

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD AT PARK VIEW SCHOOL**

October 17, 2007

The Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Paul McGivern
Mary O'Connor
Dan Metz
Susan Mangino
Chris Minx
Tony Hofeld
Tony Stegich

Erica Sampson, Janet Ostrowski, Sharon Goldstein, Kate Mazukelli and Alana McCloskey; Park View School staff; Eric Poders, Jimmy Montgomery, Coleen Mahue, Lorin Fishman, residents of District 70; Andy Petrolina, assistant principal; Gary Zabilka, Superintendent; and Janet Lombardo, Board Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance

***Audience
To
Visitors***

Jenny Montgomery, parent of a third grader, came to the Board meeting for the third time this school year. Her concern remains regarding the tardiness of the school bus. She asked what remedies are in place to solve this reoccurring problem. Dr. Zabilka replied that he has seen improvement for the past couple of weeks but this week the service has been terrible. He speaks to the bus company continually and is now speaking directly to the vice-president. The bus company is adding more drivers to help alleviate buses making a double run. Today all the buses were on time, but can't say this will happen again. Mrs. Montgomery also stated she calls the bus company to complain about the service.

Eric Poders, a resident of Morton Grove, suggested the Board go out for bids on another bus company. Board President, Tony Stegich, explained

that Dr. Zabilka corresponds with the Board weekly on this matter. They have seen marginal improvement. Member Stegich said that we are in a contract with other districts in the township with this company. The Board is looking into other realistic options.

Approval of Minutes

Copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 17, 2007 were distributed to the Board Members prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Member Hofeld and seconded by Member Minx to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 17, 2007.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, O'Connor, Metz, Mangino, Minx, Hofeld, and Stegich voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Approval of Bills

Member Hofeld reported that the following money has been deposited with the Township Treasurer for the Month of September 2007:

Student Lunches	\$14,658.95
Teachers Lunches	\$14.90
A La Carte Items	\$328.85
Cobra Insurance	\$1,184.75
Student Fees	\$11,471.00
Miscellaneous	\$475.00
Lost Lunch Cards	\$30.00
NTDSE Reimbursement to Spec. Ed.-Grant money	\$657.47
FLEX Memberships	<u>\$128.00</u>
Total	\$28,948.92

Roll Call: Members McGivern, O'Connor, Metz, Mangino, Minx, Hofeld, and Stegich voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Member Hofeld and seconded by Member Minx to approve the deposits with the Township Treasurer.

A motion was made by Member Hofeld and seconded by Member Minx to approve the payment of bills presented in fund totals as follows:

Fund 1 - Education	\$195,791.37
Fund 2 - OBM	\$26,163.79
TOTAL	\$221,955.16

Roll Call: Members McGivern, O'Connor, Metz, Mangino, Minx, Hofeld, and Stegich voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Included in the Board packet was a year to date financial report from the Treasurer's office. Dr. Zabilka commented on the memo enclosed in the Board packet that he received from the Office of the County Clerk. The memo provided the preliminary tax rate report which includes the new EAV figure as well as the amounts of tax dollars to be received in each of the funds.

Education

Andy Petrolina reported on the PTO Fun Fair held on September 29th. The weather was perfect and they raised more money than last year. Also, this year at the Fun Fair, PSA for Life, held free screening tests for men over 50. The students from Park View School won first prize at a scare crow building contest held at the Morton Grove Block Party. A week from Friday will end the 1st quarter. The fall sports teams are winding down and on October 31st the Annual Halloween Parade will be held at 2 p.m. marching down Lake Street, from Park View to Austin Ave. The school social worker has asked if any of the Board members would like to judge the door decorating contest for Red Ribbon week on November 2.

The third grade enrollment issues were brought up and Dr. Zabilka said they are working with the third grade team on options. There was also a mention of the numbers in kindergarten.

Special Education

Member Mangino reported to the Board the highlights of the Niles Township District of Special Education Board meeting held on September 27th.

The next meeting will be held on October 23, 2007 at 7:30

Building And Grounds

Dr. Zabilka reported on the swipe card access system that went down. He is looking into several vendors on a security system. The system we have is no longer available and therefore needs to be updated. At the November Board meeting, no later than the December meeting, Dr. Zabilka will have recommendations. More details will be presented in the closed session.

**Informational
Items**

Enrollment Report:

	<u>K-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>K-8</u>
F	251	145	396
M	281	135	416
TOTAL	528	280	808

Lunch Room Count: 6010 lunches were served August/September.

2007 Illinois School Profile/Report Card: Enclosed in the Board packet was the 2007 Illinois School Profile (previously known as our School Report Card). Dr. Zabilka reviewed the contents with the Board in a powerpoint presentation. The general pattern showed an improvement in all grades. However, it appears there is a challenge with younger children coming in and those in the ELL program.

**Action
Items**

**FMLA
Maureen
Levin**

A motion was made by Member Hofeld and seconded by Member Stegich to accept the FMLA leave for Maureen Levin as presented.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, O'Connor, Metz, Mangino, Minx, Hofeld, and Stegich voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Superior
Maintenance
Contract**

A motion was made by Member Stegich and seconded by Member Hofeld to extend the contract of Superior Maintenance for cleaning services for the next year as presented.

Dr. Zabilka stated that for the record next year he will go out to bid for cleaning service.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, O'Connor, Metz, Mangino, Minx, Hofeld, and Stegich voted aye. Nays none. The motion carried.

**Old
Business**

None

***New
Business***

Dr. Zabilka received an e-mail regarding the state mandated “Moment of Silence”. At this time he has not heard officially form the State Board of Education on this matter and is choosing not to do anything until there is an official notice on how to implement it.

***Audience
To
Visitors***

None

***Closed
Session***

The Board adjourned from the regular meeting at 9:08 p.m. to Closed Session.

Adjournment: The Board returned from closed session and the Board President adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Secretary

Approved by:

President

