

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

March 17, 2025

The meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 5:02pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, March 17, 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 5:05pm in the workroom and ended at 5:51pm.

The regular meeting began at 6:02pm 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, Student Members - Fernanda and Amber, and Mrs. Coyle. Absent - Ms. Bachar

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

HONORING STUDENTS

The District 70 Board of Education recognized Highland Middle School sixth-grader Sergelen (“Sam”) G. and his sister, Butterfield fourth-grader Jargalan (“Jana”) G., both D70 orchestra members, for their unique, impressive musical story. In addition to playing violin and piano very well, Sergelen plays a traditional Mongolian instrument, the morin khuur, with only two strings. Meanwhile, Jargalan plays the violin very well, and the Mongolian hammer dulcimer, which is called the yochin and has 144 strings. Both children perform throughout the country dressed in traditional costumes with a Mongolian musical group. Recently, they performed in Washington, D.C. at the second Congressional Lunar New Year on The Hill. With an introduction from orchestra teacher Allison Zabelin, both students performed “Fly on the Window,” a traditional love song, for the meeting.

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

7.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 24, 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 – 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 no presentation from the floor.

STUDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highland Middle School students Fernanda and Amber, who were introduced by Mrs. Jenkins, talked to the board reminding teachers that students like to do hands-on experiences, including athletics and clubs, as well as that the social studies books have seen better days and it may be nice to update them.

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.

The Superintendent's Report celebrated school events held in March. Included in the report were celebrations of the student art show, arteffects, currently on display at Cook Memorial Library District's Libertyville library, along with the D70 Foundation for Excellence in Education awarding mini-grants to teachers at all five schools. Mini-grants are special projects and programs teachers and staff create to enhance education in the classrooms.

Other events included Highland Middle School wrestlers having a fantastic season with five members competing on the state level. At State, one team member placed first and a second member placed second. Other events celebrated included some HMS students being rewarded with a Wolves hockey game, Rockland Career Day, and cotton candy fun with the Rockland Learning Center team for high reading numbers. Meanwhile, Copeland Manor students

celebrated with a tea party after learning about the American Revolution and learned about businesses with Junior Achievement. Adler students designed shoes for someone else as they focused on Walking a Mile in Someone Else's Shoes, enjoyed a spring sing, as Butterfield students learned about gravity in an in-school field trip, worked with their Buddy Classes, and enjoyed a Pajama Day

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

APPROVAL OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF COMPENSATION

Board Report 10.1 sought approval for an aggregate "not to exceed" salary increase amount of \$175,000 for current non-certified staff returning for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the non-certified staff compensation as submitted in Board Report 10.1.

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 ADMINISTRATOR COMPENSATION

Board Report 10.2 sought approval for an aggregate "not to exceed" salary increase amount of \$92,160.64 as discussed in closed session for current administrator personnel returning for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the administrator personnel compensation as submitted in Board Report 10.2.

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 BUTTERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARKING LOT BID

Board Report 10.3 sought approval for the Butterfield Parking Lot Bid. On Thursday, March 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., bids were received from seven (7) contractors for the 2025 parking lot project at Butterfield Elementary School.

Aztech Landscaping from Sandwich, Illinois submitted the low base bid in the amount of \$76,302.00. Aztech Landscaping has informed us that they discovered an error in their bid and have requested the District allow them to withdraw their bid and have their bid bond returned per their attached letter. WOLD Architects and Administration believe it is in the best interest of the District to allow them to pull their bid from consideration for award.

The next low bidder is Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. from Huntley, Illinois with a base bid

amount of \$909,000.00. WOLD Architects has conducted a post bid review with the contractor to confirm that the project scope is sufficiently covered. WOLD Architects and Administration's recommendation is to award the contract to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc.

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

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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ROCKLAND PRINCIPAL SEARCH UPDATE

Mr. Theis, director of human resources, talked about the search for a new Rockland principal. Feedback was received from surveys, interviews, and focus groups from students, parents/guardians, and staff. Candidates were screened on March 11. Seven candidates were interviewed on March 17 by administrators. That group will be culled to three to four semi-finalists and then interviewed on April 2 at Rockland by students, parents/guardians, and staff members. The final two candidates will then be interviewed by Mrs. Jenkins.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY

There were no first readings.

FOIA REPORT

There was 1 FOIA request this month.

1. Allium Data requested current property and casualty insurance policy information.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mr. Sticklen discussed the recent SEDOL Governing Board Meeting and mentioned the SEDOL Foundation Dinner and Dance on April 26, 2025.
2. Board Member Mr. Lawton discussed the recent FAD and ED-RED meetings.
3. Board Member Mrs. Dahlke discussed the D70 Foundation of Excellence Mini-Grant Awards and upcoming Casino Night.
4. Board Member Mrs. Balanag mentioned Libertyville High School students have recently advocated for a later start time for high school students statewide.
5. Board Member Mrs. Schilling mentioned the Strolling Strings recently performed at the recent arteffects art show at Cook Memorial Library.

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 6:39p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary