

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Middle School Multipurpose Room, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on October 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

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

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum
and Instruction (via zoom)
Ms. Denise Matthews, Director of Special
Education (via zoom)
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal (via zoom)
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator (via zoom)

Recording Secretary: Mr. Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and
Facilities

Community present (via Zoom): The number of community
participants on zoom was 173.

Mr. Moore welcomed visitors and asked Ms. Simmons for written
comments from the public received in advance of the meeting. She
read the following:

Public Comment

Louisa Starr and Shana Joyce, RFEA Co-Presidents issued a
statement showing their appreciation for the ongoing collaboration
between the District and the union regarding in-person learning.
They did, however, continue to have a list of concerns, which they
noted in their statement.

Brenda Latzke, Roosevelt teacher, was excited about students
returning and made a request for teachers to be able to leave the
campus to eat lunch.

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Amy Guralnick, resident thanked the Board for its efforts, but had specific questions about positivity rate data and metrics used to make the decision to return. Also asked if the Board considered providing weekly, voluntary saliva testing like what is being performed in other school districts.

Carly Grant, resident expressed her appreciation for students returning in person. She hoped the Board would stand strong and not deviate from the current return plan.

Eduardo Matiel, resident questioned the reason for students returning in person now that cases are rising in the community.

Jennifer Jenkins, Lincoln teacher noted that she is currently working remotely due to a medical condition. Her request for extended medical waiver was denied. The District notified her that she would need to take an FMLA leave. Once her leave ends, if she cannot return to work, she will be terminated. She is requesting an extended unpaid leave.

Kurash Kadali, resident noted that there are rising case numbers in the area and urged the Board to reconsider before students return in person.

Rebecca Kleps, resident is excited that students are returning in person and is happy with the established protocols.

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

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Communications

A thank you note was received from Julie Sciaraffa, Willard teacher aide regarding the death of a family member.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email on October 2nd from Robert Degre of ADAC pertaining to certain District IDEA data. A response was emailed on October 8th. A FOIA was received via email on September 21st from Karyn Cooper of Kirkland & Ellis pertaining to the District's anti-harassment policy. A response was emailed on September 24th. A FOIA was received via email on September 12th from Paul Steadman pertaining to the District's decision-making process around returning to in-person learning.

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

September payrolls totaling \$626,234.69, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$278,891.11 and accounts payable totaling \$563,861.70.

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.

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

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

A meeting was held at which the schedule for the upcoming year was discussed.

Youth Network Council

A meeting was held at which Family and Community circles were hosted to talk about anti-racism. Also discussed was students' inability to focus during the pandemic. Finally, it was noted that Parent University is not planned for this semester, but a tool kit with suggested prompts for discussion with children about drug and alcohol abuse was created by Positive Youth Development.

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Board Liaison District PTO Council

No report was given.

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 legislative roundup 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 October and November.

Superintendent's Report

Policy, Second Reading – Dr. Condon and Ms. Williams gave the second reading of the PRESS Policy Update from June 2020.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education adopt the PRESS Policy Update from June 2020, as presented.

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

PRESS POLICY
UPDATE
ADOPTED

Enrollment Statistic – Dr. Condon presented the Board with updated enrollment statistics noting that it represented 55 students less than the previous October due to student transfers to River Forest private schools or to unexpected movement out of the area.

Village of River Forest Joint Review Board Annual Meeting, Madison and North Tax Increment Financing Districts – Dr.

Condon spoke about the required, annual Joint Review Board Meeting for the two TIF districts in the village. There was no notable activity in either Madison or North Avenue districts.

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2020 Illinois Youth Survey Results – Dr. Hawley presented the results of the Illinois Youth Survey, which is given biennially to 8th, 10th and 12th graders throughout Illinois. The survey touches on substance abuse patterns. Mr. Garstki commented on the response rates for several of the questions and how they compared to the 2018 results. A Board discussion ensued.

Planning Update: Blended In-Person Instruction – Dr. Condon presented the blended in-person instruction planning update. He gave some visual representations of each building's layouts of instructional spaces. He also spoke about the full-time remote learning option. He thanked Dr. Hawley for coordinating that program for interested families. He gave some statistics of the number of students participating in this option. He then spoke about the COVID staff procedures guide. He then spoke about the new guidance received from IPDH, which mostly consisted of refinements through 10/14/20. Finally, he spoke about the request from the COVID Advisory Panel for District 90 to participate in the National COVID dashboard and the guidance documents around travel to high incidence areas for students/families/employees. A Board discussion ensued.

Principal and Administrator Appreciation Week – October 20-26, 2020 – Dr. Condon noted the upcoming Principal and Administrator Appreciation Week. He read the proclamation from Governor Pritzker.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey 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.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:42 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 9:07 p.m.

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Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias 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.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:08 p.m.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT

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