

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

December 9, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 6:00pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, December 9, 2024.

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

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Dr. Bongle, Mrs. Bachar, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, Mrs Kollman, and Mrs. Coyle.

TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton to open the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing. On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, and Mrs. Schilling. Absent – Mrs. Balanag. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bachar presented the Truth in Taxation Notice. Motion was made by Mr. McGhee to close the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing and seconded by Mr. Lawton. On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. Lawton, Mrs. Khan, Mr. McGhee, and Mrs. Schilling. Absent – Mrs. Balanag. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Board honored students involved in Bernie’s Book Bank as part of Rockland Cares, a unique program run by the Rockland Family Association that offers students opportunities to volunteer/provide service to the community. Bernie’s Book Bank sources, processes, and distributes free quality books throughout the Chicago area. Rockland Cares has been honored periodically by the board through the years.

Libertyville Junior Women Presentation

The Libertyville Junior Woman’s Club Treasurer, Wendy Schilling, who also is a member of the Libertyville School District 70 Board of Education, presented a check for \$1,500 to Dina Lepczynski, who is running a D70 Care Closet, which provides food, clothes, school supplies, and other essential household items that families may need. It’s the Board’s goal to bridge the gap for families experiencing financial difficulties or unexpected emergencies.

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

5.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 21, 2024

5.2 - Approval of Finance Reports

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

5.3 Approval of Personnel

- New Hires
- Retirement
- Resignation
- Leave of Absence

5.4 Approval of Actual Expenses from 2024 Joint Annual Conference

- Jennifer Khan, Board President
- Angela Balanag, Board Member
- Brian Lawton, Board Member
- Wendy Schilling, Board Member

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There was one presentation from the floor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

During the Superintendent's Report, Mrs. Jenkins shared that three students, Divnoor, Roark, and Anika, attended the Triple I Joint Conference before Thanksgiving Break with Board of Education members and D70 administrators to share their student voice and learn how boards of education work. The students, who are members of the Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Board, will all take turns at board meetings this year to offer their thoughts on various topics to increase student voice in education.

At Adler Park School, Mrs. Jenkins also talked about students using manipulatives when doing math and creating art pieces after learning about Keith Haring. At Butterfield School, students went to a nearby theatre to see Cinderella and enjoyed a schoolwide assembly playing games for good behavior. At Copeland Manor School, students enhanced their American Civilization knowledge by playing games, celebrating World Kindness Day, reading a book, and then creating artwork afterward to show their understanding of the topic. Highland Middle School students were honored in a Buzzworthy Breakfast for all their good work. At Rockland School,

students made artwork for World Kindness Day, listened to a Mystery Reader, and played games to learn tricky words.

The link to the Student and Superintendent's Report from tonight's meeting is available on our district website under Board section.

APPROVAL OF FINAL 2024 TAX LEVY

Board Report 8.1 sought approval for the Final 2024 Tax Levy. Per the Illinois Property Tax Code, a Tentative Levy Estimate is to be presented at least 20 days prior to the adoption of a school district's Final Aggregate Levy. If the aggregate estimate is more than 105% of the prior year, a public hearing must be held on the district's Final Aggregate Levy before it can be adopted. Additionally, a notification of the public hearing must be published no more than 14 days nor less than 7 days prior to the date of the public hearing. See below for a detailed timeline. For tax year 2024 (collectible in 2025), school districts must submit their levies to the applicable County Clerk's office no later than the last Tuesday of December.

Levy Estimate Presented to and Approved by BOE November 18th, Truth in Taxation Notice in Daily Herald December 1st, Final 2024 Tax Levy Hearing December 9th, Final 2024 Tax Levy Adoption December 9th, Filing of 2024 Final Tax Levy with the Lake County Clerk No later than December 31st.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the Final 2024 Tax Levy as submitted in Board Report 8.1.

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

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APPROVAL OF FY25 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT

Board Report 8.2 sought approval of the FY25 School Maintenance Grant. The Board of Education needs to formally allocate funds for the School Maintenance Grant. The Board will allocate funds for facility renovations at Rockland Elementary School. The older section of Rockland Elementary School was built in 1926 and is in need of renovations including plaster wall repair/painting and new flooring in classrooms and adjacent hallways/offices.

The Board has \$50,000 set aside in the Operations and Maintenance Fund to meet their local obligation.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the FY25 School Maintenance Grant as submitted in Board Report 8.2.

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

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APPROVAL OF REGISTERED BEHAVIOR TECHNICIAN

Board Report 8.3 sought approval of an agreement with Marissa Bennett Consulting for Registered Behavior Technician services at Highland Middle School.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement as submitted in Board Report 8.3.

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

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APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

Board Report 8.4 included a recommendation to approve board policies Board members approved Policies 2:105 - 8:10, including Policy 5:120 in a second reading.

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the policy as submitted in Board Report 8.4.

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

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FOIA REPORT

There were 3 FOIA Requests this month.

1. Greg Kozak requested the sixth day K-8 enrollment figure and enrollment numbers for all elementary schools.
2. Katelyn Gray requested video footage from 10/18/2024.
3. SmartProcure requested all purchasing records from 8/14/2024 - current.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mr. Sticklen discussed the recent SEDOL Governing Board meeting.
2. Board Member Mr. Lawton discussed ED-RED.
3. Board member Mrs. Dahlke reminded the board to reach out with any policy questions.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board of Education Correspondence this month.

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 6:35p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary