

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

September 23, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Education District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 5:30pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, September 23, 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 to discuss employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees. 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 5:32pm in the workroom.

The regular meeting began at 6:03pm in the boardroom.

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, Mrs. Bachar, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, and Mrs. Coyle

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

The Public Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:03pm with a motion from Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke. On roll call vote: ayes - Mrs. Balanag, Mrs. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Schilling, Mr. Lawton, and Mr. McGhee.

Mrs. Bachar presented the final budget presentation during the public budget hearing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton to adjourn the Public Budget Hearing. On a 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Mrs. Jenkins introduced the Superintendent Student Leadership Advisory Council Members. Each member spoke briefly about why they applied and have interest in the council.

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, August 26, 2024

7.2 - Approval of Finance Reports

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

7.3 Approval of Personnel

- New Hires
- Retirement
- Resignation
- Leave of Absence

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

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were none at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mrs. Jenkins reported to the Board of Education on school events during the start of school, including the Libertyville Sunrise Rotary Club talking to fourth graders about polio and showing them an old Iron Lung that helped victims breathe and some classroom glimpses into students working on math and reading. Mrs. Jenkins also discussed back-to-school events held for parents/guardians at each school, the popular Movie Night at Highland Middle School, and a Bike to School Day at Rockland.

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

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES

Board Report 10.1 included a recommendation to approve board policies 2:125 and 6:110.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dahlke, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the policies as submitted in Board Report 10.1.

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

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

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR BOARD EXPENDITURES 2:125-E3

Board Report 10.2 included a resolution to regulate business expenditures related to policy 2:125.

Motion was made by Mrs. Dahlke, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the resolution as submitted in Board Report 10.2.

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

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

APPROVAL OF WILSON TUTOR CONTRACT

Board Report 10.3 included a recommendation to approve the contract with Wilson trained tutor, Allison Kay. The tutor will assist students district-wide. The administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the contract contained in this Board Report.

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF FY 24-25 BUDGET

Board Report 10.4 sought approval of the FY 24-25 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 was placed on display for thirty (30) days in the Educational Resource Center by Board action at their June 24, 2024 Board Meeting. A notice was published announcing tonight's public hearing scheduled just prior to the convening of this Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the FY 24-25 Budget as submitted in Board Report 10.4.

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

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

APPROVAL TO HOLD SPECIFIC CLOSED MEETING MINUTES

The Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to review minutes of closed sessions every six months or as soon thereafter as is practicable, taking into account the nature and meeting schedule of the public body. 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 of Schools, Rebecca Jenkins, reviewed all recent closed session minutes. All closed session minutes below are to remain closed due to the confidential nature and personnel specifics addressed throughout. The minutes to be held include: September 18, 2023, October 23, 2023, December 18, 2023, January 22, 2023, February 26 2024, March 18, 2024, May 20, 2024 and August 26, 2024.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the motion as submitted in Board Report 10.5.

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

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

APPROVAL OF VITAL CONTRACT

Board Report 10.6 aimed to partner with The Vital Network for the 24-25 school year. This contract includes the Baseline Survey in the fall, with two follow up surveys in the winter and spring. This temperature check will be something district administrators, building administrators and school improvement teams will use to understand how staff are feeling. The surveys will shine a light on how to improve organizational effectiveness across three key categories: Care & Support, Time Management, and Voice & Decision-Making.

Also, included in this contract, Nate Eckland, CEO of Vital, will be talking to all our staff as a keynote speaker on the October 11th institute day. He will also be working with D70 in several targeted support sessions with our leadership teams throughout the year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the contract as submitted in Board Report 10.6.

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

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

CANADA PRESENTATION

HMS French teacher Kerstin Cholewin and HMS special education teacher Allie Luka talked about District 70's first international trip outside of the country with students traveling to Canada over the summer.

SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT

Summer School Principals Robin VanDyke and Kevin Joyce (also HMS teachers during the school year), along with Summer School Directors Adam Greenberg and Valerie Rivera (assistant principals during the school year), gave a presentation about a very successful summer school program last June and July.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO 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). At the board meeting, policies 2:260, 4:70, 5:100, 5:130, 5:200, 6:140, 7:20, 7:185, and 2:265 were discussed.

FOIA OFFICER REPORT

There were 5 FOIA requests this month.

1. Cherry Quirarte requested incident reports related to physical altercations at HMS.
2. Lake County Gazette requested school enrollment numbers.
3. Lake County Gazette requested school calendars.
4. Lake County Gazette requested a list of all available student activities and clubs including the faculty sponsor's name.
5. Lake County Gazette requested a list of all new teachers and staff.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board Member Mr. Sticklen informed the group about the SEDOL Executive Board Meeting in September and the upcoming SEDOL Foundation event.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board of Education Correspondence this month.

OTHER ITEMS

There were none at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:15p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary