

LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
District No. 70
Libertyville, Illinois

April 21, 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, April 21, 2025.

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

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Dr. Bongle, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, Mrs. Kollman, Ms. Bachar, Student Member Aly, and Mrs. Coyle. Absent - Mr. Sticklen

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

HONORING STUDENTS

District 70 board members and Mrs. Jenkins honored Highland Middle School Hornet Bowl members for their academic involvement in the recent 2025 International Academic competitions. Bowl sponsors, HMS teachers Tara Oshinski and Ryan McBride, publicly recognized each student with a certificate. Students honored have the option to compete on the national level.

The following students were honored:

- Aubrey C., Kensington K., Emerson P., and Indrani M. for being dedicated Bowl members;
- Indy A. was honored for science, history, and geography, earning her a bid to nationals, and science and history, earning her a bid to internationals;
- Nathan M. was honored for science and geography, earning him bids to nationals and internationals;
- Giselle A. was honored for science, earning her a bid to nationals;
- Amber H. was honored for science, earning her bids to nationals and internationals;
- Reid S. was honored for science, earning him bids to nationals and internationals;
- Adelyn J. was honored for science, earning her a bid to nationals.
- Brandon B. was honored for history and geography, earning him bids to nationals and international

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

4.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 17, 2025

4.2 - Minutes of the Board Tour of Schools, April 14, 2025

4.3 - Approval of Finance Reports

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

4.4 Approval of Personnel

- Change of Assignment
- Resignation/Retirement
- Leave of Absence
- New Hires

4.5 Approval of COSSBA 2025 National Conference Actual Expenses

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

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

PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no presentations from the floor.

STUDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Highland Middle School student Aly, who was introduced by Mrs. Jenkins, talked to the board about things she likes at HMS, including being able to choose art blocks, going out to recess or doing other activities, and being able to participate in many clubs. Areas she sees for growth for HMS include having a playground and being given more time in school to do homework.

Mrs. Jenkins began her board presentation by talking about the Consortium for Interdistrict Collaboration (CIC), which brings together high-performing districts to establish a professional learning community rooted in in-depth collective inquiry. This collaborative approach fosters sustained, meaningful improvement in teaching and learning, supporting long-term success across member districts. This week, District 70 is the site of CIC as group members from Lake Bluff Elementary School District 65, Lake Forest Elementary District 67, Deerfield Elementary District 109, North Shore Elementary School District 112, Township High School District 113, and True North Special Education District 809 visited D70's five schools. The visiting teams were looking for 'active and authentic learning' as outlined in D70's strategic plan and provided the central office and D70 team with feedback on what they saw.

Mrs. Jenkins also talked about a recent tour the board took of the schools to see what students are doing in real life, rather than a report from administrators. She also discussed Adler Park students creating insects and making Viking helmets as they study insects and Viking exploration, and life. She talked about Butterfield students building 3D shapes and wearing play Civil War clothes as they study that part of history. At Copeland Manor School, Mrs. Jenkins talked about students creating a boat that floats to represent George Washington crossing the river in a STEM activity, and students participating in Destination Imagination and placing third place in the state for the creative STEM competition. At HMS, Mrs. Jenkins peeked into a social studies class to show students working, and students working on the Mean Girls Jr. musical, coming in May. For Rockland, she talked about CKLA being used in a classroom for Treasure Island, and a grade-level game of hide-and-seek throughout the school.

Finally, Mrs. Jenkins thanked board member Mrs. Balanag for her five years of service. Mrs. Balanag chose not to seek re-election.

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

APPROVAL OF ROCKLAND PRINCIPAL CONTRACT

Board Report 7.1 sought approval for the contract for incoming Rockland principal, Steve Feldman.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the contract as submitted in Board Report 7.1.

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

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After approval of 7.1, the board took a short break to welcome and meet Mr. Feldman. The board returned from the break at 6:40pm.

APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR ROCKLAND RENOVATIONS

Board Report 7.2 sought approval for the construction management contract from SMC Construction Services.

WOLD Architects brought in SMC Construction Services to review and work with the District on the Rockland Renovations Project for Summer 2025. SMC Construction Services is a Construction Management Company who will coordinate and oversee the onsite work for this project over the summer. Over the last 6 months they have been instrumental in working with WOLD on the design components and determining budgets and overall scope of the project. The renovations include asbestos abatement, wall restoration, new flooring, and new ceilings in the classrooms, offices, and adjacent hallways, corridors, and stairwells. It is typical for a project with this many trades to have a construction management company to oversee the everyday work

of the project to make sure that project is completed on time and within budget.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the AIA A134 Agreement as submitted in Board Report 7.2.

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

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APPROVAL OF CAMPLIN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR ROCKLAND RENOVATIONS

Board Report 7.3 sought approval for the Camplin Environmental Consulting Services Agreement.

Camplin Environmental has been the District's environmental consultant for at least 20+ years. Administration has been working with Jeff Camplin on the Rockland Renovations Project for Summer 2025 which requires an abatement in order to replace the flooring. Camplin Environmental's Consulting proposal was included in the Board agenda. This is typical for a project of this size as there are very specific rules and regulations required for an abatement project and onsite oversight is necessary.

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

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

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APPROVAL OF ASBESTOS REMOVAL BID FOR ROCKLAND RENOVATIONS

Board Report 7.4 sought approval for the asbestos removal bid for Rockland School.

On Thursday March 20, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., bids were received for Asbestos Removal at Rockland School, five (5) contractors bid on the project. The results of the bids were included in the Board agenda. This bid package is part of the Rockland Renovations in the older section of the building for Summer 2025 work. The renovations include asbestos abatement, wall restoration, new flooring, and new ceilings in the classrooms, offices, and adjacent hallways, corridors, and stairwells.

The low bidder for Asbestos Removal is HUSAR Abatement for a total bid of \$121,800. Camplin Environmental has conducted a post bid review with the contractors to confirm that the project scope is sufficiently covered. Camplin Environmental and Administration's recommendation is to award the contract to HUSAR Abatement.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the HUSAR Abatement agreement as submitted in Board Report 7.4.

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

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APPROVAL OF 2025 CLASSROOM REMODEL BID FOR ROCKLAND RENOVATIONS

Board Report 7.5 sought approval for the classroom remodel bid for Rockland School.

On Monday April 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., bids were received for General Trades BP#06A and Acoustical Ceilings BP#09B six (6) contractors bid on the General Trades Package and Four (4) contractors bid on the Acoustical Ceilings Package. The results of the bids are included in the Board agenda. Both bid packages are for the Rockland Renovations in the older section of the building for Summer 2025 work. The renovations include asbestos abatement, wall restoration, new flooring, and new ceilings in the classrooms, offices, and adjacent hallways, corridors, and stairwells.

The low bidder for the General Trades is Ostrander Construction in the amount of \$202,520 for the base bid and \$2,500 and \$7,500 for Alternates 1&2 respectively for a total bid of \$212,520. The low bidder for Acoustical Ceilings is Alpine Acoustics in the amount of \$64,500 for the base bid and \$2,500 for Alternate 1 for a total bid of \$67,000. 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 and Alpine Acoustics respectively.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the Ostrander Construction bid as submitted in Board Report 7.5.

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

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APPROVAL OF SHARED PHYSICAL THERAPIST INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Board Report 7.6 sought approval for the intergovernmental agreement between District 70, Community District 128 and Mundelein District 120 for a shared physical therapist.

This is a current shared position within the district and this approval formalized the agreement between districts.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement as submitted in Board Report 7.6.

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

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APPROVAL OF SHARED HEARING ITINERANT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Board Report 7.7 sought approval for the intergovernmental agreement between District 70, Grass Lake District 36, Gavin District 37, and Big Hollow District 38 for a shared hearing itinerant.

This is a current shared position within the district and this approval formalized the agreement between districts.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement as submitted in Board Report 7.7.

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

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APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE PERFORMANCE BASED SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND REBECCA JENKINS

Board Report 7.8 sought approval for the resolution amending Superintendent Jenkins’s performance based contract.

The Board determined that an amendment to the vacation day benefits provision of the Performance Based Superintendent’s Contract (April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2028) between the Board and Rebecca Jenkins (the “Superintendent”), as first approved by the Board on March 10, 2022 and amended by the Board on March 23, 2023, (collectively the “Contract”), is warranted.

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the agreement as submitted in Board Report 7.8.

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

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D70 SKYWARD MIGRATION PRESENTATION

This presentation was rescheduled to the May 21, 2025 meeting.

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE FOLLOW-UP PRESENTATION

Mr. Vipond, director of technology, informed the board Monday night that results from surveys from both families and staff support keeping student electronic devices in the schools overnight for kindergarten through fifth grade. This will begin for the 2025-26 school year, according to the board presentation. Survey feedback also supports blocking YouTube videos for K-5th. HMS students will continue to take home Chromebooks during the week. Survey feedback for this age group also suggested stronger blocks in accessing gaming sites, which is being immediately updated.

FIRST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY

At the meeting, [Policy 2:140](#) was presented for a first reading and consideration.

FOIA REPORT

There was 7 FOIA request this month.

1. Lake County Federation of Teachers requested substitute rate information and copies of performance evaluations tools.
2. Ad.Cuius submitted 6 requests for electronic data managed by the Treasurer's Office for the annual expenses paid to specific vendors over specific years.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT

1. Board President Mrs. Khan noted at the end of the meeting that Board of Education Member Mr. Lawton has been recognized as an "Established Board Leader" and Board Member Mrs. Schilling has been recognized with an "Annual Merit Recognition" honor - both by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) as part of the IASB Board Leader Recognition Program. Both board members are being recognized for their commitment to leadership and their dedication to ongoing professional development beyond regular board responsibilities. Schilling's honor comes after being named Distinguished Board Leader by IASB earlier, and then continuing to participate in professional development and work.
2. Board Member Mrs. Dahlke discussed the D70 Foundation of Excellence Mini-Grant Luncheon and Casino Night.
3. Board Member Mr. Lawton discussed recent ED-RED updates including potential cell phone educational mandates statewide.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE

There was no Board of Education correspondence.

OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mrs. Balanag, seconded by Mr. Lawton that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:16p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Khan, Board President

Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary