

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 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 April 19, 2021, 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 (via Zoom)
Ms. Stacey Williams, Secretary (via Zoom)
Dr. Nicole Thompson (via Zoom)
Mr. Cal Davis (via Zoom)
Mrs. Judy Deogracias
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 (via Zoom)
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal
(via Zoom)
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator (via Zoom)

Recording Secretary: Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent

Community present (via Zoom): The number of community participants on zoom was 24.

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

Josh Ehart, resident, congratulated the Board, Administration and teachers for a successful return to school full-time at the K-4 buildings and the plans for the return full-time at Roosevelt later this month. Also hoped that the community would heal from a divisive Board election.

Samantha Stearns, Roosevelt teacher, requested that the District perform an additional student and staff survey around block scheduling.

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It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Ms. Williams 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.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email on March 8th from Todd Moore pertaining to the District's findings/reports/discussions between various groups in the District. A response was emailed on March 15th. A FOIA was received via email on March 31st from Ross Lissuzzo pertaining to a substitute teacher question as well as correspondence around the recent board election. A response was emailed on April 7th. A FOIA was received via email on April 8th from Citywide Building Maintenance regarding any bid proposals for custodial services. A response was emailed on April 12th. A FOIA was received via email on March 29th from Locallabs regarding specific email correspondence and phone calls. A response was emailed on April 5th. A FOIA was received via email on March 31st from Steve Lefko pertaining to specific digital correspondence regarding a formal complaint. A response was emailed on April 7th. A FOIA was received via email on April 9th from Ross Lissuzzo pertaining to the formal complaint about a Board candidate. A response was emailed on April 14th.

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

March payrolls totaling \$918,746.35, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$370,906.68 and accounts payable totaling \$630,280.83.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

Abstain: Dr. Thompson

The motion carried.

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No report was given.

Policy

No report was given.

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Finance

No report was given.

Equity

No meeting was held.

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 organization reported out with a common thread about how the pandemic has affected youth in the community.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

A meeting was held at which each PTO shared information about their respective activities and events. Other topics were discussed as well.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

A meeting was held at which an update from the Social Emotional Advisory Panel was discussed.

River Forest Civic Association

No meeting was held.

Citizen Corp Council

No meeting was held.

West Cook Governing Board (IASB)

No meeting was held.

ED-RED

No report was given.

River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration

No report was given.

Positive Youth Development

A meeting was held at which Alcohol Prevention month and various entities' bike activities were discussed

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District Calendar Review

Dr. Condon discussed the calendar affecting Board members for the months of April and May.

Superintendent's Report

School Board Meeting Calendar, 2021-22 –

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education approve the School Board Meeting Calendar for 2021-22 as presented.

BOARD MEETING
CALENDAR, 2021-
22 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.

FY 2021-2022 School Fees - Dr. Condon presented the options for the school fees for the 2021-22 school year using the appropriate Consumer Price Index as a guide. He also showed the associated early bird discount calculations. After a brief discussion, Dr. Condon recommended that the Board approve the fees with a 1.4% increase (tied to CPI) and associated discounts.

2022 SCHOOL
FEES APPROVED

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the school fee schedule for 2021-2022 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.

Roosevelt Middle School Master Schedule, 2021-2022 – Mr.

Garstki and Dr. Hawley presented the Roosevelt Middle School Master Schedule for the 2021-22 school year. They highlighted the creative solutions crafted through discussions with the building leadership and with students. Additionally, the schedule was created through research of best practices in the area of teaching and learning. Mr. Garstki added that, historically, the block schedule in the building did reduce student mobility throughout the school day, which was considered favorable. He summarized the other favorable benefits of such a schedule, including the impact on instructional minutes. A Board discussion ensued. Dr. Condon thanked all those involved with refining the plans.

Township School Treasurer's Office Investment Report – Dr.

Condon presented the Treasurer's Investment Report along with the updated Treasurer's Investment Policy. This is done on an annual basis for informational purposes only. He noted the Treasurer's Office changed its investment policy to eliminate current benchmark requirements.

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Staff Appreciation Week, May 3-7, 2021 – Dr. Condon, on behalf of the Board, recognized the excellence of District 90 staff and declared May 3rd through 7th as Staff Appreciation Week. The board all thanked teachers simultaneously.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Hickey 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 and 2) collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

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 8:09 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Personnel

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

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Mrs. Hickey

The motion carried.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Williams and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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President

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Secretary