

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 20, 2023**

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 March 20, 2023, at 7:01 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mrs. Barbara Hickey, President  
Ms. Stacey Williams, Vice President  
Dr. Nicole Thompson, Secretary  
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  
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Community present: The number of community participants in person was 11 and on zoom was 10.

Mrs. Hickey welcomed visitors and welcomed comments from the audience.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA  
APPROVED

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Student Presentations**

Mrs. Hickey introduced the student presenters from Roosevelt Middle School's Spoken Word Poetry Club as well as from Willard School's 4<sup>th</sup> grade to give the student presentations for the respective buildings.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda to include the following:

CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED

February payrolls totaling \$991,792.31, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$392,014.80 and accounts payable totaling \$501,101.87.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Davis, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Moore, 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**

A meeting was held at which the upcoming collaboration event, including student presenters, was discussed.

**Facilities**

No meeting was held.

**Communications**

No report was given.

**Outside Meetings were as follows:**

**Council of Governments**

No meeting was held.

**Community Council**

A meeting was held at which the five possible financing options for the Imagine OPRF Project were discussed.

**Youth Network Council**

A meeting was held at which internet crimes and the need for lifeguards were discussed.

**Board Liaison District PTO Council**

A meeting was held at which upcoming fundraisers, such as the Lincoln Auction, the Green4Good Mother's Day, the Willard Dance and the Roosevelt Spring Fun Fest were discussed.

**Inclusiveness Advisory Board**

A meeting was held at which a debriefing of the recent One District, Many Voices event was discussed.

**PlanItGreen**

A meeting was held at which the Earth Day Event as well as community electrification and solar opportunities were discussed.

**Citizen Corp Council**

No meeting was held.

**West Cook Governing Board (IASB)**

No report was given.

**ED-RED**

A meeting was held at which TIF reform was discussed.

**River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration**

No report was given.

**Positive Youth Development**

A meeting was held at which the upcoming Parent University Event at OPRF was discussed. Also discussed was the pre-prom informational item about drug use.

**District Calendar Review**

Dr. Condon discussed the calendar affecting Board members for the months of March and April.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Establishing the Fiscal Year and Appointing the Superintendent to Draft the Tentative Budget –**

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education adopt the resolution establishing the fiscal year as July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, and appoint the Superintendent to draft a tentative budget for that fiscal year.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

ESTABLISHED  
FISCAL YEAR  
AND APPOINTED  
SUPERINTENDENT  
TO DRAFT  
TENTATIVE  
BUDGET

**Math Advanced Differentiated Learning (ATP) Pilot Results and Recommendation (Grade 8) –**

Dr. Hawley introduced teachers Nancy Mueller and Meg Navolio to present the Math Advanced Differentiated Learning (ATP) Pilot Results and Recommendation for Grade 8. They spoke about how they selected the instructional materials for the pilot, beginning with the review process that began in the summer of 2022. They continued by listing the pro’s and con’s of the two finalists, Desmos and Imagine Learning. They defined mathematically proficient students and presented results of the student feedback survey as it pertained to each finalist. Finally, they spoke about the next steps in the process at which they gave their recommendation that Desmos be adopted beginning with the 23-24 school year. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education adopt Desmos as the Math Advanced Differentiated Learning Pilot Results and Recommendation as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

MATH  
DIFFERENTIATED  
LEARNING PILOT  
RESULTS AND  
RECOMMENDATION  
ADOPTED

**Literacy Instruction** – Dr. Hawley presented an overview of Literacy instruction in the District. She discussed the Common Core State Standards for English/Language Arts from 2010 as well as the rationale for the 2018 literacy materials adoption for K-4. She ended by illustrating the current foundational classroom resources for ELA. A Board discussion ensued.

**Enrollment Update** – Dr. Condon presented the current enrollment figures and compared them to the figures from the previous spring. He noted that the current enrollment is down approximately thirty students in the PK-4 buildings.

**Staffing Plans, 2023-24** – Dr. Condon presented the District Staffing Plans for the 2023-24 school year. He noted that the Principals as well as the Director of Student Services spent an enormous amount of time finding any possible efficiency when presenting their recommended plans. He compared the plans to the previous year and noted the differences. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Moore that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 9:42 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 10:00 p.m.

**Personnel**

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

PERSONNEL  
REPORT  
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Avalos and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

  
Barbara Hickey  
President

  
Nicole Thompson  
Secretary