

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

**January 29, 2025**

The meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 5:03pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, January 29, 2025.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Balanag, and Mr. McGhee. Absent - Mr. Lawton (arrived at 5:06pm).

A motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke to move to closed session. On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Balanag, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, and Mrs. Schilling. Absent – Mr. Lawton. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed session started at 5:05pm in the workroom.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

At 6:00pm at Butterfield School, the Board of Education honored students involved in Fall and winter HMS athletic teams that placed in the top three slots of the Lakeside Conference.

Students honored included:

- Members of the Girls' 7th Grade Volleyball team for their second-place finish in the Lakeside Conference;
- Members of the Boys' Cross Country Team for their second place in the Lakeside Conference;
- Members of the Girls' 7th Grade Basketball team for their third place in the Lakeside Conference;
- Members of the Boys' 7th Grade Basketball team for their third place in the Lakeside Conference;
- Members of the Boys' 8th Grade Basketball team for their Lakeside Conference championship.

The regular meeting began at 6:31pm 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, Mrs. Bachar, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, Mrs. Coyle, and Francis T.

**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, December 9, 2024**

### **8.2 - Approval of Finance Reports**

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

### **8.3 Approval of Personnel**

- New Hires
- Leave of Absence

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

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 were two presentations from the floor.

### **STUDENT BOARD REPORT**

Highland Middle School eighth-grader Francis T., who was introduced by Supt. Rebecca Jenkins, is a second-year member of the Superintendent's Student Leadership Advisory Council. During the board meeting, Francis talked about the upcoming Mean Girls Jr. musical that will be performed by students in May, a recent middle school talent show, the wrestling team, and the science curriculum being piloted at the school.

The council was created by Supt. Jenkins to bring student voice forward into decision making. Members of the council will help Highland and District administration identify areas of celebration and areas of growth at Highland Middle School and in D70 overall.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

During the Superintendent's Report, Mrs. Jenkins celebrated school events held during the first month of 2025. The report included a reminder that tickets will be on sale on Feb. 1st for the D70 Foundation for Excellence in Education big fundraiser with a Casino Night on April 26th. The report also took a peek into school classrooms with students working on poetry, learning about engineering by designing bridges out of paper and testing them with the weight of pennies, student creating Lascaux Cave art drawings, using circle time to build teams in HMS science, the HMS band performing at the LHS Jazz Fest, and how teachers are using the Kegan structure to promote more student engagement and involvement.

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

### **APPROVAL 25-26 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Board Report 11.1 sought approval for the 2025-2026 School Calendar.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar 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 26-27 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Board Report 11.2 sought approval for the 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar 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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### **FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY**

There was one policy for First Reading. Mr. Theis presented policy 1:162 - School District Organization: Parent Organization and Booster Clubs.

### **MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS TEAM PRESENTATION**

The D70 multilingual teachers reported to the BOE how they are supporting our multilingual students from international families.

### **CONSORTIUM FOR INTER-DISTRICT COLLABORATION**

Board of Education members learned that District 70 is now working with Lake Bluff School District 65, Lake Forest School District 67, Highland Park School District 112, Deerfield School District 109, and Highland Park High School District 113 to organize a district-level professional learning community (PLC). The CIC will visit one another's schools and provide feedback using a learning framework. D70 is hosting the inaugural visit this spring.

### **SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY WHILE GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL WORLD**

Board members learned how D70 will strategically help support students and the community to navigate growing up in the digital world. Staff will research the topic, seek input from students, families, and staff, offer Families Learning Together events, present a plan of action,

communicate it to the community if the plan calls for change, and follow up with an evaluation if a new plan is put in place.

### **FOIA REPORT**

There were 4 FOIA requests this month.

1. Illinois Retired Teachers Association requested the contact information for certified staff who are retiring in 2025.
2. Lake County Gazette requested enrollment information for non-US citizens currently enrolled in the district.
3. James Francis requested purchase orders for software technology services the district has active contracts for during this fiscal year.
4. D70 Concerned Parents requested email and text communications

### **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 and FAD70.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

There was one item from a D70 staff member this month thanking the Board for their generosity during a recent difficult time.

### **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 7:57p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Khan, Board President

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Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary