

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 71 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS HELD AT
CLARENCE E. CULVER SCHOOL ON
NOVEMBER 15, 2011 AT 6:35 PM**

President Byrne called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:35 pm and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. On roll call, the following persons, of the Board of Education were present:

Patrick Byrne, President
Mary Krueger, Secretary
Jim Grammas, Member
Karen Johnson, Member
James Mahoney, Member
Tina Nielsen, Member

Matthew Holbrook, Vice President was absent.

Also attending the meeting were Superintendent Amy Kruppe, Principal Peggie Maniscalco, Director of Student Services Stefanie Beane, Jonathan Urbanski, Technology Manager, and Recording Secretary Sue Ferdinand.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were none

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Thank you from Fred Schlessinger and John Petitt for the Board's efforts in regards to learning about Senate Bill 7.
- Teachers College Press catalog
- IASB newsletter
- ASCD Membership Activation notice
- School Law Review – Scariano, Himes & Petrarca

AUDIENCE WITH NON-SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Marty Paltzer, Niles Township Schools Treasurer and Natahsa Wasinski from the Pioneer Press

AUDIENCE WITH SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Barbara Montcalm, Michelle Engelbert, Lindsey Dalesandro, John Petitt representing the union.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

Mr. Marty Paltzer, Niles Township Schools Treasurer gave a presentation about the services the NTST office provides for the township schools.

At 6:55 pm a motion was made by Member Mahoney and seconded by Member Grammas to go into closed session to consider student disciplinary cases. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9) The appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Student disciplinary cases, or legal counsel for the district including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the district to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Grammas, Nielsen, Krueger, Byrne, Johnson
Nays: None
Absent: Holbrook

The President declared the motion carried.

Vice President Holbrook arrived in closed session at 7:05 pm.

The President reconvened the regular meeting into open session at 7:25 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Johnson moved to approve the following consent agenda with Member Nielsen seconding the motion.

- a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on October 18, 2011
- b. Approve the Minutes of the Closed Board of Education Meeting held on October 18, 2011
- c. Approve the Minutes of the Finance committee meeting held on October 18, 2011
- d. Approve the Minutes of the B & G committee meeting held on November 4, 2011
- e. Request for Courses and Conventions
Personnel: Employment of Joan Moy as a teaching assistant effective October 26, 2011 at a prorated salary of \$14.88 an hour plus benefits.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Johnson, Nielsen, Holbrook, Mahoney, Grammas, Krueger, Byrne
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Finance Committee Report

Member Mahoney moved to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$143,467.95 with Member Holbrook seconding the motion:

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Holbrook, Krueger, Nielsen, Byrne, Johnson, Grammas
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Superintendent Kruppe reviewed the Summary of Fund Balance and the Summary of Revenue Accounts, which were included in the Board packet. The Board decided that they like the Operating Statement with Encumbrances report for the Board Packets.

Member Johnson moved to approve the 403b plan with CPI with Member Mahoney seconding the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Johnson, Mahoney, Holbrook, Krueger, Nielsen, Byrne, Grammas
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Member Mahoney moved to approve the 2011 draft levy with Member Johnson seconding the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Johnson, Holbrook, Krueger, Nielsen, Byrne, Grammas
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Member Mahoney moved to approve Rachel's Challenge not to exceed \$3600 with Member Grammas seconding the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Grammas, Johnson, Holbrook, Krueger, Nielsen, Byrne
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

This will be a community event on January 24, 2012. Superintendent Kruppe will meet with the village, library, park district and police department to speak about publicity and follow up activities that we can collaborate on together. The PTA has agreed to give \$200 towards this event.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation documents. The Board will review the documents and will bring back to the December meeting.

Member Mahoney moved to approve the upgrade in the Kitchen Suppression System not to exceed \$2880 with Member Holbrook seconding the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Holbrook, Grammas, Johnson, Krueger, Nielsen, Byrne
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Member Mahoney moved to approve contractual speech services not to exceed \$8450 with Member Grammas seconding the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Grammas, Holbrook, Johnson, Krueger, Nielsen, Byrne
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Member Johnson moved to approve software to upgrade the Media Center not to exceed \$2007.67 with Member Grammas seconding the motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Johnson, Grammas, Holbrook, Krueger, Nielsen, Byrne, Mahoney
Nays: None
Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Jon Urbanski stated that we host our own software and this purchase is for buying a new license for the software from Follett. The current system is eight years old and is no longer being supported. The Library Grant will help offset this expenditure.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- **Niles Township District for Special Education**
The NTDSE board meeting briefs from the October 26, 2011 meeting were included in the Board packet.
- **Administration Reports**
Peggie Maniscalco and Stefanie Beane gave the Administration Report
- **Superintendent's Report – Amy Kruppe**
 - District enrollment as of November 11 is 467.
 - A total of \$135,950.02 was deposited to the treasurer in October.
 - The Activity Funds were presented.
 - Checking account balance - \$7047.16
 - Savings account balance - \$ 3523.97
 - Parent Music Club balance - \$ 488.91
 - Thomas Back Fund balance - \$ 2612.75
 - 8th Grade Room Mother account balance- \$ 3197.30
 - Student Council (account separated from checking): \$ 8435.70
 - Fundraising Account balance – \$ 1657.14
 - Ed Red Legislative Dinner was discussed
 - Coming to Order Chapter 1 was discussed. Chapter 2 & 3 will be discussed in December.
 - Cafeteria Quarterly report was discussed
 - There were no FOIA requests

- December Early Release was discussed to move ER to 12/22 after school and allowing teachers to leave at 11:30 student dismissal on 12/23
- Strategic Plan Monthly Update was given
- Calendar Committee will be Members Johnson, Holbrook and President Byrne
- Holiday Dinner and Board meeting will be on December 19, at 4:30 pm
- News articles were presented.
- The Board was given a calendar of events for the upcoming month.

At 8:53 pm a motion was made by Member Mahoney to go into closed session to discuss the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and seconded by Member Johnson.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Johnson, Holbrook, Krueger, Grammas, Nielsen, Byrne
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

The President reconvened the regular meeting into open session at 10:12 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none

At 10:12 pm a motion to adjourn was made by Member Mahoney and seconded by Member Nielsen.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Mahoney, Nielsen, Johnson, Holbrook, Krueger, Grammas, Byrne
 Nays: None
 Absent: None

The President declared the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Secretary

ATTEST:

 President