

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

March 16, 2026

The meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 5:00pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, March 16, 2026.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - Mr. Sticklen.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Lawton, to move to closed session. On a roll call votes: Ayes - Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, and Mrs. Dahlke. Nays - None. Absent - Mr. Sticklen.. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed session started at 5:03pm in the workroom and ended at 5:41pm.

The regular meeting began at 6:00pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville, IL 60048.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mr. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - Mr. Sticklen.

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Dr. Bongle, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, Ms. Bachar, Mrs. Kollman and Mrs. Coyle. District guests included: Mr. Ciewiwa, Mrs. Crenshaw, Ms. Martin, and Mrs. McBride (arrived at 6:20pm), and student board members Charlie H. and Jackson M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

The Copeland Manor Student Council was recognized by Principal Annette McBride on Monday night for its thoughtful fundraising efforts to show appreciation for the staff at Copeland Manor School. Leading up to Valentine's Day, Student Council members sold a variety of Valentine-themed items during lunch periods to raise money for a special staff appreciation project.

With the funds they raised, the students partnered with Inspired By Flowers to provide beautiful bouquets for Copeland staff members as a way to say thank you for all they do each day.

Student Council members recognized included Brady H., Finley B., Quinn U., McKoy G., Maisie B., Hazel H., Eleanor H., Jackson K., Benny L., Luka M., Lucas M., and Leah T.

Student Council sponsors Stephanie Meo and Anna Musich were also honored for their guidance and support in helping students lead this meaningful project

The Board of Education also recognized the outstanding efforts of the Highland Middle School MathCounts Team for their dedication and achievement in the highly competitive MathCounts program.

MathCounts sponsor, Susie Hardiman, introduced students Ethan L., Saathvik S., Wesley A., Diya A., Louisa C., Isaac H., Nathan C., Farida F., Sergelen G., and Tommy D. They were honored for their hard work, problem-solving skills, and commitment to developing their mathematical thinking through MathCounts. The program challenges students with complex mathematical problems and encourages collaboration, perseverance, and a love of learning.

The Board took a short break at 6:08pm to meet and greet with students and staff. The regular meeting resumed at 6:16pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented in Board Report 6. The following items were contained in the consent agenda:

6.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 23, 2026

6.2 - Approval of Finance Reports

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

6.3 - Approval of Personnel

- New Hires
- Resignation
- Leave of Absence
- Change in Assignment

6.4 - Approval of Board Actual Expenses for COSSBA 2026 National Conference

- Jennifer Khan, Board President
- Brian Lawton, Board Member
- Wendy Schilling, Board Member

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On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, and Mrs. Dahlke. Absent – Mr. Sticklen. 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)

Highland Middle School students, sixth graders Charlie and Jackson, who are members of SSLAC, were introduced by the Supt. Rebecca Jenkins and offered the following report.

- Charlie joined SSLAC to bring people together and to be part of the decision making process. She is enjoying middle school and appreciates the hands-on experiences, such as experiments. She is participating in cheer, and costume crew, and hopes to join cross-country next year.
- Jackson joined SSLAC to make Highland Middle School a better place for everyone. He is looking forward to participating in the Student Leadership Summit later this year. Jackson provided the board with updates on how Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing was going at Highland Middle School and appreciated the scheduling of tests in the morning.

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

Across Libertyville School District 70, students and staff continued to create engaging learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom. At the recent D70 Foundation Mini-Grant Luncheon, teachers shared how grant funding will support innovative classroom projects and hands-on learning opportunities for students. The district also hosted area math coaches and interventionists at the ERC for professional dialogue focused on strengthening numeracy instruction.

Students across our schools explored creativity, culture, and problem-solving through a variety of classroom experiences. Adler students worked on engineering projects, individualized learning, and mixed-media winter landscapes in art. Butterfield students learned about the Bulgarian spring tradition of Baba Marta and created martenitsa bracelets, while fifth graders created papier-mâché desserts inspired by artist Wayne Thiebaud. At Copeland Manor, students assembled Celebration Kits for local food pantries, and fourth graders designed and tested electrical circuits.

At Highland Middle School, the 7th and 8th grade strings earned a Division 1 rating at the Illinois Grade School Music Association Organizational Festival, eighth graders performed in the Funny Girls Improv Showcase, and the wrestling team completed an undefeated season with conference and regional championships. At Rockland, students

explored future careers during Career Day and practiced hands-on learning through activities like interactive spelling and CPR basics.

APPROVAL OF 2027-2028 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

The 2027-2028 School Calendar was approved.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the calendar as presented in Board Report 9.1.

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

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APPROVAL OF 2026-2027 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

The Board of Education meeting dates for the 2026–2027 school year were presented, and discussion was held. The Board voted to remove this item from the agenda and move it to the April meeting to allow time to further review local board meeting schedules and avoid potential conflicts.

APPROVAL OF NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Board Report 9.3 sought approval of an aggregate “not to exceed” salary increase amount of \$273,204.01 for current non-certified staff personnel returning for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the aggregate “not to exceed” salary increase amount as presented in Board Report 9.3.

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

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APPROVAL OF NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL COMPENSATION

Board Report 9.4 sought approval of an aggregate “not to exceed” salary increase amount of \$89,177.73 for current administrator personnel returning for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the aggregate “not to exceed” salary increase amount as presented in Board Report 9.4.

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

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APPROVAL OF BUTTERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATION BIDS

On Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., bids were received for General Trades BP#06A, PaintingBP#09B, and Acoustical Ceilings BP#09C.

Three (3) contractors bid on the General Trades Package, four (4) contractors bid on the Painting, and four (4) contractors bid on the Acoustical Ceilings Package. The results of the bids were included in the Board agenda. The base bid packages are to renovate all EC and K-5 classrooms, corridors, and the multi- purpose room flooring. The renovations include wall restoration/painting and new flooring in all classrooms and adjacent hallways/corridors, along with new ceilings where needed throughout the building. Alternate #1 includes renovating the office area and security entrance.

The low bidder for the General Trades is Ostrander Construction in the amount of \$372,250 for the base bid and \$673,960 for Alternate 1 for a total bid of \$1,046,210. The low bidder for Painting is Oosterbaan & Sons, Co, in the amount of \$77,460 for the base bid and \$9,000 for Alternate #1 for a total bid of \$86,460. The low bidder for Acoustical Ceilings is Heitkotter, Inc in the amount of \$38,000 for the base bid and \$20,000 for Alternate 1 for a total bid of \$58,000.

SMC Construction Services has conducted a post bid review with the contractors to confirm that the project scope is sufficiently covered. SMC Construction Services and Administration's recommendation is to award the contract to Ostrander Construction, Oosterbaan & Sons, and Heitkotter, Inc. respectively.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the bids as presented in Board Report 9.5.

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

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APPROVAL OF DYMOND ROAD PARKING LOT BID

On Monday, March 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., bids were received from six (6) contractors for the 2026 parking lot asphalt repaving project at the Dymond Road Property. A recommendation letter and the bid tabulation were included in Board Report 9.6.

Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. submitted the low base bid in the amount of \$100,000 and \$90,000 for Alternate #1 which includes replacing the stone base. Per our intergovernmental agreement with the Libertyville High School District 128, this project will be managed jointly with D128 and the cost of this project will be reimbursed to D70 by D128. Inspec, D128's civil engineering firm, has conducted a post bid review with the contractor to confirm that the project scope is sufficiently covered. Inspec and Administration's recommendation was to award the contract to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the bid as presented in Board Report 9.6.

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

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APPROVAL OF CONSIDERATION OF TERMINATION OF SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYEE

Motion was made by Mrs. Schilling, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the resignation of support staff employee as received and reviewed by the Board of Education during closed session on Monday, March 16, 2026.

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

APPROVAL OF NEW INTERCOM SYSTEM FOR ADLER PARK, BUTTERFIELD, AND ROCKLAND SCHOOLS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO INTERCOM SYSTEM AT HIGHLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

The administration recommended a full replacement of the intercom and paging system at Adler Park, Butterfield, and Rockland Schools. 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 was recently installed at Copeland Manor. The proposed project included hardware, management software/licensing, installation, and programming. The summer project will also include minor improvements to the existing Highland Middle School system.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the proposal as presented in Board Report 9.9.

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

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APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000,000 TAXABLE TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF TAXES LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2025 FOR EDUCATION PURCHASES AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAIR WARRANTS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF

Due to the timing of the second half of our property tax distribution in late May/early June, Administration recommended the parameters resolution to sell short term bonds (Tax Anticipation Warrants - TAW's) to cover timing differences in our cash flow due some decreased revenue sources (CPPRT) along with increased expenditures for facility improvements and the new PA system at Copeland Manor as presented in Board Report 9.10.

This is not a budget issue as the budget reflects the full tax distribution to cover these expenditures, however, with the facility/construction expenditures being paid in Summer/Fall of the current fiscal year and property taxes accounting for 90% of our revenue with 50% being received in August/September and the other 50% being received in May/June it creates a short term cash flow concern.

The timing of the bonds will be mid-April for short term revenue to cover immediate expenditures and the bonds will be repaid no later than June 30th once we receive our tax distribution.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the parameters resolution as presented in Board Report 9.10.

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

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BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mrs. Grove reviewed the recent SEDOL Meeting.

2. Board Member Mr. Lawton shared an ED-RED update.
3. Board Members Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Lawton, and Mrs. Khan reviewed the recent COSSBA Conference and highlights from the sessions attended. Mrs. Schilling also mentioned the Chartwells Reception at Churchill Downs that the group attended while at COSSBA.

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 7:24p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary