

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 13, 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 Auditorium, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on December 13, 2021, at 7:18 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mrs. Barbara Hickey, President
Ms. Stacey Williams, Vice President
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
Mr. Kevin Martin, Director of Technology (via Zoom)
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.

Public Comment

Marwa Bechara, parent, asked that the Board consider that students be allowed to remove masks while outside during school. She noted statistics from European and U.S. experts.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended to appoint a Secretary, Pro-Tem.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

AMENDED
AGENDA
APPROVED

Secretary, Pro-Tem

In Dr. Thompson's absence, Mrs. Hickey nominated Ms. Williams to serve as Secretary, Pro-Tem for this meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Mrs. Eckmann that the Board of Education appoint Stacey Williams as Secretary, Pro-Tem.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

SECRETARY PRO-
TEM APPOINTED

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received from Mindy Credi via email on November 9th regarding Board Equity committee Meeting notes. A response was emailed on November 11th.

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

November payrolls totaling \$981,453.41, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$377,160.89 and accounts payable totaling \$401,520.42.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

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 report was given.

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 the annual coat drive was discussed.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

A meeting was held at which the Co-Pilot Elevate program and the Storytelling program were 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 meeting was held.

River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration

No meeting was held.

Positive Youth Development

No meeting was held.

District Calendar Review

Dr. Condon discussed the calendar affecting Board members for the months of December and January.

Superintendent's Report

Adoption of 2021 Tax Levy – Mr. Cozzi described the requirements under the Truth in Taxation Act. The District was not required to conduct a formal public hearing on the tax levy, which would have been required if the increase was greater than 5% of the prior years' extension. Mr. Cozzi also described the amount of the levy as being equal to the estimated levy that was approved in November.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education adopt the 2021 Tax Levy, as presented.

2021 TAX LEVY
ADOPTED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies – Mr.

Cozzi noted that a resolution is necessary to instruct the County to reduce certain fund levies if necessary.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Deduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2021 levy year.

REDUCTION OF
CERTAIN FUND
LEVIES FOR THE
2021 LEVY
AUTHORIZED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the recommendation not to release previous closed session minutes.

CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES NOT
RELEASED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings –

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the destruction of closed session meetings audio recordings dated between July 2019 and December 2019.

DESTRUCTION OF
CLOSED SESSION
MEETINGS
AUDIO
RECORDINGS
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Public School Calendar 2022-23 – Dr. Condon presented the first review of the recommended Public School Calendar for 2022-23. Mr. Moore was pleased that the District was trying to coordinate more closely with OPRF District 200’s calendar.

COVID-19 Update – Dr. Condon presented the COVID-19 update. He gave statistics on diagnosed cases related to District 90; Cook County conditions; student vaccinations, the partnership with COVID Shield for testing; safety mitigations; and travel-related matters. He thanked the nurses for all their efforts. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Ms. Williams 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 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, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Eckmann, Ms. Williams

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 7:59 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:16 p.m.

Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the Board Notice of Remedial Warning to Tenured Teacher as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

BOARD NOTICE
OF REMEDIAL
WARNING TO
TENURED
TEACHER
APPROVED

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Recommendation to Terminate Employment of Non-Certified Educational Support Personnel as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

The motion carried.

RECOMMENDATION
TO TERMINATE
EMPLOYMENT OF
NON-CERTIFIED
EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT
PERSONNEL
APPROVED

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented. On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None

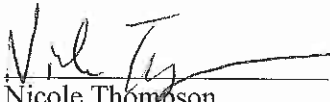
The motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Avalos and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

ADJOURNMENT


Barbara Hickey
President


Nicole Thompson
Secretary