

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
July 20, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order virtually using Zoom, on July 20, 2020, at 6:32 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on a virtual roll call:

Mr. Richard Moore, President
Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Vice President
Ms. Stacey Williams, Secretary
Dr. Nicole Thompson
Mr. Cal Davis
Mrs. Kathleen Avalos
Mrs. Judy Deogracias

ROLL CALL

Administrators present virtually:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Denise Matthews, Director of Special Education
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal

Recording Secretary (in-person at Roosevelt Middle School, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois): Mr. Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and Facilities

Community present (via Zoom): The number of community participants on zoom was 138.

Mr. Moore welcomed visitors and asked Ms. Simmons for written comments from the public received in advance of the meeting. Copies of those written comments are attached to the minutes. Mr. Moore thanked everyone for their comments. Mr. Moore explained the rationale the school re-opening plan that is to be presented tonight and thanked Dr. Condon in advance for his efforts.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
On call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

June payrolls totaling \$2,073,224.44, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$610,917.26 and accounts payable totaling \$1,280,553.99.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No meeting was held.

Policy

No report was given.

Finance

No meeting was held.

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 meeting was held.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No meeting was held.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

No meeting was held.

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

A meeting was held at which the status of new legislation was discussed.

River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration

No report was given.

District Calendar Review

Dr. Condon discussed the calendar affecting Board members for the months of July and August.

Superintendent's Report

Consolidated District Plan, FY 21 – Dr. Condon spoke about the proposed Consolidated District Plan for fiscal year 2021, which is a required precursor to the submission of the District's federal grant applications for the upcoming fiscal year.

CONSOLIDATED
DISTRICT PLAN,
FY 21 APPROVED

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Consolidated District Plan, FY 21 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Intergovernmental Agreement, Schools of Illinois Public

Cooperative (SIPC) – Mr. Cozzi discussed the highlights of the intergovernmental agreement, which needed to be executed in order for the District to become a member of the Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative (SIPC). Membership would afford the District bulk purchasing opportunities at discounted prices. Mr. Moore stressed the District's efforts for cost savings and knowledge by looking to join various cooperatives, especially at a time when personal protective equipment is in such high demand.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement, Schools of Illinois Public Cooperative (SIPC) as presented.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AGREEMENT,
SCHOOLS OF
ILLINOIS PUBLIC
COOPERATIVE
(SIPC) APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Permissive Transfer Requests – It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the permissive transfer requests as presented.

PERMISSIVE
TRANSFER
REQUESTS
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Public School Calendar 2020-21 Change Election Day – Dr.

Hawley presented the proposed change to the 2020-21 public school calendar by following the Federal government's recommendation to make Election Day in November a school holiday. This would be accompanied by moving a Teacher Institute day to the beginning of the year in August and adding a student attendance day to the end of the year in June.

PUBLIC SCHOOL
CALENDAR 2020-
21 APPROVED

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the Public School Calendar 2020-21 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Resolution to Approve the District Return to School Plan for 2020-21 – After listening to the thoughtful public comment and much deliberation, Mr. Moore suggested tabling the Board action about returning to school until a further meeting. Dr. Thompson asked if the suggestion is followed and returning to school in full remote learning is pursued, would there be enough time to plan for such a switch. Dr. Condon noted that the resolution presented is to memorialize whatever plan the Board chooses, regardless of the details.

Enrollment Update – Dr. Condon presented to the Board up-to-date enrollment figures paying close attention to those grade levels approaching class size limits.

Final Recommendations from the Remote Learning Action

Team – Dr. Condon presented, on behalf of the Remote Learning Action Team (RLAT), their final recommendations for a remote learning plan. Ms. Williams asked if remote learning and E-Learning were interchangeable terms. Dr. Condon noted that the State of Illinois did not consider the term E-Learning a long-term solution, while remote learning was considered a long-term model.

District “Return to School” Planning – Dr. Condon presented the Return to School planning update for Fall 2020. The key principles presented were Safety, Equity, Social/Emotional Wellness and High-Quality Instruction. The District’s plan dovetails many of the principles of the Governor’s Restore Illinois Plan. He noted several of the other decision-making inputs, such as the Remote Learning Action Team, the Safety and Operations Action Team, along with the RFEA and Districts 97 and 200. He presented in detail the plan for full in-person learning for PK-4 and hybrid learning for 5-8. He also noted that District would be offering a full remote learning option to any PK-8 family that choose to keep their students home as well as the opportunity for on-site supervision support for 5th-6th grade students in remote learning. That opportunity would be administered through a partnership with the West Cook YMCA. Furthermore, he spoke about the opportunity for supervision support for students of District employees, also administered by the YMCA. He gave a timeline of the next steps and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Moore thanked Dr. Condon and everyone else involved for such a comprehensive plan. Mrs. Deogracias asked if there was a need to abandon the in-person model, how prepared would the teachers be to switch to remote learning. Dr. Hawley spoke about the efforts made by teachers during and since the Institute Days in June that addressed that issue. Dr. Thompson was concerned about not knowing the direction at this late date as well as the level of anxiety that teachers and students would be experiencing. Mrs. Avalos was originally proud of the full in-person plan, but was moved by the teachers’ feeling of worry. Ms. Williams stressed the amount of work that was put into the full in-person plan, but didn’t not hear one public comment in support of returning to the buildings. Mrs. Hickey appreciated the concerns from the teachers, and wondered if the District considered postponing the start of school date to allow for more time to decide. Mr. Davis thanked Dr. Condon for presenting both options in such a thoughtful manner. He noted that the number of COVID cases are increasing in the area. Mrs. Avalos asked about the number of families interested in the full remote option and wondered if there would be any “rehearsal” days to help teachers prepare for the unexpected. Dr. Condon asked the Board to give the Administration direction for the proposed return to school plan as soon as possible. Mr. Moore asked for time to digest and suggested that a Special Board meeting be scheduled to hear further comments and make a decision.

Title IX Update – Dr. Hawley presented the updated Title IX regulations, which go into effect on August 14th. She detailed the compliance requirements and need for administrative training.

Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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


Nays: None

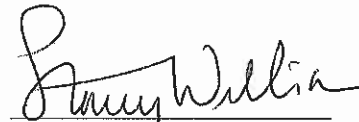
The motion carried.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Ms. Williams and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


Richard Moore
President


Stacey Williams
Secretary