

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Middle School Library Learning Center, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on January 22, 2024, at 7:09 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Ms. Stacey Williams, President
Mrs. Sarah Eckmann, Secretary
Dr. Nicole Thompson (via phone)
Dr. Kristine Mackey
Dr. Eric Isenberg

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal
Mrs. Christine Gerges, Lincoln/Willard School Assistant Principal
Ms. Stephanie Rath, Director of Communications and Community Relations

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Community present: The number of community participants in person was 4 and on zoom was 4.

Ms. Williams welcomed visitors and asked for any public comment.

Dr. Condon welcomed Mrs. Tina Steketee as the recommended new Principal for Roosevelt Middle School to replace the retiring Principal Larry Garstki. Mrs. Steketee expressed her gratitude and looked forward to continuing the excellent tradition at Roosevelt.

It was moved by Dr. Mackey and seconded by Dr. Isenberg that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Ms. Williams, Dr. Mackey, Mrs. Eckmann

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email from Sheri Reid of SmartProcure on December 19, 2023 regarding purchasing records. A response was emailed on December 20, 2023. A FOIA was received via email from Nathan Mihelich of the Illinois Retired Teachers Association on January 17, 2024 regarding teachers and administrators that are retiring this year. A response was emailed on January 17, 2024.

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

December payrolls totaling \$1,166,992.28, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$423,918.44 and accounts payable totaling \$446,134.95.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Mackey, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Eckmann, Dr. Isenberg, Ms. Williams

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

A meeting was held at which the latest PRESS Policy updates were discussed.

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:

Community Council

No report was given.

Youth Network Council

No report was given.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No meeting was held.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

No meeting was held.

PlanItGreen

A meeting was held at which the Annual Leaders Forum was discussed.

West Cook Governing Board (IASB)

No meeting was held.

ED-RED

No report was given.

Committee for Collaboration

No meeting was held.

Positive Youth Development

A meeting was held at which collaboration and use of resources were discussed.

Superintendent’s Report

2024 Summer School Rates and Calendar – Mr. Cozzi presented the proposed summer school 2024 rates and explained the rationale behind their creation. He also discussed the details of the calendar. A lengthy Board discussion ensued. After the discussion, Board members suggested modifying the proposal to increase the rates by 7% instead of 5% to alleviate more of the summer school forecasted net financial loss.

It was moved by Dr. Mackey and seconded by Dr. Isenberg that the Board of Education approve the 2024 Summer School Tuition Rates and Calendar as revised to include a 7% increase in rates from the prior year.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Thompson, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Eckmann, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Isenberg

Nays: none

The motion carried.

2024 SUMMER
SCHOOL TUITION
RATES AND
CALENDAR
APPROVED

Policy, Second Reading –

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg and seconded by Mrs. Eckmann that the Board of Education adopt PRESS Policy Update for October 2023 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Thompson, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Eckmann, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Isenberg

Nays: none

The motion carried.

PRESS POLICY
OCTOBER 2023
ADOPTED

2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Calendar – Dr. Condon presented the first draft of the 2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Calendar. He noted that it included two modifications for the Board to consider. The first modification was to move the Regular Board meeting from the third Monday of the month to the third Tuesday. The second modification was to move the start time from 7:00pm to 6:30pm for all meetings except July and August meetings, which begin at 6:00pm. A Board discussion ensued.

School Safety and Security Committee Recommendations – Dr. Condon and Mr. Cozzi presented the Safety and Security Committee recommendations. They briefly discussed the committee process, the configuration of the committee, the committee's charge, the duration of the meetings, the partnership with West 40's physical threat assessment team, the detailed findings and recommendations, and finally, next steps.

Strategic Plan Action Objective Plan Progress Update – Dr. Condon gave a progress update on the Strategic Plan Action Objective Plan at the mid-point of the 2023-24 year. A Board discussion ensued.

2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – Dr. Condon introduced Betsy Allen, partner from Miller, Cooper, Ltd. to present the 2022-23 Audit Report. Mrs. Allen thanked the Business Office staff for their help during audit fieldwork. She then reviewed the details of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and other required board communications.

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg 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, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act; and
- 9) Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Ms. Williams, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Eckmann

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:44 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:55 p.m.

Adopt the Complaint Manager’s Findings Regarding Complaint by Maureen Gesing – It was moved by Dr. Isenberg and seconded by Dr. Mackey that the Board of Education adopt the Complaint Manager’s findings regarding the complaint by Maureen Gesing as presented. As a result, the Board will not direct the Administration to take any further action as a result of the investigation.

COMPLAINT
MANAGER’S
FINDINGS
ADOPTED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Eckmann, Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Mackey, Ms. Williams

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Eckmann and seconded by Dr. Isenberg that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

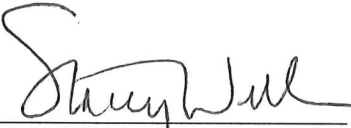
Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Mrs. Eckmann, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Mackey, Ms. Williams

Nays: None


The motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Mackey and seconded by Dr. Isenberg and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Stacey Williams
President



Sarah Eckmann
Secretary