

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 17, 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 April 17, 2023, at 7:02 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  
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Community present: The number of community participants in person was 2 and on zoom was 2.

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

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Avalos 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.

**Freedom of Information Act Request**

A FOIA was received via email on March 21<sup>st</sup> from Sheri Reid of SmartProcure regarding purchasing records. A response was emailed on March 24<sup>th</sup>. A FOIA was received via email on March 31<sup>st</sup> from Steve Lefko regarding data consultant communication and block scheduling documentation. A response was emailed on April 6<sup>th</sup>. A FOIA was received via email on April 6<sup>th</sup> from Melinda Creasy of Finishing Chicago regarding bid results from the summer 2023 Life Safety Construction Work. A response was emailed on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Recognition of Achievement** – Mrs. Hickey introduced Dr. Condon to present Samantha Stearns, Roosevelt teacher, with a Certificate of Recognition of Achievement as the Cook County Co-Regional Teacher of the Year. Dr. Condon read a list of Ms. Stearns' accomplishments during her tenure in District 90. Ms. Stearns thanked the Board for their support and also thanked the students of Roosevelt School.

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

March payrolls totaling \$976,566.21, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$389,457.97 and accounts payable totaling \$397,594.41.

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**

No report was given.

**Facilities**

No meeting was held.

**Communications**

No report was given.

**Outside Meetings were as follows:**

**Council of Governments**

No meeting was held.

**Community Council**

No meeting was held.

**Youth Network Council**

No report was given.

**Board Liaison District PTO Council**

A meeting was held at which the results of the recent Lincoln PTO auction/fundraiser, which included teacher wish lists and a walking path, and the upcoming Willard PTO auction/fundraiser and Science Fair were discussed.

**Inclusiveness Advisory Board**

No meeting was held.

**PlanItGreen**

No meeting was held.

**Citizen Corp Council**

No meeting was held.

**West Cook Governing Board (IASB)**

No report was given.

**ED-RED**

A meeting was held at which the new executive board election was discussed.

**River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration**

No report was given.

**Positive Youth Development**

No meeting was held.

**District Calendar Review**

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

**Superintendent's Report**

**Proposed Fee Schedule for FY 24** – Mr. Cozzi presented the options for the school fees for the 2023-24 school year using the appropriate Consumer Price Index as a guide. He also showed the associated early bird discount calculations. After a brief discussion, he recommended that the Board approve the fees with a 6.5% increase (tied to CPI) and associated discounts.

FEE SCHEDULE  
FOR 23-24  
APPROVED

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the school fee schedule for 2023-2024 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Middle School Science: IQWST Six-Year Renewal Quote –**

Dr. Hawley presented the IQWST six-year renewal quote, noting that consumables will be purchased annually. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Middle School Science six-year renewal quote from IQWST (Activate Learning) in the amount of \$16,585 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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCIENCE SIX-  
YEAR RENEWAL  
QUOTE  
APPROVED

**K-5 Math: Investigations in Number, Data, and Space 3 Five-Year Renewal Quote –**

Dr. Hawley presented the Investigations five-year renewal quote, noting various terms and conditions. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the K-5 Math five-year renewal quote from Investigations (Savvas) in the amount of \$92,101 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.

K-5 MATH FIVE-  
YEAR RENEWAL  
QUOTE  
APPROVED

**Presentation from Bond Advisors –** Mr. Cozzi introduced Jamie Rachlin of Meristem Advisors and Phil McKenna of Chicago Municipal Advisors to give a presentation on the proposed upcoming bond issuance. They discussed ongoing financial projections of the District, borrowing capacity and issuance alternatives for future Board consideration. A Board discussion ensued.

**Consumer Price Index for Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2022 –** Mr. Cozzi presented the CPI for the calendar year and how it relates to upcoming salary increases in collective bargaining agreements and the increases in the next property tax levy.

**ASBO International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award, FY 22 –** Dr. Condon spoke about the Certificate of Excellence, which was the 30<sup>th</sup> time the District has won the award. He and the Board thanked Mr. Cozzi for his continued efforts and success in this area.



**Proposed Revised Curriculum Review Cycle** – Dr. Hawley presented the proposed revised curriculum review cycle for 2023-2028. She spoke about intentional allocation of District funds; tracking vendor contracts; periodic reviews of educational research and best practices; professional development planning; and evaluation and monitoring of curriculum implementation. Dr. Condon thanked Dr. Hawley for her work. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Davis 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 and 5) the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

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 8:17 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:51 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.

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.

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 8:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



~~Stacey Williams~~ / Katie Avalos  
Vice President



Sarah Eckmann  
Secretary