

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

February 19, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Stegich at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Paul McGivern
Dan Metz
Sue Mangino
Tony Hofeld
Tony Stegich

Also present were Vera Neyman, Doctoral student; Rob & Aneta Greiner, Anna O'Dwyer, Jen Montgomery, parents; Christine Pellum and Chrissy Roiniotis, teachers; Eric M. Poders, The MGV; Andy Petrolina, Assistant Principal; Gary Zabilka, Superintendent; Jan Lombardo, Secretary of the Board.

Pledge of Allegiance

***Amend
Agenda***

President Stegich proposed to amend the current agenda and add Action Item B, personnel issue to the agenda. Member Hofeld seconded the motion.

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

***Audience
To
Visitors***

Mr. & Mrs. Greiner addressed the Board expressing their concerns about the bus company and specifically about their child's kindergarten mid-day bus. Mrs. Reiner stated that the tardiness of the bus impacts parents and children. She feels the school is taking a passive attitude to this problem. She presented Dr. Zabilka and the Board a list of questions to be addressed. President Stegich said that he and Dr. Zabilka will address these questions and return a response. Eric Poders, a member of the audience, suggested the district consider forming a task force of parents, administrators, and staff together to work on resolving the problems of the bus.

Dr. Zabilka introduced Vera Neyman, a doctoral student, to the Board and audience.

***Approval of
Minutes
1/22/08***

Copies of the Minutes of the Meeting on January 22, 2008 were distributed to the Board Members prior to this meeting.

A motion was made by Member Hofeld and seconded by Member Metz to approve the Minutes of the Meeting on January 22, 2008.

Roll Call: Members McGivern, Metz, Mangino, 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 January 2008:

Student Lunches	\$18,245.15
Teachers Lunches	\$75.05
A la Carte	\$513.10
Food Rebates	\$33.12
Lost Books	\$124.00
Lost Lunch Cards	\$50.00
NTDSE Grant Reimbursement	\$80.40
FLEX	\$124.00
2007 Revenue Sharing	<u>\$57,353.00</u>

TOTAL \$76,597.42

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

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

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

Fund 1 - Education	\$77,085.45
Fund 2 - OBM	\$49,254.75
Fund 4 - Transportation	<u>\$21,583.87</u>
TOTAL	\$147,921.07

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

Treasurer's Report

A report was included in the Board Packet showing the fund balances for January 2008 as compared to the balances the last two years.

Education Report

Andy Petrolino, assistant principal, reported on the Parent/Teacher Conferences held last Thursday evening and Friday. Conferences were well attended and ran smoothly in spite of the fact there was a water main break at the corner of Lake & Moody and there was no water running in the school building.

Summer school information will go home with the youngest child attending Park View on Thursday. There will be a new RtI class for students who are recommended to participate by their teachers. Summer school will run from June 18 – July 17th.

Special Education Report

Member Mangino reported NTDSE held their board meeting on January 22, 2008. She shared that a new music therapy and RtI program are being implemented at Molloy. As of January 16, 2008 District 70 has 22 students attending Molloy and satellite programs./ There are 6 students being served at the parochial schools housed in District 70.

Building & Grounds

Dr. Zabilka stated there is finally some normalcy in our weather. Jim and CaoVan have worked very hard this winter keeping the grounds clean. Our equipment is still working fine and we have of plenty of salt just in case we get another major snowstorm. We have had substantial flooding on the roof over the weekend due to the melting and rain; however, there was little leakage.

Informational Items

Enrollment Report: As of January 31, 2008

	<u>K-5</u>	<u>6-8</u>	<u>K-8</u>
F	254	145	399
M	279	135	414
Total	533	280	813

Lunchroom Report: In January 5,686 lunches were served.

**Action
Items**

**ELL
Newcomers
Center**

Included in the Board packet was a Proposal for Niles Township ELL Newcomers Center for the Board to review. In addition to the proposal, there was a copy of an appropriations proposal written to Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky, to get some additional funding for the Newcomers Center. Also included, a financial support of \$12.50 per student would be necessary to fund this program. Based on District 70's enrollment, it would amount to approximately \$10,000 per year to support. There would be a three year commitment if approved.

Board President Stegich opened the topic for discussion. Discussion included recommending municipalities to share in the expense with the school districts. It was asked who's responsibility is it for seeking outside resources for parents immigrating to the United States? Is there a balance between educational and social services to be provided? Dr. Zabilka commented that just at Park View there are over 30 languages spoken. Schools should take the responsibility to initiate this program and reach out to the municipalities for support.

Roll Call: Members Metz, Mangino, Hofeld, and Stegich voted aye. Member McGivern voted nay. The motion carried.

**Teacher
Resignation
Sara Elliott**

A motion was made by Member Stegich and seconded by Member Mangino to accept the resignation of Sara Elliott.

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

**Old
Business**

None

**New
Business**

None

**Audience
To
Visitors**

The Greiners and Mrs. Nayman both complimented the Board, not only for approving the ELL Center, but for the healthy discussion that was held prior to the vote.

Adjournment The Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Secretary

Approved by:

President