conduct

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the policies as presented in Board Report 12.1.

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

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APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS

District 70 currently has a standing resolution with Robbins Schwartz to monitor property tax assessment appeals and intervene when necessary. On September 15, 2026 the Property Tax Assessment Board (PTAB) announced a new policy that a standing resolution would no longer satisfy its regulation. Under the PTAB's new directive, a district's governing board must authorize intervention in each specific appeal.

When a property owner appeals an assessment to the PTAB, the affected taxing districts have a statutory right to intervene and defend the assessment. PTAB regulations go a step further and require a request to intervene to be accompanied by a resolution of the district's governing board authorizing the intervention. In the past, districts have satisfied this requirement through standing resolutions authorizing counsel to intervene in assessment appeals generally.

Why Intervention Matters. Intervention is necessary because local assessment officials often lack the resources or expertise to defend complex or high-value appeals. It allows affected taxing districts to provide the legal, appraisal, and other resources needed to defend the tax base and ensure a complete record. When appeals go uncontested, substantial assessment reductions shift the tax burden to the remaining taxpayers through higher rates or force districts to reduce services and pay refunds.

Based on this new PTAB directive, Administration recommended that the Board of Education consider and approve the resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Appeals related to the PTAB docket # and property listed in Board Report 12.2.

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

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

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APPROVAL OF DELEGATE FOR IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY AT 2026 JOINT CONFERENCE

Each year, the Board of Education designates an official delegate to represent the district at the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Delegate Assembly during the Joint Annual Conference. The Delegate Assembly provides an opportunity for member districts to vote on resolutions that guide the IASB's advocacy and policy direction.

Board Report 12.3 recommended that the Board approve Steve Sticklen as the district's official delegate for the 2026 Joint Annual Conference.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the delegate as presented in Board Report 12.3.

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

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APPROVAL OF 2026 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT REVIEW AND ACTION FOR DELEGATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Board reviewed the Resolutions Committee Report and provided the appointed delegate with direction on how to cast District 70's vote at the 2026 Joint Annual Conference Meeting in November.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the direction provided to the appointed delegate as presented in Board Report 12.4.

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

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FOIA REPORT

There were 3 FOIA requests this month.

1. Economic Research Institute requested salary information.
2. Justin Wenig requested payment records.
3. SmartProcure requested purchasing records.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Mr. Lawton and Mr. Sticklen mentioned the recent Ed-Red luncheon and pending legislation.
2. Mrs. Dahlke updated the board regarding the recent policy committee meeting.
3. Mrs. Khan mentioned the Board's recent Board Governance Award from the IASB Lake Division Meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence this month.

OTHER ITEMS

Board Member Mrs. Schilling presented the district with a donation from the Libertyville Junior Womans Group to help fund a student trip as part of Hornets Leave the Hive. Board President Mrs. Khan thanked Mrs. Schilling and the entire Libertyville Junior Woman for their generous donation..

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:56p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Khan, Board President

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Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary