

**Official Minutes of the Monday, July 11, 2016
Board of Education Meeting**

Call to Order The Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 in County of Cook, State of Illinois, held a meeting in accordance with provisions of the Open Meetings Act, according to Illinois law, at the District 59 Administration Center, 2123 South Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois on Monday, July 11, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

Roll Call *Members Present:* President Barbara Somogyi, Vice-President Janice Krinsky, Karen Osmani, Secretary - Members: Sunil Bhawe, Tim Burns, Sharon Roberts and Mardell Schumacher

Members Absent: none

Others Associate Superintendent, Tom Luedloff; Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, Vickie Nissen; Ben Grey, Assistant Superintendent for Innovation and Communications; Assistant Superintendent for Educational Services, Karen Starr; Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Maureen McAbee; Executive Director of Facilities and Operations, Tony Rossi; Executive Director of Student Growth and Accountability, Dr. Josh Carpenter; and Recording Secretary, Kathie Lange.

Also Present Eydie Cohen, DEA President; David Pohlmeier, Director of Communications and Design; Mrs. Seana McPherson, Ridge parent; Ralph Lewis - EGV Resident; Paul Heitman, Ridge parent; Kara Brodeur, Ridge parent; Chris Placek, Daily Herald Newspaper Reporter

Pledge of Allegiance The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

AUDIENCE RECESS

Mr. Ralph Lewis addressed the Board. Mr. Lewis requested that the Board consider the cost and size of the new Administration Center. He expressed concern over rising tax bills and stated that he is interested in seeing what the architect will present this evening.

Mrs. Somogyi asked Mr. Lewis to send any questions he may have regarding the new building to either Dr. Fessler or Mr. Tony Rossi, Executive Director for Facilities and Operations.

Mr. Paul Heitman, a Ridge parent, requested to address the Board on three topics:

- He stated that he would like to see D59 Board Meetings broadcasted/televised.
- He questioned why the K-8 Ridge option was taken off the table for consideration of how to use empty classrooms at Ridge.
- Mr. Heitman stated that he volunteers with an organization called the Golden Corridor Maker Space. Mr. Heitman is interested to see how

the D214 STEM program/partnership aligns with the program that Golden Corridor offers.

Mrs. Somogyi responded to Mr. Heitman's question about the Ridge space options. She stated that at the June 27th meeting, the Board took several Ridge space considerations off the table, due to the possibility of the D214 STEM partnership. Mrs. Somogyi stated that if the partnership with D214 turns out to not be a viable option, all other considerations for Ridge space would go back on the table.

CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Burns requested to pull Item: 5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports.

MOTION

by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Osmanski to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of July, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented/amended:

5.01 Approval of Minutes-Prior Meetings

- a. June 13, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. June 13, 2016 Closed Meeting Minutes
- c. June 27, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
- d. June 27, 2016 Closed Meeting Minutes

5.02 Disbursements Resolution

- a. Disbursement Listing for FY 2015-16
- b. Disbursement Listing for FY 2016-17

~~5.03 Acceptance of Financial Reports – Reports~~

- ~~a. Detail Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2016~~
- ~~b. Combined Revenue and Expense Report as of March 31, 2016~~
- ~~c. Investment Report as of March 31, 2016~~
- ~~d. Activity Fund Statements as of March 31, 2016~~

5.04 Acceptance of Recommendations: Human Resources Report

- a. Administrative Retirement
- b. Certified Contracts
- c. Certified Retirements
- d. Certified Resignation
- e. Certified Leave of Absence
- f. Certified Lane Changes
- g. ESP Contracts
- h. ESP Retirement
- i. ESP Resignation
- j. Extended School Year
- k. ESP Leave of Absence

SPECIAL INTEREST TOPIC

FOIA REQUEST

Mr. Luedloff indicated the district had received one FOIA request from a concerned citizen regarding information sent to Dr. Fessler about a Facebook post.

NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - DESIGN UPDATE

Mrs. Somogyi stated that she serves on the Facilities Planning and Advisory Committee and that she had suggested to the committee that the full Board participate in this phase of the planning for the new building.

ARCON walked the Board through the updated plans for the new Administration Center. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions, have conversation, review and give feedback on the current plans and design.

Ms. Nissen confirmed that the cost of the Administration Center and the Commissary is projected to be 12.3 million dollars, which includes the cost of the architect.

Mrs. Schumacher expressed a desire to find ways to cut costs on the new building. She is not in favor of the large open 'soft' areas and feels this is wasted space.

Mr. Rossi confirmed that the new Administration Center will be 25% larger than the current building and that is the same percentage as would have been suggested for an addition if the District would have stayed at the current location.

Mrs. Schumacher read a prepared statement regarding her thoughts on the design, function and cost of the new Administration Center.

"I have attended the last two Facilities Meetings and have seen the new Ad Center plans. After comments and discussions at the meetings, Arcon made some minor changes. However, the cost of the building is way more than we had been led to think it would be. Remember, this building was not supposed to be a monument to anyone no Taj Mahal.

Yes, we want an attractive, efficient, and comfortable building, but it should be what is needed and will not necessarily fulfill everyone's desires.

Let us be sure about the need for the size of the PD rooms so they are what we really need and so they can be used for different size groups

of people and for multiple purposes. For example, instead of adding 3 new rooms for testing and assessments, perhaps one or more of the PD rooms can be used for that purpose.

Also, perhaps some of the pre school testing and assessment can be done in the summer at the ELC where they have a nice large meeting room. There is also a room across from the ELC office where people can sit and wait, and we could put chairs in the very wide halls during the summer when school is not in session. Folks could look outside at the lovely views while waiting their turn.

Another place that could be designated for testing and assessment could be the conference room behind the Board room which was designated for the Board's use. If the Board ever needs a private space for a meeting, we could use the superintendent's conference room. If we are able to recoup some of this space, we may want to add some additional storage because it doesn't look to me like we planned for enough storage. However, by eliminating some rooms, we would be cutting down on square footage which is the best way to cut costs. The fewer rooms we have to build for PD the fewer empty rooms we will have in the future when the PD emphasis is no longer paramount.

An alternative way to cut costs would be to eliminate one of the PD rooms from the row of 4 rooms and make the outside of the building flush and not have it extending out to the side. I would prefer to have the footprint of the building more standardized so there are not so many appendages where garbage, animals, and suspicious people can accumulate or hide.

We had originally been told that the new commissary would cost about \$2 million. Let's keep in mind that we are using our present space and will only have to renovate and outfit the existing space for a commissary. Have we seen a savings here?

I do like the District 59 emblem on the side of the building, and I agree that we should look at samples of different colored bricks before deciding on the color of the exterior. I wouldn't mind a "bit" of stone work mixed in with the brick around the main entrance for decorative reasons.

My main objection to the design plans for the new Ad Center is the amount of glass being used in the construction. One wall from top to bottom is glass which juts out from the traditional line of vision on that side of the building. Inside, this area is multi leveled with stairs and wide open spaces where staff can congregate in twos or threes for lunch or visiting. There will be no privacy on any level in this area

as people passing by can see you from any other level. My feeling is that the Ad Center should have a regular lunchroom like each of our schools.

Staff who prefer not to use it can eat wherever they so choose. However, the expense of this glass enclosure is absolutely not a necessity. The design for the wall should be reconfigured to include a standard wall. Glass construction is more expensive and should be eliminated. Other windows in the building are also more than ample and could also be cut back. The original design had windows going all the way to the roof which I believe is already being changed.

Also, our present board room has only 2 windows which are used basically when there is a storm and we want to look out. I do think we prefer some privacy at our meetings and prefer more blank wall space which can be used for student displays when desired. Having windows on one whole wall is excessive for many reasons, cost and security being two of these reasons. It also looks like the interior walls are brick which needs clarifying.

There does appear to be sufficient well placed parking spaces. The wide overhang at the entrance is a good idea. It may also be a good idea to have a vestibule at the PD entrance where there is more foot traffic so that in inclement weather, there will be an area where snow and water can be left before entering the building, much like our present building.

I truly believe we can cut some expenses to make the cost for taxpayers more in line with what this School District has always practiced. In OTHER WORDS, ALMOST 13 MILLION DOLLARS IS TOO MUCH TO SPEND ON THIS PROJECT! Almost every project we have done has come in over budget, so we cannot even count on \$12.3 million being the final cost.

There were many people who replied to our surveys who were concerned about the cost to taxpayers. Even though we are not going for a referendum, I think we should honor their requests to be more prudent with our spending on this Office Building.

Mrs. McAbee provided clarification about the area designated as the Professional Development Library. That area will mainly be used for housing training materials for coaches. Coaches will have a permanent space in one of the school buildings and a 'hoteling' space in the Administration Center.

Mr. Cozzi assured the Board that part of the architect's responsibility is to keep the project on budget.

Dr. Burns expressed concern that part of the contingency fund has been accessed to include a masonry wall around the yard, as suggested by the Village of Elk Grove. He expressed concern about the cost of the new building.

Mr. Cozzi explained that there are two different contingency funds built into the budget - a design contingency and a construction contingency. Mr. Cozzi stated that they can build in some alternatives that can bring costs down without impacting the function of the building.

In response to a question from Mrs. Schumacher, Mr. Rossi confirmed that the commissary will not cost 2 million dollars as originally planned due to using the District deciding to use an existing building. Mr. Rossi stated that he should have those figures soon on what the cost will be to outfit the commissary.

The Board selected the following features for the outside of the building:

1. The type of canopy
2. Using two different colors of brick around the windows

The Board reached consensus on the footprint of the new building.

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 59 REQUIRING BOARD SECRETARY TO CERTIFY TO ELECTION AUTHORITIES A PROPOSITION TO ABOLISH THE OFFICES OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER AND TRUSTEES OF SCHOOL

MOTION

by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Krinsky to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District 59 operates under the jurisdiction of the Township Treasurer and the Township Trustees of Schools for Township 41 North, Range 11, commonly known as Elk Grove Township; and

WHEREAS, Section 5/5-1(c) of the *Illinois School Code* requires that the Board provide written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested to the Township Treasurer and the Trustees of Schools of the date of a meeting of the Board, to be held not more than 90 nor less than 60 days after the date when the notice is given, at which meeting the Board is to consider and vote upon the question of whether there shall be submitted to the electors of the School District a proposition to abolish the offices of Township Treasurer and Trustee of Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board provided the required written notice to the Township Treasurer and the Trustees of Schools of the date of a meeting of the Board to be held on July 11, 2016 to consider and vote upon the question of whether there shall be submitted to the electors of the School District a proposition to abolish the offices of Township Treasurer and Trustee of Schools; and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this Board of Education, this Board and School District no longer require the services of said Township Treasurer and Trustees of Schools, and the Board finds that it is in the best interests of this School District that said offices be abolished.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District No. 59, Cook County, Illinois, as follows: by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein.

Section 2. The Board hereby directs the Secretary of the Board to certify to the election authorities for submission to the electors of the School District at the next consolidated election, November 8, 2016, a proposition to abolish the offices of township treasurer and trustee of schools of Township 41 North, Range 11, commonly known as Elk Grove Township, and that said proposition shall be in substantially the following form.

OFFICIAL BALLOT		
Shall the offices of township treasurer and trustee of schools of Township 41 North, Range 11 (Elk Grove Township) be abolished?	YES	
	NO	

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Dr. Burns asked Ms. Nissen if removing the Elk Grove Township Trustees and Treasurer would increase or decrease the financial controls of the District.

Ms. Nissen stated if this measure passed in November, the township treasurer would no longer look over the District’s financial information.

Mrs. Somogyi added that the Township’s involvement has been very minimal and that we are one of the only entities that has this layer of bureaucracy.

Mr. Bhave asked if the District can do everything that the Elk Grove Township Trustees and Treasurer have been doing and handle it internally.

Ms. Nissen confirmed.

Roll Call

Ayes:	6	Bhave, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nays:	1	Burns
Absent:	0	
Abstain:	0	

Motion carried: 6-1-0-0

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF BID FOR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AND BUILDINGS

MOTION

by Ms. Krinsky, seconded by Mrs. Roberts to adopt the following resolution as present:

WHEREAS, in response to the Notice of Sale above described, the Board received a bid from Red Rocks 4, LLC or its Nominee, a copy of which bid is attached as Exhibit A to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Bid substantially complies with the requirements contained in the Notice of Sale; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Bid was the highest responsible Bid received by the Board in response to the Notice of Sale;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Community Consolidated School District No. 59, Cook County, Illinois, as follows: by the Board as follows:

Section 1. The Board incorporates the foregoing paragraphs of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein.

Section 2. The Board authorizes acceptance of the Bid subject to the execution of a Purchase and Sale Agreement which substantially meets the requirements set forth in the Notice of Sale with such changes and additions as are mutually acceptable to the Board and the Bidder and in compliance with Section 5/5-22 of the *Illinois School Code*.

Section 3. The Superintendent of School District 59 or his designate is authorized to negotiate the terms of the Sale Agreement for the sale of the Property, to be in substantial accord with the requirements of the Notice of Sale and the terms of the Bid and including such other provisions as are reasonable and prudent as, with the request that the Superintendent cause the submission of a final Sale Agreement to the Board for execution with 60 days of the date of adoption of this Resolution.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Dr. Burns requested a point of inquiry. He noted that “Red Rocks 4, LLC or its Nominee” has the same address and phone number as Nicholas & Associates. He expressed concern about a possible conflict of interest because Nicholas & Associates is the project manager for the new building.

Dr. Burns requested an attorney review of the bid.

The Board agreed.

Ms. Krinsky amended her original motion to include “pending a legal review to determine if there is anything that prohibits this bidder from bidding on this property”, seconded by Mrs. Roberts.

Roll Call

Ayes: 6 Bhave, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 1 Burns

Motion carried: 6-0-0-1

Mrs. Somogyi indicated that this motion passed pending the outcome of the information that will be requested from the Board attorney.

DISCUSSION ITEM

There were no discussion items.

NEW/CONTINUING BUSINESS

Dr. Burns asked what the timeline is to discuss other considerations for the empty classrooms at Ridge.

Mrs. Somogyi indicated that the Board had come to an agreement at the June 27, 2016 meeting to focus on four options. The discussion was that Dr. Fessler would come back to the Board with information about the District 214 STEM partnership and she would like to wait to hear the outcome of the discussion with District 214.

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S TEAM

Mr. Luedloff shared that the District has provided 15 learning opportunity sessions for staff this summer and that more than 250 staff have attended. There are 40 future offerings this summer with more than 450 staff signed up.

The Board thanked the Superintendent’s Leadership Team for the opportunities that are being provided.

Mr. Luedloff recognized Ms. Karen Starr, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services. The Board welcomed Ms. Starr.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

at 10:03 PM by Mrs. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of July 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education recess in a closed meeting for discussion of “the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body”, “Collective negotiating matters....”, “Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.” “Student disciplinary cases,” “The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students”, “Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the

particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the district finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes” -5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1, 2, 8, 9,10, 11) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

RECONVENE MOTION

at 10:48 PM by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Bhave to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of July, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is reconvened.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

at 10:48 PM by Dr. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT on the 11th day of July, 2016, the Community Consolidated School District 59 Board of Education meeting is adjourned.

Roll Call Ayes: 7 Bhave, Burns, Krinsky, Osmanski, Roberts, Schumacher, and Somogyi
Nays: 0
Absent: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion carried: 7-0-0-0

Barbara Somogyi, President

ATTEST

Karen Osmanski, Secretary