

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

December 15, 2025

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 15, 2025.

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

The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville.

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

A motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, to adjourn the public hearing. On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Grove, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. McGhee, and Mr. Lawton. Nays - None. Absent - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The public hearing ended at 6:03pm.

The regular meeting began at 6:04pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville.

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

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Dr. Bongle, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, Ms. Bachar, Mrs. Kollman and Mrs. Coyle. District guests included: Mr. Ciecawa, Dr. Hallmark, Mrs. Crenshaw, and Mrs. Kubala and student board members Molly T. and Jackson M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Monday night, the Board honored the students who are members of the Highland Middle School (HMS) Green Team and are working to bring the outside courtyard to life, as well as members of the Highland Family Association (HFA) for donating and building outside furniture to be used in the courtyard.

Students originated the Green Team and have been tending to the plants in the area in the warm weather months. Meanwhile, the HFA has relocated the courtyard furniture to the school's blacktop area so students can use it over the winter when the courtyard is closed.

The Board took a short break at 6:09pm to meet and greet the Green Team and HFA parents. The regular meeting resumed at 6:18pm.

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

4.1 - Minutes of a Special Meeting, November 13, 2025

4.2 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 17, 2025

4.3 - Approval of Finance Reports

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

4.4 Approval of Personnel

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

4.5 Approval of Board Member Actual Expenses for 2025 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 – Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Grove, 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 STUDENT LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSLAC)

Mrs. Jenkins introduced Highland Middle School students Jackson M. and Molly T. to present as student board members.

Jackson joined SSLAC to help improve the school, including cleaning up the fields and the hallways. He said he adjusted to the new school schedule as a sixth-grader. He also appreciated attending a conference downtown recently to learn more about the duties of school board members.

Also speaking at the meeting was SSLAC member Molly, an eighth-grader, who said she enjoys a leadership role in the school where she wants to make positive changes. Molly also enjoyed the downtown conference and learning how other school boards do their work. As part of SSLAC, Molly wants to investigate if physical education uniforms are necessary, and said she believes students would rather wear their everyday clothes in physical education class.

The council was created by Mrs. 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

Supt. Jenkins shared several district highlights in her [Superintendent's Report](#), including:

- Adler 4th grade teacher Rachel Castaneda recently received grant money from the Illinois Retired Teachers Foundation to support social-emotional learning!
- SSLAC students attended the IASB IASA IASBO Joint Annual Conference held in Chicago as Student Board Members to learn more about school board responsibilities. District 70 Board of Education also attended the conference, and several members presented along with D70 Director of Safety and Security Austin Johnson.
- [D70's video series on safety for Safety Week](#) was recently honored with the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association Award of Excellence for the group's Communication Contest.
- Adler Park Learning Center Director Erin Carr is teaching students about AI.
- The Adler Park School Student Talent Show was a great success!
- The Butterfield Student Council led the school in its drive to collect Toys for Tots!
- Butterfield second graders created their own Thanksgiving Day parade and marched through the school with balloons.
- A Butterfield program of third grade teacher Laurie Friedman was featured on NBC Chicago recently.
- A peek into a Copeland Manor kindergarten and how it starts a school day.
- Copeland parents/guardians, including D70 BOE member Kate Grove, visited second graders recently to teach them about artist Mary Cassatt.
- HMS students collected canned goods for those in need.
- The HMS Student Talent Show was a great success!
- HMS students are enjoying the new chairs from the HFA!
- Rockland third graders held a very special luncheon with a VIP.
- Rockland students and staff honored Rockland Principal Steve Feldman for being named Principal of the Year in Lake County!
- Rockland students make gingerbread houses.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

Board Report 7.1 sought formal approval of the following School Board Policies:

- 2:120 **School Board:** Board Member Development
- 2:150 **School Board:** Committees
- 2:270 **School Board:** Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and Native Origin Prohibited
- 4:10 **Operational Services:** Fiscal and Business Management
- 4:30 **Operational Services:** Revenue and Investments
- 4:80 **Operational Services:** Accounting and Audits
- 4:140 **Operational Services:** Waiver of Student Fees
- 4:190 **Operational Services:** Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
- 5:10 **General Personnel:** Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:90 **General Personnel:** Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:100 **General Personnel:** Staff Development Program
- 5:190 **General Personnel:** Teacher Qualifications
- 5:200 **General Personnel:** Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 5:220 **General Personnel:** Substitute Teachers
- 5:300 **General Personnel:** Schedules and Employment Year
- 6:20 **Instruction:** School Year Calendar and Day
- 6:40 **Instruction:** Curriculum Development
- 6:60 **Instruction:** Curriculum Content
- 6:130 **Instruction:** Program for the Gifted
- 6:160 **Instruction:** English Learners
- 6:260 **Instruction:** Complaints About Curriculum, Instruction Materials, and Programs
- 6:280 **Instruction:** Grading and Promotion
- 7:10 **Students:** Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:70 **Students:** Attendance and Truancy
- 7:150 **Students:** Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
- 7:180 **Students:** Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:190 **Students:** Student Behavior
- 7:290 **Students:** Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7:310 **Students:** Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
- 7:340 **Students:** Student Records
- 8:30 **Community Relations:** Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Policy 2:150 was pulled from the vote for further consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the policies with the exception of policy 2:150 as presented in Board Report 7.1.

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

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APPROVAL OF FINAL 2025 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.

Board Report 7.2 sought approval of the resolutions contained in the board report authorizing the 2025 Final Tax Levy.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the Final Tax Levy as submitted in Board Report 7.2.

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

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APPROVAL OF FY 2026 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT

Board Report 7.3 sought approval for the annual School Maintenance Grant.

The Board of Education approved \$50,000 in a maintenance grant to renovate Butterfield School (built in 1969) this summer. The plan includes painting, flooring replacement (carpet in classrooms, LVT in hallways), ceiling replacement, and restoration on the terrazzo floors in the multipurpose room.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the grant as submitted in Board Report 7.3.

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

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APPROVAL OF FY26-27 STUDENT REGISTRATION FEES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD TUITION

After analysis of the District's student registration fees, it was recommended in Board Report 7.4 that the following fee structure be implemented for the 2026-2027 school year. The district did not increase fees last year. This structure reflects a \$5 increase in our K-8 student registration fees. The early bird option continues to offer an additional discount to families while also encouraging them to register earlier to give the administration more time to plan for the upcoming school year. The administration also recommended an increase to Early Childhood tuition.

K-8 Student Registration Fee: \$230
K-8 Early Bird Registration Fee: \$200
Early Childhood Tuition: \$3,500

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the fees as submitted in Board Report 7.4.

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

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APPROVAL OF NEW INTERCOM SYSTEM AT COPELAND MANOR SCHOOL

The administration recommended a full replacement of the intercom and paging system at Copeland Manor School. This new system will replace an end of life system with new hardware and management software and will be in line with the system that is in place at Highland Middle School. The proposed project includes hardware, management software/licensing, installation, and programming.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the intercom system as submitted in Board Report 7.5.

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

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FOIA REPORT

There was 1 FOIA request this month.

1. SmartProcure requested all purchasing records from 9/15/2025 to current.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mrs. Grove updated the board about the recent SEDOL Meeting and Joint Conference.
2. Board Member Mrs. Dahlke updated the Board on the student portion of the Joint Conference and additional sessions attended.
3. Board Member Mr. Sticklen provided an update about the Delegate Assembly at the Joint Conference.
4. Board Member Mr. Lawton updated the board on the recent ED-RED meeting with a special note about the change to FOIA procedures as signed by the governor. Mr. Lawton also provided an update about the Joint Conference.
5. Board Member Mrs. Khan gave an update about the sessions attended during the Joint Conference and thanked Mr. Cieciva for his dedication to the students during the conference.

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 7:15p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary