

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order virtually using Zoom, on August 17, 2020, at 7:02 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on a virtual roll call:

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

ROLL CALL

Administrators present virtually:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Denise Matthews, Director of Special Education
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Recording Secretary (in-person at Roosevelt Middle School, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois): Mr. Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and Facilities

Community present (via Zoom): The number of community participants on zoom was 17.

Mr. Moore welcomed visitors and asked Ms. Simmons for written comments from the public received in advance of the meeting. There were none.

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email on August 11th from Paul Steadman pertaining to the District reaching COVID-19 related decisions. A response was emailed on August 17th. A FOIA was received via email on September 10th from Danielle Hanken pertaining to the list of COVID advisory members. A response was emailed on September 14th.

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

August payrolls totaling \$545,351.72, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$308,050.99 and accounts payable totaling \$1,441,634.96.

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.

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

No meeting was held.

Youth Network Council

A meeting was held at which support for youths from various representative agencies (such as Riveredge, Thrive, OP Food Pantry, etc) was discussed. There was a great deal of concern over a recently increased substance use. The council wondered what substance use curriculum was being included in District 90.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

A meeting was held at which the launch of the remote learning plan was discussed. Also discussed were student assessments planned for the fall; COVID health/safety update; and PTO planned activities.

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

No meeting was held.

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 September and October.

Superintendent's Report

Proposed Tentative Budget, 2020-2021 – Mr. Cozzi gave a brief overview of the final draft of the 2020-21 budget and reviewed the process for adoption.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education adopt the School District Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021, as presented.

2020-21 BUDGET
ADOPTED

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.

Permissive Transfer Requests –

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the permissive transfer requests as presented.

PERMISSIVE
TRANSFER
REQUEST
APPROVED

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

School Calendar Revision Recommendation – Dr. Condon and Dr. Hawley spoke about the proposed revision to the public school calendar. The change is proposed to match the winter break revision approved at OPRFHS District 200 to accommodate River Forest families that have students at both districts.

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

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

SCHOOL
CALENDAR
REVISION
APPROVED

Memorandum of Understanding with the River Forest Education Association – Dr. Condon presented the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the RFEA. It has been written to provide clarification over remote teaching expectations, teacher evaluations and increased access to the teacher sick bank. Dr. Condon thanked the RFEA for their partnership.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the River Forest Education Association as presented.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

MEMORANDUM
OF
UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE RIVER
FOREST
EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION
APPROVED

Policy, First Reading – Ms. Williams and Dr. Condon gave the first reading of the PRESS Policy Updates for June and August of 2020. A Board discussion ensued.

Enrollment Update – Dr. Condon presented the Board with updated enrollment statistics noting that it represented 50 students less than the previous September and now closely resembles the Kasarda medium projections.

School Opening Review – Dr. Condon shared a few images from the “Opening of School” 2020 to celebrate the accomplishment of preparing the buildings for the return of faculty and staff and the children that participated in the child care program. Dr. Condon thanked all employees involved.

Instructional Update – Dr. Hawley and Ms. Matthews presented an instructional update, representing the fourth week of remote learning. They praised teachers for working in their classrooms and using all their own materials and the new Swivl’s. They thanked the building PTO’s for organizing the distribution of student remote learning materials. They discussed planned assessments, the alignment of learning standards, summarized the remote learning schedule, and the role of the Instructional Technology Specialists. Ms. Matthews spoke about Special Education Remote Services, IEP evaluations as well as the successful return to in-person instruction on September 17th for the early childhood program and multi-needs students. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

IDPH and Cook County Health Department Guidance

Overview – Dr. Condon spoke briefly about the updated guidance documents from IDPH and CCHD.

Update on Progress, COVID-19 Community Advisory Panel –

Dr. Condon brought forward the intended tasks of the new advisory panel. He noted that the panel has held four of its five scheduled meetings and also noted that a webpage has been established with pertinent documents and panel progress.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 10) the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

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 9:14 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 9:27 p.m.

Special Education Settlement Agreement – Student 2020-01 - It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Special Education Settlement Agreement – Student 2020-01 as presented.

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

Nays: None

The motion passed.

SPECIAL
EDUCATION
SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT –
STUDENT 2020-01
APPROVED

Personnel

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

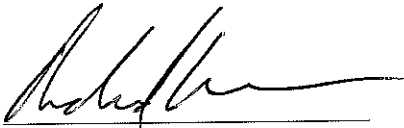
Nays: None

The motion carried.

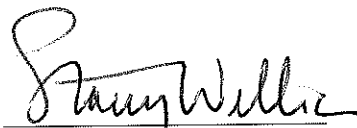
PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Richard Moore
President


Stacey Williams
Secretary