

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

August 25, 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, August 25, 2025.

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

A motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton to move to closed session. On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Schilling, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, and Mr. Lawton. Nays - None. Absent - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed session started at 5:03pm in the workroom and ended at 5:43pm.

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. Grove, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. Lawton, and Mr. McGhee. Absent - None.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

WELCOMING AND HONORING TEACHERS

The District 70 Board of Education welcomed 13 new teachers and a new occupational therapist, honored three teachers receiving tenure, and honored all school music teachers for earning the NAMM Foundation award for Best Community for Music Education for the third consecutive year.

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

7.1 - Minutes of the Special Meeting, June 23, 2025

7.2 - Approval of Finance Reports

- Agenda of Bills

- Payroll
- Budgetary
- Treasurer's Report

7.3 Approval of Personnel

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

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no presentations from the floor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Monday's Report from Mrs. Jenkins began with photos of Highland Middle School staff, Principal Dr. Jon Hallmark, and Supt. Jenkins from their trip to DC to be honored with the prestigious AIMS School to Watch award. There are also snapshots from D70 Summer School classes, which ranged from academics to fun sports classes. The report includes an update on the beautiful renovation of Rockland School and the construction of the much-needed additional parking lot being built in front of Butterfield School. The report also features wonderful photos from our Welcome Back to staff, and fabulous student photos from the first day of school at all five schools.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

Board Report 10.1 sought formal approval of the following School Board Policies:

- 2:140 - Communications To and From the Board
- 4:20 - Fund Balances
- 6:235 - Access to Electronic Networks
- 7:60 - Residence

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mr. McGhee, that the Board of Education approve the policies as presented in Board Report 10.1.

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

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APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN

Board Report 10.2 sought approval for the Consolidated District Plan. Districts are required to develop a 2025-2026 Consolidated District Plan and have it approved by the School Board. School Board approval was requested so that the Consolidated District Plan for Libertyville District 70 can be submitted electronically to the State Board of Education. This plan is one of the formal documents that will connect the state and federal grants and school improvement plans. No signatures are required but the date of August 25, 2026 will be added to the Consolidated District Plan if the school board approves the plan.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dahlke, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the Consolidated District Plan as presented in Board Report 10.2.

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

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APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2025-2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

Board Report 10.3 sought approval for a change to the Board of Education meeting schedule. In observance of Rosh Hashanah, it is proposed that the Board of Education meeting originally scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2025, be rescheduled to Monday, September 29, 2025.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the meeting dates as submitted in Board Report 10.3.

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

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APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER AND EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR BUTTERFIELD SCHOOL PARKING LOT

The original contract for the Butterfield Elementary School Parking Lot was approved on March 17, 2025, after the project commenced, during excavation the contractor encountered unfavorable soil conditions which required the contractor to perform an additional undercut along with adding additional stone aggregate and install a geogrid system to stabilize the base to provide the appropriate bearing capacity for the underground water detention system.

This resulted in a change order in the amount of \$127,490.66. Due to the project already having commenced, the amount of the change order, the nature of the project, and it not being in the best interest of the District to rebid the entire project, a resolution approving the change order and emergency contract was attached for the Board's approval.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the change order and emergency contract as presented in Board Report 10.4.

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

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APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Board Report 10.5 sought approval for the settlement agreement between Holloman vs. Kindercare Education, LLC and Libertyville School District 70.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement submitted in Board Report 10.5.

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

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APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLARITY FOR COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Board Report 10.6 sought approval for an agreement with Clarity for Communications, LLC for professional development services.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement as submitted in Board Report 10.6.

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

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SUMMER SCHOOL PRESENTATION

District 70 Summer School was a great success this past June and July, with 392 students enrolled for classes that focused on academics, special education, crafts, and sports. Looking toward the future, the school officials said they will continue to try to expand classes being offered, will stick to the four-day school week, and look at holding it at Copeland Manor School again.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY

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

- **1:10** School District Organization: School District Legal Status
- **1:20** School District Organization: District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements
- **1:30** School District Organization: School District Philosophy
- **2:10** School Board: School District Governance

- **2:80** School Board: Board Member Oath and Conduct
- **2:130** School Board: Board-Superintendent Relationship
- **2:240** School Board: Board Policy Development
- **3:30** General School Administration: Chain of Command
- **4:50** Operational Services: Payment Procedures
- **4:55** Operational Services: Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
- **4:180** Operational Services: Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
- **7:40** Students: Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
- **7:90** Students: Release During School Hours
- **7:130** Students: Student Rights and Responsibilities
- **7:140** Students: Search and Seizure
- **7:300** Students: Extracurricular Athletics
- **7:325** Students: Student Fundraising Activities
- **8.110** Community Relations: Public Suggestions and Concerns

Policy **8:80** regarding gifts from a foundation was pulled to allow more time for conversation with the D70 Foundation leaders.

FOIA REPORT

There were 3 FOIA requests this month.

1. Matt Kuhlman requested elementary school contact information.
2. Lake County Gazette requested information about the Mu Alpha Theta Convention.
3. SmartProcure submitted a request for purchasing records from 2/7/2025 to current.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Members Mrs. Dahlke and Mrs. Grove provided an update from the Foundation.
2. Board Member Mrs. Grove also provided a SEDOL update after attending the first meeting of the year.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board of Education correspondence.

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 7:02p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary