

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

March 18, 2024

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 18, 2024.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Balanag, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. Lawton, Mrs. Schilling 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. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Schilling, and Mr. Lawton. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed session started at 5:03pm in the workroom.

The regular meeting began at 6:00pm in the boardroom.

The following members were present: Mrs. Balanag, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. Lawton, Mrs. Schilling and Mr. McGhee.

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Mrs. Bachar, Mr. Theis, Dr. Bongle, Mrs. Kollman, Dr. Otto, Mr. Vipond, Mrs. Coyle, and student representative Ish O.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND HONORING OF STUDENTS

The meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

The D70 Board of Education honored more than 30 Highland Middle School Symphonic Band students at Monday night's meeting. This year, the Symphonic Band, under the direction of veteran teacher Carla Bollinger, submitted a video of its Feb. 12 concert to the Illinois Education Association to be played during The IEA Representative Assembly from March 14-16 in Rosemont. A video was required because the venue was too small for the amazing student band to perform. Mrs. Bollinger noted that the band members were all in fourth grade (but for one third-grade student) during the pandemic, the year they first began playing their instruments. They played remotely, followed online lessons, played wearing masks, played in tents, and demonstrated strong perseverance and talent to perform high school-level music in middle school.

More than 1,100 educators attended the event and watched the 15-minute video of the band performing Children of the Shrine March by James Swearingen with guest conductor Adam Gohr, The Bonsai Tree by Julie Giroux conducted by HMS teacher Carla Bollinger, and Choose Joy by Randall Standridge, also conducted by Mrs. Bollinger.

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

6.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, February 26, 2024

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

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

A link to this report may be found on the website under Board section.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highland Middle School eighth-grader Ishmael O. brought Board of Education members up to date Monday night on the progress of the Supt.'s Student Leadership Advisory Council this year. As an update for playground equipment, the council noted they are reviewing what financial support could look like and will go back to resurvey students to make sure a playground is still a top priority. Students also are working with Principal Dr. Jon Hallmark as they review the school budget.

Supt. Jenkins celebrated school events held in March, including a day when D70 Foundation for Excellence Executive Director Holland Burton and President Allegra Heinz toured the schools to announce which staff members would be awarded mini-grants for a unique program they created

to enhance education. Staff from all five schools applied for about 20 mini-grants, and the Foundation will fund all of them for about \$10,000.

Supt. Jenkins also talked about the Adler Park Spring Sing and Pep Rally, Butterfield special mention was made for math classes that had students using chain links to learn about measuring, as well as a special classroom presentation on volunteerism for Fill A Heart 4 Kids, and a science lesson that had students learning about energy and speed. At Copeland Manor School, Supt. Jenkins noted their Spring Sing and a Fun Fair, while at Highland Middle School, staff celebrated International Women's Day and a class lesson using Virtual Reality immersion to learn first-hand accounts of Holocaust survivors. At Rockland, Libertyville Fire Department members taught students how to work fire extinguishers and some tips on fire prevention, and the school had a Career Day with more than 25 experts and professionals talking to students throughout the day to explain their work.

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

FOIA OFFICER REPORT

There were two FOIA requests this month.

1. Request for bus service contract from Tina Garrett.
2. Request for PO/vendor information from SmartProcure, Sheri Reid.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mr. Lawton provided an update on EDred.
2. Board Member Mr. Sticklen provided an update from SEDOL.
3. Board Member Mrs. Dahlke provided an update on the recent Dad's event hosted by the Foundation.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

There were none at this time.

OTHER ITEMS

There were none at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 6:24p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary