

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 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 Library Learning Center, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on October 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Ms. Stacey Williams, President
Mrs. Kathleen Avalos, Vice President
Mrs. Sarah Eckmann, Secretary
Dr. Nicole Thompson (via phone)
Mr. Joseph Cortese
Dr. Eric Isenberg

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt Middle School Principal
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt Middle School Assistant Principal
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal
Mr. Casey Godfrey, Lincoln School Principal
Mrs. Christine Gerges, Lincoln/Willard School Assistant Principal
Ms. Stephanie Rath, Director of Communications and Community Relations

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Community present: The number of community participants in person was 8 and on zoom was 9.

Student Presentations

Ms. Williams introduced the student presenters from Lincoln School's 3rd grade to give the student presentations for that building. She then recognized a Roosevelt student for receiving an Honorable Mention award for his entry in the One Earth Young Filmmakers Contest.

Ms. Williams welcomed visitors and asked Ms. Rath for written comments from the public received in advance of the meeting.

Public Comment

Alison Jack, resident, spoke about her dismay for the Board’s continued use of the “Units of Study” curriculum. She stated that students are not learning adequate decoding and cannot read required text at grade level. She urged the Board to move more swiftly to care for students who are not receiving proper instruction in the primary grades.

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg 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: Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Eckmann, Mr. Cortese

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email from Sheri Reid of SmartProcure on September 18, 2023 regarding purchasing records. A response was emailed on September 20, 2023.

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Mr. Cortese that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda to include the following:

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

September payrolls totaling \$691,121,.31, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$269,477.80 and accounts payable totaling \$599,918.27.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Thompson, Dr. Isenberg, Mr. Cortese, 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:

Community Council

A meeting was held at which school safety at OPRF District 200 was discussed along with associated statistics around numbers of incidents.

Youth Network Council

No report was given.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

A meeting was held at which the possible return of world languages at Lincoln and Willard was discussed. Also discussed were the food drive for Heartworks at Lincoln and the PTO donations for Willard capital expenditures.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

A meeting was held at which the end of year collaboration event was discussed.

PlanItGreen

A meeting was held at which the upcoming Leadership Forum was discussed.

West Cook Governing Board (IASB)

A meeting was held at which acknowledgements and meritorious service awards were discussed.

ED-RED

A meeting was held at which legislative initiatives (Special Ed funding, election polling places in schools, staffing shortages, etc.) were discussed.

Committee for Collaboration

No meeting was held.

Positive Youth Development

A meeting was held at which new formation was discussed.

Superintendent’s Report

Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited School Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof – Mr. Cozzi gave a brief overview of the bond sale process and presented the resolution for adoption.

It was moved by Mr. Cortese and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$4,500,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited School Bonds of the District for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof, as presented.

\$4,500,000
WORKING CASH
BOND SALE
RESOLUTION
ADOPTED

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

Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Eckmann, Mr. Cortese

Nays: None

The motion passed.

School Improvement Plan Presentations – Administrative Team

Members – Dr. Condon announced that all three Principals and both Assistant Principals were in attendance as he and Dr. Hawley presented the formal District Improvement Plan and individual School Improvement Plans. Dr. Hawley highlighted the purpose of a District and School Improvement Plans; how they align to the Board Strategic Plan; the District Improvement Plan goals; the School Report Card designation indicators; and student growth percentiles. The Principals spoke about their specific School Improvement Plans and reviewed the timeline for future work.

Dr. Thompson left the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

IASB 2023 Resolutions Committee Report – Dr. Condon spoke about the Resolutions Committee Report. He asked if there was a Board member available to be a delegate to represent the District with any future legislation that may significantly affect District 90. Dr. Isenberg volunteered for that role. Dr. Condon summarized each of the proposed legislative issues. A Board discussion ensued.

Principal and Administrator Appreciation Week, October 15-21, 2023 – Dr. Condon acknowledged that October 15th – October 21st has been announced at Principal and Administrator Appreciation Week.

Board of Education IASB Retreat – January 22, 2024 – Ms. Williams spoke about the proposed Board of Education IASB Workshop to be held on January 22, 2024, which will be facilitated by an IASB representative.

It was moved by Mr. Cortese and seconded by Mrs. Eckmann 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: Dr. Isenberg, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Eckmann, Mr. Cortese

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:37 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 9:10 p.m.

Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos 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:

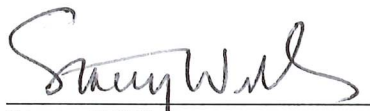
Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Eckmann, Mr. Cortese

Nays: None

The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cortese and seconded by Mrs. Eckmann and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:11 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Stacey Williams
President



Sarah Eckmann
Secretary