

**LIBERTYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
**District No. 70**  
**Libertyville, Illinois**

**April 27, 2026**

The meeting of the Board of Education, District No. 70, Lake County, Illinois, was called to order at 5:30pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake St., Libertyville on Monday, April 27, 2026.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Sticklen and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - None.

A motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, to move to closed session. On a roll call votes: Ayes - Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, and Mrs. Dahlke. Nays - None. Absent - None. All in favor. Motion carried. The closed session started at 5:31pm in the workroom and ended at 5:57pm.

The regular meeting began at 6:00pm in the boardroom at the ERC, 1381 Lake Street, Libertyville, IL 60048.

The following members answered present at roll call: Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Dahlke, Mr. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee and Mrs. Schilling. Absent - None.

Also present: Superintendent Rebecca Jenkins, Dr. Bongle, Mr. Theis, Mr. Vipond, Ms. Donev, Ms. Bachar, Mrs. Kollman and Mrs. Coyle. District guests included: Mr. Ciewiwa, Mrs. Crenshaw, Mrs. Miller, Dr. Hallmark, and student board members Dylan S. and Caroline A.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The regular meeting started with the pledge of allegiance.

**STUDENT RECOGNITION**

Adler Student Council members Nora G., Luke M., Isla R., Gloria R., Anissa A., Abby M., Emma S., Olivia B., Eliza N., Emerson P., Ben W., Robert L., Brady W., Jack A., Maverick B., Gabriella D., Tessa W., Madelyn W., Charlotte W., as well as Student Council sponsor Erin Carr and Principal Kendall Miller were recognized for leading the "Share the Love" service project, collecting over 1,000 personal care items for the D70 Care Closet.

Hornet Bowl students Emily M., Liliana V., John J., Nathan C., Kensington K., Jonathan H., Adrian S., Liam P., Alice K., Blake D., Reid S., Adelyn J., Diya A., as well as coach Amanda Fleege, were recognized for their participation and success in the International Academic Competitions, with several students qualifying for the National Championships and advancing to the International Championships.

## **STAFF RECOGNITION**

Mr. Seidel, Ms. Bernard, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. Sather were recognized for their outstanding leadership and collaboration in organizing the annual artEffects show at Cook Memorial Library. The event showcased an impressive collection of student artwork, highlighting the creativity and talent of students across the district.

The Board of Education took a short break at 6:10pm to meet and greet with students and staff. The regular meeting resumed at 6:19pm.

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented in Board Report 6. The following items were contained in the consent agenda:

### **6.1 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 16, 2026**

#### **6.2 - Approval of Finance Reports**

- Agenda of Bills
- Payroll
- Budgetary
- Treasurer's Report

#### **6.3 - Approval of Personnel**

- New Hires
- Resignation
- Leave of Absence
- Change in Assignment

#### **6.4 - Approval of Board Actual Expenses for COSSBA 2026 National Conference**

- Jennifer Khan, Board President
- Brian Lawton, Board Member
- Wendy Schilling, Board Member

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On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, and Mrs. Dahlke. Absent – None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried

## **PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no presentations from the floor.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP ADVISORY COUNCIL (SSLAC)**

Highland Middle School students, sixth graders Caroline A. and Dylan S., who are members of SSLAC, were introduced by the Supt. Rebecca Jenkins, as they sat at the board table and offered the following report.

- Caroline A. highlighted her commitment to being a student voice at Highland. She detailed her successful leadership of a social media takeover, which engaged both

students and teachers and was showcased across school platforms. Caroline is looking forward to collaborating with five Lake County districts during an upcoming Middle School Leadership Summit on May 11, where she and nine other student representatives will develop a project to benefit the HMS community. Reflecting on her 6th-grade experience, she emphasized the positive social transitions of middle school, her enjoyment of being part of the Cross Country team, and the newfound flexibility in her daily schedule, such as choosing her own lunch seating and recess activities.

- Dylan S. shared his motivation for joining the committee, expressing a desire to provide a voice for all students at Highland and to expand his own leadership skills. He reflected on a successful year, highlighting his enjoyment of Outdoor Ed, specifically geology and leather making, and his smooth transition to middle school schedules and cafeteria life. Dylan is actively involved in extracurriculars, including Math Counts (where he was happy to reach the state level), Lego Club, and the Track & Field Team. Additionally, he offered the practical observation that outdoor recess is highly valued by students, suggesting that they be allowed outside even when the weather is slightly colder.

The council was created by Supt. Jenkins to bring student voice forward into decision-making. Members of the council will help Highland and District administration identify areas of celebration and areas of growth at Highland Middle School and in D70 overall.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The Superintendent's Report from Rebecca Jenkins for the District 70 Board of Education showcased several key initiatives and achievements across the district. Butterfield held its annual "Battle of the Spirit Stick," a high-energy tradition that brings students and staff together for a series of spirited activities on the Friday before spring break. Adler Park first-graders became junior paleontologists during their language arts unit, uncovering "fossils" and bringing their classroom learning to life through hands-on exploration. Copeland 4th graders designed maps, demonstrating an understanding of parallel, perpendicular, and intersecting lines, along with acute and obtuse angles. At Highland Middle School, students raised over \$8,000 for The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and celebrated by temporarily tattooing teachers. As part of their Community Helpers unit, Little Sprouts students welcomed a pediatrician and learned about healthy habits and the important role doctors play in caring for others. At Rockland, third graders successfully hosted a "Shark Tank" style event to pitch original product ideas to a panel of judges and held a successful fundraiser for the Libertyville First Department antique fire truck that all D70 kindergartners ride. Additionally, the district celebrated the accomplishments of students in the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament, where they tackled engineering and technical design challenges, and recognized seven staff members nominated for the Lake County ROE Educator of the Year Award.

### **APPROVAL OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA) SHARING OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST**

Board Report 9.1 sought approval for an Intergovernmental Agreement for a shared physical therapist for the 2026-2027 school year. This is a current shared position within the district and the board report sought to formalize the agreement between districts.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the IGA as presented in Board Report 9.1.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Khan, Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Schilling, and Mrs. Dahlke. Absent – None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

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### **APPROVAL OF DESTRUCTION OF CLOSED MEETING RECORDINGS 18 MONTHS OR OLDER**

As part of our regular records management process, we are requesting Board approval for the destruction of closed meeting recordings that are 18 months or older. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, audio recordings of closed sessions may be destroyed once they are 18 months or older with written minutes stored in a confidential file.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the destruction of closed minutes as presented in Board Report 9.2.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Schilling, and Mrs. Dahlke. Absent – None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

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### **APPROVAL OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES**

The Board of Education must establish a regular time and place for its meetings. (Ill. Revised Statutes, Chapter 122, S 10-16). The administration recommended the Board of Education adopt the schedule of meeting dates, times and places for their regular Board of Education meetings as presented in Board Report 9.3.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mrs. Dahlke, that the Board of Education approve the schedule of meeting dates as presented in Board Report 9.3.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Khan, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Schilling, and Mr. Sticklen. Absent – None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

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### **APPROVAL OF BOARD DISCRETIONARY REVIEW OF SECTION A.1 OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT**

Board Report 9.4 sought formal approval of the Board discretionary review of Section A.1 of the Superintendent's Contract and the bonus earned during the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education approve the discretionary review as presented in Board Report 9.4.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mr. Sticklen, Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Khan, and Mrs. Schilling. Absent – None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

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### **APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF INDIVIDUAL PROCUREMENT CARDS**

Administration has been looking at options to streamline the reconciliation of our current procurement cards with Libertyville Bank and Trust to allow for online reconciliation and a more timely/automated accounting process for transactions to be reflected in the District's general ledger. This automated process will allow for more efficiency of data entry and better budget management practices as transactions can be reflected weekly versus the current 60 day lag time.

Administration recommended switching the District's procurement card agreement to the Bank of Montreal, or BMO to be able to provide this service.

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mr. McGhee, that the Board of Education approve the resolution as presented in Board Report 9.5.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. Sticklen, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Schilling, and Mrs. Khan. Absent – None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

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### **BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

1. Board Member Mrs. Grove provided a SEDOL update.
2. Board Member Mr. Lawton shared an ED-RED update and reviewed the recent IASB Advocacy Day. Mr. Lawton also shared he has been asked to sit on the Lake Division Governing Board next school year.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board of Education was invited to the Highland Middle School Graduation and received invitations from Dr. Hallmark on Monday night.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

There were no other items.

### **MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Mr. Lawton, seconded by Mr. McGhee, that the Board of Education move to closed session.

On roll call vote: ayes – Mrs. Grove, Mr. Lawton, Mr. McGhee, Mrs. Dahlke, Mrs. Schilling, Mrs. Khan, and Mr. Sticklen. Absent – None. Nays - None. All in favor. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. McGhee, seconded by Mr. Lawton, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:52p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Khan, Board President

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Nanette Dahlke, Board Secretary