

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

February 27, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, started with a Closed Session in Workroom I – Educational Resource Center, 1381 W. Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Closed Session was followed by the Regular Meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the boardroom and were livestreamed. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Wendy Schilling, Board President.

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

Absent: None.

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Dr. Youngman, Mrs. Bradford, Mr. Theis, Dr. Bongle, Dr. Otto, Mr. Vipond, Mrs. Kollman and guests.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Khan, that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2023, and that they become part of the formal District 70 records. Further, that the minutes of the Closed Session of January 23, 2023 be approved and that they be maintained in a confidential file until such time as the Board of Education releases them by formal action.

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

FINANCE REPORTS

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Khan, that the Board of Education approve the bills listed and presented for payment in the following amounts:

A. EDUCATION	\$ 56,567.00
B. OPERATIONS/MAINTENANCE	\$ 76,858.00
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 95,178.00
D. DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$ 7,827.00
E. CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$ 0.00
F. IMPREST (JANUARY)	\$ 1,717.00
TOTAL	\$ 238,147.00

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

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Khan, that the Board of Education approve the payroll requests for the month of January 2023.:

	<u>JANUARY 2023</u>
A. EDUCATION	\$ 2,037,051.00
B. OPERATIONS /MAINTENANCE	\$ 116,268.00
C. TRANSPORTATION	\$ 0.00
TOTAL PAYROLL:	\$ 2,153,319.00

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Supt. Rebecca Jenkin’s Superintendent’s Report began with congratulations to Rockland third grade teacher and 17-year D70 veteran Rebecca “Becky” Wickboldt for being named Teacher of the Year under the 2023 Award of Meritorious Service category. The Illinois State Board of

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Education will present the prestigious award to Mrs. Wickboldt in April at the 49th Annual Those Who Excel & Teacher of the Year Awards Banquet.

Becky Wickboldt is in her 16th year of full-time teaching, beginning as a paraeducator in 2006. In addition to her daily teaching duties, she serves as a member of the Rockland School SIP (School Improvement Plan) team, PBIS team, and social committee. She also serves on the District 70 math committee and is the regional representative for the Libertyville Education Association.

Supt. Jenkins congratulated Mr. Peter Theis, Director of Human Resources, for being awarded the 2023 Illinois Personnel Administrator of the Year award by the Illinois Association of School Personnel Administrators.

Mr. Theis, who has worked for her since July 1 in D70, “is one of the most dedicated personnel educators I have had the honor of working with him in two different school districts. He puts students and staff first in every decision he makes. He ensures the organization cares for its most precious asset - its people and he positively impacts any organization he is a part of.”

Supt. Jenkins also noted the wonderful school activities in February, including concerts, sporting events, Valentine’s Day, and fundraising.

Other updates included the progress of the newly created D70 Foundation and the awarding of 11 mini-grants to staff as a part of Partners for Excellence in Education, which will be folded into the D70 Foundation next year. Last week, Supt. Jenkins, Board member Jennifer Khan, upcoming D70 Foundation Executive Director Holland Burton, D70 Foundation President Allegra Heinz, and small business partner David Stuart (Improv Playhouse Theatre) traveled to every school to hand out 11 Partners for Excellence in Education Mini-Grants totaling \$4,261. (The group submitted 25 mini-grants seeking more than \$10,000 in funding.) Awards were presented to teachers in their classrooms and in front of their students when possible.

SUPERINTENDEN’S STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday night’s school board meeting continued bringing student voices to board meetings as Highland Middle School eighth-grader Lorin H. joined the board as a Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council member. There are five students currently on the council and they will share duties almost every month at board meetings.

The council assists administrators in identifying areas of celebration and growth in HMS and throughout District 70. On Monday night, Lorin talked about the Council’s next project, beautifying the courtyard by the Learning Center and coordinating landscaping ideas for outside of the school.

PRESCHOOL PRESENTATION

The Little Learners preschool team, led by Special Services Coordinator Pam Damesek, presented an update on the D70 blended preschool program and shared plans for the future.

A link to this presentation is available on the district website under the Board section.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Khan, that the Board of Education approve the personnel recommendations contained in this Board Report No. 8.1A.

The Board approved the following personnel recommendations on Monday night:

Non-Certified Staff Hires:

- Vilius Einikis, district maintenance technician, 2.6.23

Non-Certified Staff Changes of Assignment

- Barbara “Barb” Bowlby, district business service coordinator from bookkeeper, 2.28.23
- Lorraine “Lori” Nawrocki, district accounts payable and receptionist from receptionist, 2.28.23
- Daniel O’Donnell, HMS paraeducator from substitute teacher, 1.20.23
- Kristen Sebring, payroll and benefits specialist from accounts payable, 2.28.23

Non-Certified Staff Compensation Adjustment

- Fernanda “Fern” Carnick, district HR generalist, 2.28.23
- Dayna Pratt, district HR generalist, 2.28.23

Non-Certified Resignation/Retirements:

- Gina Cox, district payroll benefits specialist, 2.07.23
- Cristina De Stefano, district registrar, 3.10.23

Staff Leave of Absence:

- Stephanie Bleichman, Adler third grade teacher, FMLA, 3.24 - 4.17.23
- Kimberly Hauman, HMS Applied Tech teacher, 2023-24 school year
- Marilou Overton, Adler paraeducator, FMLA, 2.25 - 4.24.23

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

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

The administration and school board use a policy subscription service provided by the Illinois Association of School Boards as the basis for developing, reviewing, recommending, and approving policy language. This service is used by the majority of school districts in Illinois and is known as the Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS).

Policy Approvals

Following the required second reading of recommended policy language, the school board approved changes to the following policy: Policy 2:250 Access to District Public Records.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Dr. Krummick, that the Board of Education approve the policies as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF APPLE DEVICE PURCHASE

This D70 Technology Department recommended the purchase of new devices to refresh teacher laptops and iPads as part of the district’s standard device refresh cycle. The purchase also includes plans by administration to provide additional resources and professional learning opportunities for teachers to incorporate best practices while increasing engagement while integrating technology with students. Finally, the purchase includes 200 iPads meant to help guide and inform decisions about the future of student devices in D70.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Khan that the Board of Education approve the purchase of iPads, laptops, and accessories as presented from Apple, Inc, as part of the district’s 4 year refresh cycle for Apple Devices in the amount of \$635,951.75.

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

APPROVAL OF APPLE FINANCING RESOLUTION

The Technology Department and Business Office in D70 are recommending the financing agreement with Apple Financial in order to finance the purchase of the Apple iPads, laptops, and accessories. This financing agreement provides a 0% interest rate and defers the first payment until July 15, 2023. This 4 year financing agreement will consist of 4 equal payments of \$158,987.94.

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Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Khan that the Board of Education approve the Apple financing agreement from Apple, Inc, as part of the district's 4 year refresh cycle for Apple Devices.

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

APPROVAL OF SUMMER 2023 PROJECT BID (HVAC PORTION)

The three summer projects that will be bid on are Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) unit replacements at Copeland Elementary School (CES) and Highland Middle School (HMS); Sewer work at CES and a generator replacement at Butterfield Elementary School (\$50,000 of which will be funded by the School Maintenance Project Grant that the district was awarded). The HVAC bid was approved Monday night.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Khan that the Board of Education approve the base bid and alternate #1 of FE Moran at a total cost of \$497,000 and the rejection of alternate #2.

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

REVISION OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

Due to a miscalculation when creating the school year calendar by the last administration, two extra days need to be removed from the 2022-23 school year calendar so that the school year ends on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, or if all five emergency days are added, it ends on Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Khan that the Board of Education approve the revised 2022-2023 School District Calendar so as to establish Wednesday, June 7, 2023, as the final day of student and staff attendance.

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

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICIES

Revisions to the following policies were presented for a first reading and consideration: Policies 4:110 Operational Service: Transportation and 6:190 Instruction: Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

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A link to this Board report 9.1 is available on the district website under the Board section.

FOIA OFFICER REPORT

A FOIA request was received from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association requesting records of any certified staff (teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, etc.) who are retiring this year (to include name and email address).

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mr. Lawton ED-RED meeting which included discussions on TIF reform.
2. Superintendent Jenkins and some Board members will be attending the March 8 Lake Division Meeting

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you card from Mr. Theis was addressed to the Board members Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Lawton, Mrs. Dahlke and Superintendent Jenkins who all showed up at the 2023 Illinois Personnel Administrator of the Year award by the Illinois Association of School Personnel Administrators.

OTHER ITEMS

None at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Khan, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Schilling, Board President

Jennifer Khan, Board Secretary