

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 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 December 14, 2020, at 7:01 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

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

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum
and Instruction (via Zoom)
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard 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 118.

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.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Dr. Thompson 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 Richard Moore, Board President regarding the death of a family member. A thank you note was received from Kathryn Stasys, Lincoln teacher regarding the death of a family member.

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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:

November payrolls totaling \$900,882.42, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$371,337.93 and accounts payable totaling \$464,233.71.

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 District 90's return to blended instruction was discussed. It appeared that Districts 97 and 200 are planning the same.

Youth Network Council

A meeting was held at which how isolation has impacted each mental health provider facility was discussed.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No report was given.

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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 latest financial forecast for school funding 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 December and January.

Superintendent's Report

COVID-19 "Return to School Plan" Modification – Dr. Condon spoke about the proposed modification to the Return to School Plan, which included a change to remote learning the week of January 11, 2021 and a return to blended learning on January 19, 2021. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Return to School Plan Modification as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion passed.

Adoption of 2020 Tax Levy – Mr. Cozzi described the requirements under the Truth in Taxation Act. The District was not required to conduct a formal public hearing on the tax levy, which would have been required if the increase was greater than 5% of the prior years' extension. Mr. Cozzi also described the amount of the levy as being equal to the estimated levy that was approved in November.

RETURN TO
SCHOOL PLAN
MODIFICATION
APPROVED

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education adopt the 2020 Tax Levy, as presented.

2020 TAX LEVY
ADOPTED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies – Mr. Cozzi noted that a resolution is necessary to instruct the County to reduce certain fund levies if necessary.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Deduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2020 levy year.

REDUCTION OF
CERTAIN FUND
LEVIES FOR THE
2020 LEVY
AUTHORIZED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education approve the recommendation not to release previous closed session minutes.

CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES NOT
RELEASED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings –

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education approve the destruction of closed session meetings audio recordings dated between July 2018 and December 2018.

DESTRUCTION OF
CLOSED SESSION
MEETINGS
AUDIO
RECORDINGS
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

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Public School Calendar, 2021-22 – Dr. Condon presented the proposed 2021-22 public school calendar for approval. Dr. Condon thanked Dr. Hawley and the rest of the Calendar Committee for their efforts. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education approve the 2021-22 Public School Calendar as presented.

2021-22 PUBLIC
SCHOOL
CALENDAR
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Policy, First Reading – Dr. Condon and Ms. Williams gave the first reading of the PRESS Policy Update from November 2020, paying close attention to Policy 5:330, which referred to two holidays currently listed that will not continue in the future, Casimir Pulaski Day and 2020 Election Day.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 8) security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; and 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 8:28 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 9:22 p.m.

Personnel

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

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

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.

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It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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Richard P. Moore

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President

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Stacey Williams

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Secretary