

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

September 29, 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, September 29, 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 Public Budget 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 6:04pm.

The regular meeting began at 6:05pm 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

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

5.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 25, 2025

5.2 - Approval of Finance Reports

- Agenda of Bills

- Payroll
- Budgetary
- Treasurer's Report

5.3 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. 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 was one presentation from the floor.

SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSLAC)

Mrs. Jenkins created a council of Highland Middle School students to incorporate student voices into decision-making. Council members will help Highland and District administration identify areas of celebration and growth for Highland Middle School and D70 overall.

During the board meeting, students serving this year introduced themselves and talked about why they want to be on the council. Members for this year include Caroline A., Devlin A., Sutherland B., Camilo C., Henry D., Charlie H., Jackson M., Dylan S., Molly T., and Lochie W. For the first time, all the students were sworn into office with an oath of service. The students will attend one to two board meetings this year, and also attend the Triple I Conference in Chicago to learn more about board member duties and amplify their student voices. There will also be other opportunities for learning and leadership during the school year under the guidance of Mrs. Jenkins.

The Board of Education took a short break at 6:38pm to meet and chat with the SSLAC students. The meeting resumed at 6:49pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Jenkins reported to the Board of Education on school events, including the first meeting of the Family Associations of District 70 with school officers elected by the parents/guardians to each Family Association, how well Safety Week went, Bike & Roll to School Day at Rockland, the HMS Marching Band participating in the LHS Homecoming parade, and the success of Attendance Week in D70. The report also shared classroom and grade-level events like creating board games, a Language Arts unit on fairytales, and Purposeful Play in Kindergarten.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

Board Report 8.1 sought formal approval of the following School Board Policy:

- 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
- 2:30 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

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the policies as presented in Board Report 8.1.

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 TO HOLD SPECIFIC CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

Board Report 8.2 sought approval to hold specific closed meeting minutes. The Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to review closed meeting minutes. At such meetings, a determination must be made and reported in an open session that:

1. The need for confidentiality still exists as to all or parts of those minutes, or
2. The minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection.

District 70 Superintendent, Rebecca Jenkins, reviewed all recent closed session minutes. Board Report 8.2 sought to keep the following minute closed due to the confidential nature and personnel specifics addressed throughout. The minutes to be held include: October 21, 2024, January 27, 2025, February 24, 2025, March 17, 2025, May 19, 2025, June 23, 2025 and August 25, 2025.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dahlke, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the tentative budget as submitted in Board Report 8.2.

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 2025-2026 BUDGET

By statute, the Board of Education must adopt a budget by the last day of September and file said budget with the Lake County Clerk's Office, Lake County Regional Superintendent's Office, and the Illinois State Board of Education. The budget has been placed on display for thirty (30) days in the Educational Resource Center by Board action at their June 23, 2025 Board Meeting. A notice was published announcing tonight's public hearing scheduled just prior to the convening of this Board Meeting. Therefore, it was recommended that the Board of Education consider and approve the attached Libertyville School District 70 Budget for FY 2025-2026 as presented in Board Report 8.3.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the tentative budget as submitted in Board Report 8.3.

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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FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY

The Policy Committee brought the following Policy forward for First Reading

- 8:80 **Community Relations:** Gifts to the District

FOIA REPORT

There were 7 FOIA requests this month.

1. Allium Data requested current property and casualty insurance policies.
2. SmartProcure requested purchase order information from 6/13/2025 to present.
3. Data Research Partners LLC requested employee data.
4. Lake County Gazette requested contracts for teachers and principals for this year.
5. Lake County Gazette requested names of all graduates from last year.
6. Lake County Gazette requested names and honors for high school students.
7. Public Data Research requested employee data.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Members Mrs. Grove and Mr. Sticklen updated the board on SEDOL including the recent fundraiser and superintendent search.
2. Board Member Mrs. Grove provided an update about the recent FAD meeting and update about the D70 Foundation Mini-Grants.
3. Mr. Lawton updated the board on ED-RED including a new topic being discussed: AI FOIA requests. Mr. Lawton also provided a division meeting update.

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 6:55p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary