

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
August 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 August 16, 2021, at 6:15 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mrs. Barbara Hickey, President
Ms. Stacey Williams, Vice President
Dr. Nicole Thompson, Secretary
Mr. Cal Davis
Mrs. Katie Avalos
Mr. Richard Moore (via Zoom, arrived at 6:58 p.m.)
Mrs. Sarah Eckmann (via Zoom)

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum
and Instruction
Mr. Kevin Martin, Director of Technology
Mr. Casey Godfrey, Lincoln School Principal
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mrs. Debbie Lubeck, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Christine Gerges, Lincoln Willard Assistant Principal
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and
Facilities

Community present: The number of community participants on
zoom was 16.

Mrs. Hickey welcomed visitors and asked Ms. Simmons for written
comments from the public received in advance of the meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Thompson that
the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Communications

A thank you note was received from former Roosevelt teacher, Lin Hancock thanking the Board for his retirement gift. A thank you note was received from former Roosevelt teacher Leann Wille thanking the Board for her retirement gift. A thank you note was received from former Lincoln Aide Joann Clarke thanking the board for her retirement gift. A thank you note was received from former Board member Judy Deogracias regarding the death of her mother. A thank you note was received from Superintendent Ed Condon regarding the death of his mother.

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

July payrolls totaling \$249,661.86, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$90,778.80 and accounts payable totaling \$1,176,667.78.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No report was given.

Policy

No meeting was held.

Finance

No report was given.

Equity

No report was given.

Facilities

No meeting was held.

Communications

No meeting was held.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Council of Governments

No meeting was held.

Community Council

No meeting was held.

Youth Network Council

No report was given.

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 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 reaching out to the Roosevelt PTO to present on youth substance abuse and mental health was discussed.

District Calendar Review

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

Superintendent's Report

Permissive Transfer Requests –

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the Permissive Transfer Requests as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

PERMISSIVE
TRANSFER
REQUESTS
APPROVED

Math For All Student Privacy Agreement – Dr. Condon shared basic information about the privacy agreement and answered Board questions.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the Math For All Student Privacy Agreement as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

MATH FOR ALL
STUDENT
PRIVACY
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

2021-2025 Negotiated Contract with the River Forest Education Association – Mr. Cozzi provided a summary explanation about the contract terms between the Board and the RFEA. He noted that the RFEA ratified the agreement on August 9th. Dr. Condon thanked both negotiating teams and their members for their efforts in bringing forth such a fair and comprehensive agreement.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2025 Negotiated Contract with the River Forest Education Association as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

2021-2025
NEGOTIATED
CONTRACT WITH
THE RIVER
FOREST
EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION

Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Partially Abate and Transfer Monies From the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund –

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Partially Abate and Transfer Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

WORKING CASH
FUND
ABATEMENT
APPROVED

Policy – PRESS Policy Issue 107 Second Reading – Dr. Condon gave the second reading for the PRESS Policy Update for June 2021. A Board discussed followed.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the PRESS Policy Update for June 2021 as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

PRESS POLICY
UPDATE FOR
JUNE 2021
APPROVED

New Teacher Mentoring Workshop and District Institute Day

Overview – Dr. Condon spoke about the Teacher Mentoring Workshop, which began that day and the upcoming Teacher Institute Day, which will be held on August 23rd. He noted that while last years was completely virtual, this year is a bit of a hybrid. Each Building administrator followed with an update about their current building condition and staff morale. A Board discussion ensued.

School Reopening Plan – Dr. Condon introduced the topic of the District Reopening Plan and answered questions from the Board. A lengthy Board discussion ensued. Dr. Condon thanked the community for their patience and understanding.

ED-RED Overview, 2021-22 – Dr. Condon spoke about the role that ED-RED plays to support school districts. He noted that ED-RED works as a lobbying organization on behalf of Cook County suburban districts. Mr. Davis spoke about ED-RED’s influence on legislation and noted that it was beneficial to have a voice in Springfield.

Facilities Update – Mr. Cozzi updated the Board on the work being done at the buildings, including the status of the HVAC project at Lincoln and Willard schools. He informed the Board that there would no doubt be a delay at Willard, but would not create any safety issues for staff or students.

Proposed Tentative Budget, Draft #2 - Mr. Cozzi presented the 2nd draft of the tentative budget. He highlighted changes from the previous draft, the timeline for public display, public hearing, and ultimately the budget adoption.

Enrollment Statistics – Dr. Condon pointed out that there are a couple of sections at each elementary school that are being monitored closely. He also noted that the total enrollment is about 60 students below 2019 levels, but about 20 students above last year. Finally, he spoke about three very difficult to fill teaching positions that remain vacant.

Personnel

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

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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


Nays: None

The motion carried.

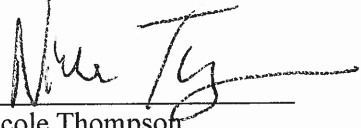
REVISED
PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Thompson and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Barbara Hickey
President



Nicole Thompson
Secretary