

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2021**

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 February 16, 2021, 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 (via Zoom)
Dr. Nicole Thompson (via Zoom, arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Mr. Cal Davis (via Zoom)
Mrs. Judy Deogracias (via Zoom)
Mrs. Kathleen Avalos (via Zoom)

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum
and Instruction (via Zoom)
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
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 36.

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/Shana Joyce, RFEA Co-Presidents, reminded the group that teachers have worked hard adapting to the various unique circumstances and working conditions. They thanked all those involved who helped make for smooth transitions between stages. They urged everyone not to relax the vigilance needed to keep everyone safe.

Sharon Leiter-Weintraub, Roosevelt teacher, spoke about her specific COVID experiences. She noted that teacher have been working diligently for their students. She hoped that everyone would continue to listen to science as we move forward towards returning to full, in-person learning.

Kyle Popovich, resident, commended the Board for running a successful hybrid program. The next step is to transition to full in person learning as soon as possible.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey 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. Davis, Mr. Moore, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey,
Mrs. Avalos, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Deogracias

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Communications

A thank you note was received from Diana Nielson, Lincoln School teacher regarding a death in her family.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email on January 18th from Preston Dedi of Chicagoland Construction pertaining to bid results for the Lincoln/Willard air conditioning/life safety project. A response was emailed on January 20th. A FOIA was received via email on February 2nd from Nathan Mihelich of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association pertaining to individuals retiring in 2021. A response was emailed on February 2nd. A FOIA was received via email on February 10th from Jonathan Fagg of ABC7 pertaining to school attendance rates. A response was emailed on February 10th.

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

January payrolls totaling \$888,820.36, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$366,903.27 and accounts payable totaling \$594,075.04.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Deogracias, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs.
Hickey, 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

A meeting was held at which District 90's plan for students to thrive was discussed. The topics of social-emotional learning, the progress of Easter Seals and committee goals were also discussed.

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

A meeting was held at which each entity discussed how it is managing through the pandemic. Also discussed was how social media is a vehicle for adolescents purchasing drugs.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No report was given.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

A meeting was held at which the insight that the IAB would have for the newly formed SEL committee was discussed.

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 search for a successor to the soon-to-be departing Executive Director 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 February and March.

Superintendent's Report

Policy 5:330, Second Reading – Dr. Condon gave the second reading of the change to Policy 5:330.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education adopt the change to Policy 5:330 as presented.

CHANGE TO
POLICY 5:330
ADOPTED

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

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

Nays: none

The motion passed.

Roosevelt Middle School Blended Learning Schedule Revision –

Dr. Condon and Mr. Garstki discussed the memo written regarding the proposed schedule revision to Roosevelt Middle School.

Specifically, the recommended change will be to change remote Wednesdays to in-person learning beginning on March 1st. Mr. Garstki then answered questions from the Board.

Long-Range Facilities Plan – Mr. Cozzi presented the long-range facilities plan listed by category and by building. He noted those items which represent routine projects required for the sustainability of the buildings and those items which represent an improvement initiative without regard to useful life. He also noted the inclusion of projects approved in the Life Safety report. A Board discussion ensued about prioritization of future items.

Director of Student Services Search Process Update – Dr.

Condon gave a progress update on the search for a new Director of Student Services. A Board discussion ensued.

Roosevelt Readiness Program Modifications – Summer 2021 –

Dr. Hawley spoke about the Roosevelt Readiness Program Modifications for the summer of 2021. It is the District's plan to hold an in-person program for all incoming 5th graders. There have been talks of holding an alternate program for any incoming 6th graders who have been in full remote for the entirety of the 2020-2021 school year. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Avalos 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 8:08 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:57 p.m.

Personnel

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

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

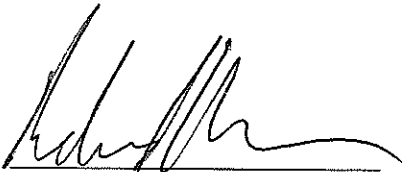
Ayes: Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Deogracias, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Avalos, Ms. Williams

Nays: None


The motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Richard Moore
President


Stacey Williams
Secretary