

**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
**District No. 70**  
**Libertyville, Illinois**

**February 24, 2025**

The meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 5:01pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, February 24, 2025.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton to move to closed session. On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Balanag, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. Lawton, and Mrs. Schilling. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed session started at 5:03pm in the workroom.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

At 5:30pm at Butterfield School, the Board of Education honored students involved in service projects at Copeland Manor School and Highland Middle School.

The Board of Education returned to the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville at 5:45pm and returned to closed session.

The regular meeting began at 6:00pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville.

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, 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, January 27, 2025**

**8.2 - Approval of Finance Reports**

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

### **8.3 Approval of Personnel**

- Change of Assignment
- Resignation/Retirement
- Leave of Absence
- New Hires

### **8.4 Approval of Board Estimated Expenses for COSSBA National Conference**

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

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

### **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

There was one presentation from the floor.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent's Report celebrated school events held in February, including the Special Education Parent Network event to connect D70 families with local support groups and organizations, and celebrating Adler Park fifth grade teacher Lisa Piskule's recognition as she will be receiving an Award of Special Recognition in the Classroom Teacher category for the state's Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Jenkins also talked about Butterfield students celebrating the New Lunar Year, as well as students working on Chromebooks, and what students do for a Crazy Hair and Crazy Hat Day. She also highlighted a classroom Valentine's Day party and Copeland Manor second-graders learning about measurements. Mrs. Jenkins also honored Highland Middle School for being named an Illinois Horizon School to Watch for the fourth time. This is a long and involved process and credits Highland staff for their remarkable teaching and programs. Highland also held a special Hornet Day this month where students worked on strengthening their connections and belonging. Mrs. Jenkins highlighted Highland's National Junior Honors members working on a fundraiser at Culver's for a schoolwide charity and shared some photos of a consumer science classroom at Highland as students learn about cooking. Mrs. Jenkins rounded out the report with photos from Rockland's Winter Classic floor hockey competition and a look at Rockland first-graders learning about presidents for Presidents Day and created a project about what they would do if they were President.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF 2025 HMS SCIENCE ADOPTION**

Board Report 11.1 sought approval for the adoption of HMS Science Curriculum.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the 2025 HMS Science Adoption as submitted in Board Report 11.1.

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

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#### **APPROVAL OF KATE CAVANAUGH FOR DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES**

Board Report 11.2 sought approval of Kate Cavanaugh for the role of Director of Student Services.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dahlke, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve Kate's contract as submitted in Board Report 11.2.

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

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#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES FOR 2025-2026**

Board Report 11.3 sought approval for the Board of Education meeting dates for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the meeting dates as submitted in Board Report 11.3.

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

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#### **APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

Board Report 11.4 sought approval of policy 1-162.

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the policy as submitted in Board Report 11.4.

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

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### **FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY**

There were no first readings.

### **FOIA REPORT**

There were 6 FOIA requests this month.

1. SmartProcure requested purpose order information from 11/11/2024 to current.
2. Menken, Simpson & Rozger LLP requested contract information.
3. Ana Draa requested board correspondence.
4. Lake County Gazette requested correspondence from district emails.
5. Brittany Musholt requested vendor contracts.
6. Rich Seaglo requested employee records.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

1. Board Member Mr. Sticklen discussed the recent SEDOL Executive Board Meeting.
2. Board Member Mr. Lawton discussed ED-RED.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no Board of Education correspondence.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

There were no other items.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:02p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Khan, Board President

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Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary