

Lockport School District 91  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14, 2017 7:00 PM  
Kelvin Grove LRC

The Board of Education of Milne-Kelvin Grove, District 91, Will County, Illinois met in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. This meeting was held in the LRC at Kelvin Grove School. Board Secretary, Lynn Krumlinde, took the minutes. Board President, Robert Maida, presided over the meeting.

**Call to Order-** President Maida

Board President Maida called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present: Fracaro, Oxley-Turner, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion  
Members Absent: Otis  
Late Arrivals: none

Also in attendance: Superintendent Gray, Principal Jennings, Principal Koziol, Curriculum Coordinator Erin Holland, staff members, community members, and parents.

**Pledge**

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

The Consent Agenda is a list of routine non-controversial items, which do not require further discussion and which are approved with one motion and one roll call vote. It is an effective procedure to handle routine matters on the agenda expeditiously. All consent items shall be listed with an asterisk (\*) and will be enacted with one motion. However, any member of the Board of Education may request that an item be withdrawn from the Consent Agenda and discussed in its regular order.

- A. Approval of Minutes \*
- B. Approval of Financial Reports \*
  - 1. Payment of Bills\*
  - 2. AP Check Register\*
  - 3. Monthly Financial Reports\*
  - 4. Activity Account Report\*
  - 5. Investment Report\*
  - 6. Treasurer's Report\*
- C. FOIA Report \*
- E. Suspension Report\*
- F. Accept Resignation\* (Gamboa-Choate)

Recommendation made to approve the consent agenda items.

Discussion:

Motion made by Oxley-Turner, seconded by Rodriguez.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Howell, Dorion, Maida, Rodriguez, Fracaro, Oxley-Turner

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Nays: none

Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**Student Recognition – Building Principals**

Milne Grove Principal Jaime Koziol along with both kindergarten teachers introduced and recognized six students for displaying outstanding pillars of character each day.

Kelvin Grove Principal John Jennings and two of the fifth grade teachers introduced and recognized one student from each of the three fifth grade classes for their outstanding character traits.

Mr. Maida thanked the students, parents and teachers.

**Invitation to Address the Board**

An invitation to address the Board of Education was extended to the audience.

Name: Mrs. Sarah Randolph, District 91 Music Teacher

Comment: Thanked the Board of Education for supporting “Music in our Schools Month”.

**Informational Items**

Informational items discussion included Correspondence, Media Coverage, Legislative Updates, A Reminder for the IASB Three Rivers Meeting, and information on an After School Foreign Language Program.

**Curriculum Update- Social Science Resources & Tools for Adoption**

Curriculum Coordinator Erin Holland and several teachers presented Social Science Resources they would like the Board to consider for adoption. They reviewed recommendations for each grade level that will meet the new Illinois Social Studies Learning Standards and close gaps between each grade level. The Board will take action next month.

**Board Reports/Discussion Items**

A. Consolidation Feasibility Study Meeting

The Board received an invitation to attend a meeting to consider a consolidation feasibility study on February 27. Superintendent Gray reviewed guidelines and requirements for a feasibility study. The Superintendent and Board President will attend the meeting, although the Board feels consolidation nor the feasibility study offers no advantages for the District 91 community.

B. Strategic Planning

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The Board discussed Strategic Planning again. They feel it best to put off the meeting with Perry Hill until August and forming a committee to be in place by October 2017. Board members should still submit possible committee member names to the Superintendent.

C. Establish Budget Planning Meeting

The Board would like to meet for the Special Session on April 11 at 5pm, prior to the regular monthly Board Meeting. Superintendent Gray will also invite the two Board candidates to the meeting as well. She also recommended setting up the new Board member orientation prior to the May Board meeting since we have four seats up for election and four candidates running. Two of the candidates will be new to the Board.

D. Foundation Update

The Adult Dodgeball Tournament is coming up and registration has opened. The Foundation is also looking to add some new members and Mr. Maida asked if anyone had any suggestions to let him know.

E. Baseball Field Dugouts

The District would like to start the construction of the new dugouts for the baseball field and upgrading the fencing along the first base side of the field. Recommendation made to get an up to date quote. The Baseball program has raised \$2930.00 to be used for the dugouts. The District would like to front the funds to get the work completed as soon as possible and allow the program to re-pay the funds. Action item will be included in next month's meeting.

**Reports of the Superintendent - Mrs. Gray**

A. Modified Block Schedule

The possibility of using a block schedule next year was again discussed. In working on the draft schedule, it was found that the District would need three additional teachers at an estimated cost of \$115,205 in order for the schedule to work. The Board discussed the effect of this over the next several years and the uncertainty of State funding.

B. State Funding Update

Currently, the State is behind in payments to the District in the amount of \$232,000.

C. 2017-2018 School Calendar Hearing

Superintendent Gray presented and reviewed the 2017-2017 school calendar. The District calendar has been aligned as much as possible to the high school calendar to aid families having children in both Districts.

D. Seniority Lists

District seniority lists for certified staff and support were provided to the Board.

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E. Review Planning Document

The Board reviewed upcoming events in the District.

F. Solar Energy Update

Mr. Pierson presented the Board with information regarding solar energy. He has been unable to get firm costs from these companies. He was advised that if the District does proceed with solar energy, the roofs would need to be replaced to install the solar panels. He recommended to table this option for now.

G. Update on Lead Testing Requirement

The Board briefly discussed this new unfunded requirement. The District is currently waiting to hear the specifics requirements before proceeding with the testing.

**Action Items:**

**A. Authorize Budget Preparation for 2018**

Recommendation made to authorize the Superintendent to begin the Budget preparation for 2018.

Discussion:

Motion made by Dorion to authorize, seconded by Oxley-Turner.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes: Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion  
                              Nays: none  
                              Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**B. Adopt Music in Our Schools Resolution**

Recommendation made to adopt the Music in our Schools Month Resolution.

Discussion:

Motion made by Howell to adopt the resolution, seconded by Rodriguez.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes: Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner  
                              Nays: none  
                              Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**C. Establish School Fees for 2017-2018**

Recommendation made to approve a .7% increase in school fees for 2017-2018.

Discussion:

Motion made by Dorion to approve the fees, seconded by Oxley-Turner.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes: Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro  
                              Nays: none  
                              Abstain: none

Motion carried.

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**D. Adopt 2017-2018 School Calendar**

Recommendation made to adopt the 2017-2018 school calendar.

Discussion:

Motion made by Oxley-Turner to adopt the 2017-2018 calendar, seconded by Rodriguez.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes: Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida  
                          Nays: none  
                          Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**E. Approve Superintendent's Evaluation**

Recommendation made by Oxley-Turner to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation.

Discussion:

Motion made by Oxley-Turner to approve the evaluation, seconded by Fracaro.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes: Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez  
                          Nays: none  
                          Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**F. Accept Donations**

Recommendation made to accept donations of pictures and PE equipment.

Discussion:

Motion made by Dorion to accept the donations, seconded by Howell.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes: Maida, Howell, Rodriguez, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Dorion  
                          Nays: none  
                          Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**G. Consideration to Approve PMA Financial Advisory Agreement**

Recommendation made to approve PMA Financial Advisory Agreement.

Discussion:

Motion made by Fracaro to approve the agreement, seconded by Howell.

Roll Call Vote:       Ayes: Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida  
                          Nays: none  
                          Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**H. Employment of Track Coach**

Recommendation made to approve Laurel Clark as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Track Coach for the 2017 season.

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Motion made by Dorion to approve, seconded by Oxley-Turner.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**I. Employment of Part Time Aide**

Recommendation made to approve Mary Nolan-Fesmire as a part-time aide for Early Learners PM class at MG effective January 7, 2017. Mary currently is employed as a PT SpEd aide in the mornings at MG. She will cover both positions.

Discussion:

Motion made by Oxley-Turner to approve the employment, seconded by Howell.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**J. Approve Continued Food Service Agreement and Lunch Price Increase**

Recommendation made to approve continued food service agreement with LTHS and increase our lunch prices to 3.35 per full price lunch with a milk, separate/additional milk price to remain at 50 cents and the EL snacks will cost \$1.00 per day for 2017-2018.

Discussion:

Motion made by Oxley-Turner to approve, seconded by Fracaro.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Howell, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez  
Nays: none  
Abstain: Dorion

Motion carried.

**K. Reschedule May Meeting to Meet Guidelines of Seating New Members**

Recommendation made to approve rescheduling the May meeting to May 2 to meet requirements of seating new Board members by the deadline.

Discussion:

Motion made by Fracaro to approve the change, seconded by Oxley-Turner.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion, Oxley-Turner  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

**Closed Session**

**Time: 9:48 p.m.**

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District 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. [1] However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a

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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 [the Open Meetings Act]. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 99-646.

Motion made by Oxley-Turner to enter a closed session, seconded by Dorion.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Members Present: Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell, Dorion  
Members Absent: Otis  
Late Arrivals: none

Motion made by Fracaro to come out of closed session and resume the regular meeting at 10:32 p.m., seconded by Howell.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Dorion, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none

Motion carried.

Regular session resumed at 10:32 p.m.

Members Present: Dorion, Oxley-Turner, Fracaro, Maida, Rodriguez, Howell  
Members Absent: Otis  
Late Arrivals: none

**Adjournment** **Time: 10:33 p.m.**

Motion made by Rodriguez to adjourn, seconded by Oxley-Turner.

All members voted to adjourn the meeting by responding affirmatively. No one opposed.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

  
Lynn Krumlinde, Recording Secretary

  
Robert Maida, Board President