

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 19, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on December 19, 2022, at 7:06 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mrs. Barbara Hickey, President  
Ms. Stacey Williams, Vice President  
Mrs. Sarah Eckmann  
Mr. Cal Davis  
Mr. Richard Moore  
Mrs. Kathleen Avalos

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent  
Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction  
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal  
Mrs. Christine Gerges, Lincoln/Willard School Assistant

Principal

Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Community present: The number of community participants in person was 5 and on zoom was 9.

Mrs. Hickey welcomed visitors and recommended that the agenda be amended to move the student presenters prior to the public comment.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Moore that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended.

On call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Hickey, Ms. Williams,  
Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Eckmann

Nays: none

The motion carried.

AMENDED  
AGENDA  
APPROVED

**Communications**

A thank you note was received from Board member Stacey Williams regarding the death of a family member.

Mrs. Hickey then asked Ms. Simmons for written comments from the public received in advance of the meeting.

**Public Comment**

Michael Aplington, resident, spoke in support of the District considering changing the current half-day kindergarten structure to a full-day program.

**Student Presentations**

Mrs. Hickey introduced the student presenters from both Lincoln and Willard School to give the student presentations for the respective buildings.

**Secretary, Pro-Tem**

In Dr. Thompson's absence, Mrs. Avalos nominated Mr. Davis to serve as Secretary, Pro-Tem for this meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education appoint Cal Davis as Secretary, Pro-Tem.

SECRETARY PRO-  
TEM APPOINTED

On call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eckmann

Nays: none

The motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda to include the following:

CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED

November payrolls totaling \$979,630.12, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$405,784.55 and accounts payable totaling \$442,216.04.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Eckmann

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Board Committee Reports were as follows:**

**Education**

No report was given.

**Personnel**

No report was given.

**Policy**

No meeting was held.

**Finance**

No report was given.

**Equity**

No report was given.

**Facilities**

No meeting was held.

**Communications**

No meeting was held.

**Outside Meetings were as follows:**

**Council of Governments**

No meeting was held.

**Community Council**

A meeting was held at which school safety at OPRF was discussed.

**Youth Network Council**

A meeting was held at which the Beyond Hunger program was discussed.

**Board Liaison District PTO Council**

A meeting was held at which future holiday parties, committee reorganization and a potential website update were discussed.

**Inclusiveness Advisory Board**

No meeting was held.

**PlanItGreen**

Two meetings were held. The first meeting was held at which Village of River Forest sustainability and District 97 sustainability were discussed. The second meeting consisted of the Annual Leaders Forum.

**River Forest Civic Association**

No meeting was held.

**Citizen Corp Council**

No meeting was held.

**West Cook Governing Board (IASB)**

No report was given.

**ED-RED**

No report was given.

**River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration**

No report was given.

**Positive Youth Development**

A meeting was held at which Red Ribbon Week was discussed as well as the new collaboration with the Oak Park Health Department.

**District Calendar Review**

Dr. Condon discussed the calendar affecting Board members for the months of December and January.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Adoption of 2022 Tax Levy** – Mr. Cozzi described the requirements under the Truth in Taxation Act. The District was required to conduct a formal public hearing on the tax levy because the increase was greater than 5% of the prior years' extension. That hearing was held earlier tonight. Mr. Cozzi also described the amount of the levy as being equal to the estimated levy that was approved in November.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education adopt the 2022 Tax Levy, as presented.

2022 TAX LEVY  
ADOPTED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs.  
Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies** – Mr. Cozzi noted that a resolution is necessary to instruct the County to reduce certain fund levies if necessary.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Deduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2022 levy year.

REDUCTION OF  
CERTAIN FUND  
LEVIES FOR THE  
2022 LEVY  
AUTHORIZED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs.  
Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes** –

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the recommendation not to release previous closed session minutes.

CLOSED SESSION  
MINUTES NOT  
RELEASED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs.  
Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.



**Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings –**

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the destruction of closed session meetings audio recordings dated between July 2020 and December 2020.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

DESTRUCTION OF  
CLOSED SESSION  
MEETINGS  
AUDIO  
RECORDINGS  
APPROVED

**District Calendar, 2023-24** – Dr. Condon gave the second presentation of the proposed District Calendar for 2023-24. He thanked Dr. Hawley for her leadership of the Calendar Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education adopt the District Calendar for the 2023-24 school year as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

DISTRICT  
CALENDAR, 2023-  
24 ADOPTED

**Board Meeting Calendar, 2023-24** – Dr. Condon gave the second presentation of the proposed Board Meeting Calendar for 2023-24. The Board discussed any potential holiday conflicts.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education adopt the Board Meeting Calendar for the 2023-24 school year as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

BOARD MEETING  
CALENDAR, 2023-  
24 ADOPTED

**Policy 7:70 – Attendance and Truancy, Second Reading –**

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education adopt PRESS Policy 7:70, Attendance and Truancy as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

PRESS POLICY  
7:70 ADOPTED

**Kindergarten Program Review Process** – Dr. Condon discussed the process for reviewing the current kindergarten program. He gave the Board an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the feedback from the recent Town Hall meeting or any other high-level issues. He presented the essential steps needed towards implementing a full day kindergarten model and a summary of his discussions with the kindergarten teachers. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

**PRESS Policy Update 110, First Reading** – Dr. Condon gave the first reading of PRESS Policy Update 110. A Board discussion ensued.

**2022 Geodemographic Report – GeoLytics, Inc.** – Dr. Condon presented the current geodemographic report from GeoLytics, Inc., while speaking about the data sets and analytics that the firm used to develop their projections.

**Personnel**

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented. On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mr. Moore, Mr. Davis, Mrs. Eckmann, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Hickey

Nays: None


The motion carried.

PERSONNEL  
REPORT  
APPROVED

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Avalos and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

  
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Barbara Hickey  
President

  
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Nicole Thompson  
Secretary