

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 18, 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 October 18, 2021, at 7:01 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  
Mrs. Sarah Eckmann

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent  
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum  
and Instruction  
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and Facilities

Community present: The number of community participants on zoom was 3.

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 Mrs. Avalos 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, Mr. Moore

Nays: none

The motion carried.

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**Communications**

A thank you note was received from MTSS Coordinator, Tiffanie Torrisi thanking the Board for the gift in remembrance of her father.

**Freedom of Information Act Request**

A FOIA was received from Vince Espi of LocalLabs via email on September 16<sup>th</sup> regarding all materials in the district that fall under the 1619 project. A response was emailed on September 21<sup>st</sup>. A FOIA was received from Vince Espi of LocalLabs via email on September 28<sup>th</sup> regarding COVID data. A response was emailed on October 1<sup>st</sup>. A FOIA was received from Vince Espi of LocalLabs via email on September 30<sup>th</sup> regarding ARP ESSER funds received. A response was emailed on October 5<sup>th</sup>. A FOIA was received from Katherine Smyser of NBC regarding unclaimed funds with the Illinois State Treasurer. A response was emailed on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

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

CONSENT  
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September payrolls totaling \$692,327.24, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$264,051.16 and accounts payable totaling \$782,094.64.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Board Committee Reports were as follows:**

**Education**

A meeting was held at which standards-based grading, the upcoming institute day agenda and committee work schedules were discussed.

**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**

A meeting was held at which previous year's completed work and the goals for the upcoming year were discussed.

**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**

A meeting was held at which individual school reports, COVID guidance and the West Cook YMCA after school program were discussed.

**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 meeting was held.

**River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration**

No report was given.

**Positive Youth Development**

No meeting was held.

**District Calendar Review**

Dr. Condon discussed the calendar affecting Board members for the months of October and November.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Essential Objectives, 2021-22; Action Objective Plans** – Dr.

Condon spoke about the revised crosswalk and related essential objectives. He reviewed the eight objectives listed in Tier 1 recommendations and the strategic action objective plan for each recommendation. Tiers 2 & 3 will be phased in during the winter and spring months, respectively. A Board discussion ensued.

**Enrollment Statistics** – Dr. Condon presented the October enrollment statistics noting the stability from the previous October.

**COVID Information/Status Update** – Dr. Condon presented the COVID-19 Information Update. He noted that many items were merely confirmation that adequate elements are currently in place. This includes a vaccine booster clinic for staff as well as the screening testing for Roosevelt students and travel restrictions for unvaccinated students. A Board discussion ensued.

**Principal and Administrator Appreciation Week, October 24-30, 2021** – Dr. Condon read the Governor's proclamation for Principal and Administrator Appreciation Week, October 24-30, 2021, with October 29<sup>th</sup> as Principal's Day in Illinois. The Board expressed its gratitude to all administrators.

**Vaccine Mandate Update** – Dr. Condon gave an overview of the vaccination status in the District as of September 15<sup>th</sup>. Of the 219 District employees, 213 staff members, or 97.2% have evidence of full vaccination. Of the six unvaccinated, two have started the process, two have religious objections and two have medical contraindications. Dr. Condon thanked all staff for their efforts.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Dr. Thompson 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 or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:11 p.m.

**Personnel**

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

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

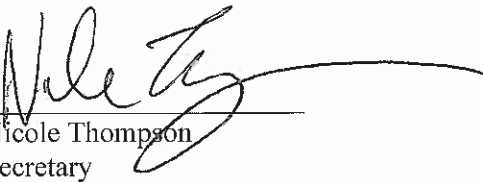
The motion carried.

PERSONNEL  
REPORT  
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It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Dr. Thompson and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

  
Barbara Hickey  
President

  
Nicole Thompson  
Secretary